



Rotary
Club of Forest Hill



Weekly Newsletter

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

ForestHill Rotary

CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
21 st Dec	A Christmas message <i>Rev Kevin Dobson</i>	Bob Laslett	Ray Smith
10 th Jan (Sun) 18 th Jan	BBQ @ Kathy & John's Value of gymnasiums <i>Mike Lycenko</i>	Ray Smith	John McPhee

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

22 nd Dec Graham Sharman	Club Anniversary (18yrs)
26 th Dec Graham Sharman	Birthday
1 st Jan Bob Williams	Club Anniversary (26yrs)
3 rd Jan John Donaghey	Birthday
8 th Jan Judy&Bob Laslett	Wedding Anniversary
8 th Jan Judy&Bill Marsh	Wedding Anniversary
9 th Jan Kathy Donaghey	Birthday



DUTY ROSTER

	December	January
Cashier	Warwick Stott	Bill Marsh
Recorder	Ray Smith	Stuart Williams
Greeter	Mike Finke	Ron Brooks
Emergency	Bill Marsh	Glenys Grant

ATTENDANCE

APOLOGY – IF A MEMBER IS NOT GOING TO COME TO THE MEETING or you intend bringing a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY on 9878 4891 or rcssmith@optusnet.com.au SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS to Ray by 10am at the LATEST

Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

THE CLUB EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED TO:

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BOB'S BANTER

What a terrific presentation by Mike at our last meeting. We learned a lot about him from his USA beginnings, (hmmm "Born in the U.S.A." would make a good song title!) to meeting Kira and moving to Australia and his two wonderful children. He then brought us right up to date with telling us about his daughter Morgan's wonderful VCE results. Our two markets were very successful with Blackburn netting us over \$800 and then the next day the Whitehorse Farmers' Market grossed over \$7,000, so around \$900 net for us. Thank you to all who helped out.

I will pass around the Jazz Club visit folder again on the 21st December as the visit is for the 9th March at 11-30 am at their Wantirna address

When Joan is ready for us to go through the club records held at her place we will need a few members to assist. Once we assess the extent of what we need to keep we then need a storage place so a bit ahead of us to keep in mind.

We also decided to not meet on the 25th January so the program Ray has so far is our social bbq at Kathy and John Donaghey's Ocean Grove home on Sunday 10th January and they will advise details of time and what to bring etc. Our first "official" meeting will be the 18th January when we will have Mike Lycenko telling us about the value of exercise and gym work. We then have a few options for possibly a talk on the new rail crossing at Blackburn and we also want to hear from Samuel Manhom when he returns from South Sudan with an update on the South Sudan School we are helping to fund and this we hope will be jointly with Manningham club at their dinner meeting.

Editor Ron has a piece in this edition about DG David seeking items on club achievements to put in his newsletter and as we do so much it is not a matter of finding something to send to him but how to condense our amazing achievements to only a couple of the best we have done. Not easy so please think on what you would like us to send him.

This week we have Reverend Kevin Dobson addressing us for our Christmas dinner meeting so it would be good to have as many members, partners, honorary members, past members and guests as possible to join in the fun of our last meeting.

Remember this is your last chance to bring along any items for the hamper and hand to Bob Laslett.

January is Vocational Service month and if you haven't read the article on this "Cinderella" service on page 14 of the latest Rotary Down Under, I suggest you do.

Also in RDU on page 10 is an enlightening article saluting "Rotary's Global Women of Action" and on that theme don't forget Box Hill Central's International Women's Day on the 2nd March 2016.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our many readers.

President Bob

Remember "Be a Gift to the World".

DIARY DATES

Sun	10 th Jan	BBQ at Ocean Grove (Kathy & John's home)
Wed	2 nd Mar	International Women's Day (Box Hill Central)
Wed	9 th Mar	Women in Rotary Forum
Sat/Sun	30 th Apr/1 st May	MUNA weekend
	28th May/1st June	RI CONVENTION, SEOUL, KOREA
Sun	19 th June	Multi District function to farewell Ian Risely (RI Pres '17-'18)

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

No meeting report was received so here are just a few highlights. Guest speaker was our own Mike Finke with his "Person behind the badge" story.



Mike was born in Manhattan NY in the most northerly part called Inwood. He went to Ossining High School near Sing Sing prison. He started a course in Civil Engineering, then tried Biology but at that time was also doing 80 hrs a week managing a restaurant and a nightclub. He met Kira, an Australian girl, and a week later proposed. She went back home for three months to think about it then decided he was not a bad sort of fellow so they married. [They have been married 19 yrs]. In 1998, Kira got a bit homesick so they came back to Melbourne and Mike was straight into a heat wave. He claims Kira said it never gets above 30degC!! He joined the family paint company called MacLeod's Paints (At this point he clearly got all nostalgic and gave us a chemistry lesson about the 2 pack Swift Epoxy). The after 10 years the company was sold and he went off to Box Hill TAFE and trained to be a chef. We saw the results of that job and while he claimed he eventually gave it up because it was not good on his knees standing all day, the evidence in the photos was the extra weight was wrecking his knees. Within months he was into running and did a half marathon. His hobbies have been climbing and brewing beer. They have a son and daughter, who has just finished yr 12 and got an excellent score which got her a "Women in Engineering" scholarship at Monash Uni (she wants to do robotics).

After reading "Right & Wrong" by Hugh Mackay he decided it was time to start putting a bit back into society. He researched how to do this and was impressed by what he read of Rotary. He told us that the original Rotary wheel had no gear teeth but later on the design was altered to include gear teeth and a keyway, so that the wheels of Rotary can mesh together and get things done. Mike now works in a media monitoring company.

There was no Sergeant's session but between 10 of us we still raised \$29.00 and the raffle \$50.00. Bill won the raffle and chose the red wine while Ron had second choice and chose the white wine

Submitted by Ron (the editor)

FORD DAVIS ENDEAVOR AWARDS

The Ford Davis Endeavor Awards for Box Hill High students were presented on December 15 at New Hope Baptist church. This year's awardees were Anastasia Christakakis, Glenn Low and Jesse Vincent. Last year's students Charan Kalluri, Benjamin Lee and Sienna Rogan- Trappett also received their \$1000 cheques. Of interest was the fact that one of the other presenters of awards was Robin Ferdinands who was a former recipient of a Rotary award. His award was presented in memory of his mother, a long-time staff member at Box Hill High.

Bob Laslett

DIGNITY IN SHARING

Thanks to Barbara Williams and Judy Laslett two bags of personal items, sanitary and hygiene products were given to Carol Shaw from the Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield. The bags were for women in refuges or homeless. Carol will be an AG next year.

Bob Laslett

BLACKBURN MARKET

We gave our awards a couple of weeks ago to the primary school "unsung heros". But there are other "unsung heros" in our club who month after month (year after year !!) turn up to run and help our valuable fund raiser the **monthly Saturday Blackburn market**.



Photos by John McPhee

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS-LAST CHANCE TO HELP THE NEEDY!!!

It is that time of year when we distribute hampers to needy local people. Can you please bring to our meetings over the next few weeks suitable Christmas food items and toys? Use your imagination - possible gifts could include movie gift cards, Kmart and other shopping cards as well as many other ideas. **Bring stuff to Bucatini on Monday**

FELLOWSHIP NEWS.

There will be no official movie night in January for Forest Hill Rotary club, but enjoy holiday viewing and let us know of some "must-sees." The first January meeting at Ocean Grove is on Sunday the 10th January, arrival any time from 11:00 onwards. Address is 37 Osborne Street and phone 52551291 or mobile 0448434110 for RSVP 's by the 6th January. You can nominate to bring nibbles, salad or sweets when you reply. We will have cold meat which will be provided.(just in case of a fire ban day) Don't forget your bathers if it is hot and a jacket if wind is forecast as Bass Strait winds often blow up and we want to walk off our lunch!(Don't we?) *John and Kathy Donaghey.*

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

Warwick is doing a great job with Membership. He constantly reminds us, constantly scratches our conscience, niggles us to keep trying. Well, he has niggled me to remind many of you that either you have not followed up on your YAA parents/family as you promised or you have but have not told Warwick of the result of your contact with them. Look at the quality of our last 3 new members Glenys, Bill and Mike. Where would we be without them. There are lots of quality people out there just waiting to be asked. So, please, follow up your contact with those great YAA families.

FOREST HILL WEBSITE (just updated - YAA & Mike Finke Induction)

Our website is a window through which the world looks at us. Have a look at the website.

- Do you like what you see?
- Do you want other things on our site?
- Tell me what you want to see there.
- Give me some ideas,
- Send me a story to put on,
- Email me some photos,
- Give me some feedback,
- Tell me what is missing.

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TELL US ABOUT YOUR LATEST HOLIDAY?

Our President Bob has come up with yet another idea! The Newsletter would love to tell it's readers about your latest holiday and/or your holiday plans. His hope is that we can have a regular weekly segment words & photo or two plus a list of what dates you will be away. So whether it's a weekend in Williamstown, a month in Manila, a trip to Tamworth, a holiday in Hanoi, or a cruise to Croatia – let's hear about it.

Ron & Robbie 22nd Dec to 13th Jan South Africa [Cape Town – East London]

So let's hear from you. Tell us where you are going and tell us how the holiday went when you come back..... then give Ron your foreign coins when you return !! EASY.

STUART ON HOLIDAY IN THAILAND

Just returned from an interesting trip to Nth eastern Thailand. In and around Khon Kaen. It is an agricultural area - rice, sugar cane, Tapioka flour. I was immersed in rural Isan Culture. Went to a wedding, stumbled across another bride at Wot Nong Wang, their huge spectacular temple. Hot footed it out of there. The wedding thing was getting too familiar. Time with dinosaurs, and elephants.



OUT AND ABOUT IN MELBOURNE

[I would love to receive reports from any readers of visits to exhibitions, cinema, theatre, ballet, days out in the country – I promise they will be published to give ideas where others might like to go].

The Last Man Standing

The Melbourne Theatre Company are presently showing this musical written by Steve Vizard with music by Paul Grabowsky. Esther Hannaford, Nick Eynaud, Toby Truslove, Nicki Wendt, Alison Whyte, Simon Maiden, William McInnes.

The actors do OK. McInnes is as barrel-chested and sonorous as ever, Wendt is brazen and hilarious in her pantsuit, and Esther Hannaford busts out incredible comic chops as a strait-laced Captain. Peter Carroll is great as the ancient Clarry, and he makes a surprisingly moving meal out of the odd ingredients he's given to work with.

According to the Herald Sun *The Last Man Standing* "isn't ready for the stage. It should've been workshopped. It needed an out-of-town tryout, a coherent vision, and a raft of rewrites. Its goals are too lofty, its cast is too small and though some of its parts are brilliant, the sum of its parts isn't worth writing home about. You will laugh. And Vizard's politics will either validate or alienate you. But this isn't main-stage theatre."

According to Ron & Robbie, Peter Carroll is quite an amazing talent as Clarrie. Peter at 72 yrs old still has a fine singing voice and is as funny as a circus and very very Strine. We laughed our way through this implausible romp but still recognised the many digs at the way various groups of people see Galipoli.

Submitted by Ron Brooks

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Days for Girls is a grass roots charity that has a network of Teams and Chapters around the world that make and raise funds to provide sanitary hygiene kits. (You may remember the talk on providing toilets for school children at the annual conference in which one added benefit was that if teenage girls have a toilet to go to they don't miss one week a month). Over 100,000 kits have been given out in over 75 countries. These kits are washable and reusable lasting up to three years.

How can you help?

- you can sew
- you can do non sewing tasks,
- you can donate fabric,
- you can contact margaretdcunningham@gmail.com
- you can visit www.daysforgirls.org

Connie Millott has been in touch with Robbie to say she wants to help. If there are any of you others interested in helping please contact Robbie.

Ron Brooks

PROMOTING OUR CLUB & OUR PROJECTS

As well as doing good in the world, we need to tell others what we are doing. Geoff Limmer, the editor of the DG Newsletter has asked us

What I would like to have is some articles about Projects that your Club is doing this Rotary Year. This is a great way of sharing your events / projects with other Clubs in the District. January is a time when we go walkabout however it would be great to have a good story from your club to include in the next issue.

So, over to you, the readers, write up an article for the DG Newsletter. Tell Pres Bob which of our projects we should promote.

UNICEF FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION

Every week more coins come in. Shane (Pres Bob's mate) gave us \$34 in NZ currency last club meeting. This makes 14 clubs (and Shane, who is a club in his own right!) in D9810 that have donated coins and notes so far. That is over \$4,700 worth of foreign coins and notes already donated to UNICEF from just a quarter of the district's clubs. So, I encourage you to turn that scrap metal hiding in the back of a drawer somewhere into supporting underprivileged, undernourished kids.

Ron Brooks



STAMPS

Even if you only get a few stamps a week, collect them and give them to me. It's a no cost project. Just cut around the stamp by about 1 cm and pop it in a spare used envelope and bring them along to me on club night. I collected some from Joan Harper during the week. Thanks Joan. To date, this Rotary project has collected stamps that have been sold for **\$93,212**.



This year the money raised from the stamps will go to **ROMAC**.
Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children.

Ron Brooks

DON HULLAND

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409 530 435**. Please give him a call as he misses our fellowship.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

December	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Vocational Service
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Services
June	Rotary Fellowships

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

	2015-16
President	Bob Williams
Vice President	Stuart Williams
Secretary	Ron Brooks
Treasurer	Warwick Stott
President Elect	John McPhee
Sergeant	Stuart Williams
Foundation/International	Chris Tuck
Members	John Donaghey, Stan Harper,
Youth Service	Glenys Grant
Members	Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman
Community & Vocation	Bob Laslett
Members	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
Membership & Publicity	John McPhee

Members	Warwick Stott, Bob Williams,
Fellowship	John Donaghey
Primary Schools Speech Night	Bob Williams
Programme	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen
Bulletin Editor	Ron Brooks
Web page & Facebook	Ron Brooks
On to Conference	Stuart Williams
Historian	Stan Harper
Almoner	Graham Sharman
Public Officer	Bill Marsh

Newsletter articles to the editor at ronbrooks1942@gmail.com by 5 pm Wed Please email me or ring if you want to be removed from the circulation list.

Rotary 

District 9810 Golf Day

TOTAL COST PER PLAYER
\$50

Includes:
Green Fees, Sandwich lunch on arrival
Trophies(D-G's Perpetual Trophy & \$500 Ford Davis Memorial Award)
Gourmet Buffet Dinner in Club Dining Room after Golf by Chef David


Be a gift to the world

Thursday 14th April 2016
Keysborough Golf Club

Open to all Rotarians and Partners of District 9810---A Fellowship focused event
Rotarians and partners not playing golf are welcome to attend Buffet (\$20 a head)
Competition is Ambrose Team Event(GA H'caps & Callaway players welcome)

Shotgun Start at 12.15pm using all tees
Entry Forms will be distributed early in 2016

District Governor David wants the event to be a relaxed, enjoyable fellowship focused event.
OPEN TO ALL Rotarians and Partners of District 9810 (especially the Ladies) to come together
share each others company and have some fun.

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