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| Number 26 14th Jan 2015  Club address: PO Box 116, Nunawading 3131  **Email address: foresthillrotary@hotmail.com**  **Website:** [**www.foresthillrotary.com**](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)  Meeting location: Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132  Meeting time: Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm  **Facebook: ForestHill Rotary** | | |

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| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **CLUB PROGRAM** | | | | | | **Date**  **19th Jan**  **26th Jan** | **Event**  **Sue Fenton**  **Blackburn Lake Committee**  **No Meeting - Australia Day** | **Chair**  **Glenys Grant** | **Thanks/meeting report**  **Bob Williams** |  | | **2nd Feb**  **9th Feb**  **16th Feb** | **TBA**  **Codie Collins - Indigenous**  **Scholar**  **Elaine Featherstone**  **Chinese Culture** | **Warwick Stott**  **Ray Smith** | **Chris Tuck**  **Stuart Williams** |  |  THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS     Only 2 weeks until Ron Returns! DUTY ROSTER  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **January** | **February** | | Cashier | Stuart Williams |  | | Recorder | Bob Williams |  | | Greeter | Doug Berwick |  | | Emergency | Bob Laslett |  |  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** on9878 4891 or[rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au%20)  Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268 | |

Ron Brooks will be overseas from 26th Nov and his first meeting will be Mon 2nd Feb

**BILL’S BLURB**

Good news to start the year when an email arrived from the District Governor to notify us that we had been successful in gaining a $1,000 scholarship grant. Well done Bob Laslett in doing the work to gain this grant. We will use this for a scholarship to a Year 11 student at Box Hill High School.

The same email also told us we had been successful as a Cluster in obtaining a $2,000 grant towards our project with Hand Brake Turn. Great news for the Whitehorse clubs and perhaps will be a first in many co-operative projects within the Cluster.

Judy Liebel proved to be a very thought provoking speaker. We had Judy as a speaker a few years ago when she was a Community Policing Officer in Whitehorse. Since then she has confronted, and overcome, several life changing experiences. Judy was very open and 'up front' in her presentation and gave us all a lot to think about. It was a shame that there were only nine members there to hear her talk.

The Sergeant raised $28.05 in his fines session and the raffle raised $40. A total of $68 from 9 members was a great result. Glenys went home with a nice bottle of red tucked under her arm.

Don't forget the District Conference is coming up fast - 13-15 March. If you haven't already booked in with Stuart please consider coming along. There is always something new to learn and the socialising is great fun. (Are you all thinking about the theme and how we can dress to impress?)

Rotary Club of Box Hill are hosting the District Youth Forum on the 26 February at 6.30pm in The Pavilion, Box Hill. (Cnr Whitehorse Road and Middleborough Road) Please put the date in your diary as we would like as many as possible to go along and support our Youth Service committee and the RC Box Hill.

Ray Smith outlined the background to, and steps taken to finalise, arrangements with Melbourne water for the Club's participation in an unveiling of plaques at the Blackburn Lake on 13th February.

We are awaiting final details from Melbourne water.

**Coming Up:**

13 Feb Cluster Presidents' Breakfast (Not the 20 Jan - Senior's moment)

13 Feb BBQ at Blackburn Lake

20 Feb District Presidents' Dinner

26 Feb Cluster Youth Forum

**Little Known Fact:**

In 1917, John D Rockefeller could have paid off the whole US public debt on his own. Today, Bill Gates' entire fortune would barely cover two months' interest.

**Enjoy your week in Rotary and keep working to "Light Up Rotary"**

**LAST WEEK’S MEETING**

**Guest Speaker**

Jude Liebel gave a graphic account of her earlier life experiences. As a serving police officer she had a relationship with a partner who started a photographic business in a country town. The business was not successful and left them in financial hardship. She was able to rise above this and came to the city and accepted a valued police position. After declaring to her parents that she was gay and finding a new partner her circumstances turned around.

After contact with a Life Coaching organization she has now started her own business assisting people who have difficult life situations. She has the admirable philosophy of “If you are happy - show it.”

Ray Smith

**YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD ACCOLADES**

The Leader – Dec 29 – P4 featured an article on the 2014 Youth Achievement Awards‘ (YAA) entitled Praise for Role Model Students’. It began ‘ The Rotary Club of Forest Hill has recognized 12 primary school students as “unsung heroes.” ‘

The article was written following an interview with Rotarian Doug Berwick. It names the schools involved, describes the significance of the Award and what the winners received as prizes.

It finished with the following accolade: ‘The Club has been giving out Youth Achievement Awards since 1978 and has so far honoured 302 students. “

It also listed the Club’s contact details.

Thank you Doug for organizing this.

While we are mentioning the YAA we must commend the members and partners of the Club who played a part in the event and also those who visited schools presenting trophies as an aftermath to the awards night.

Many congratulatory emails have also been received by the Youth Service team for the excellent photographic work of Ray Smith on the evening.

Ray not only took photos for the club on the night, but also sent photos to each school and family as a memento of the event – a mammoth amount of work, much appreciated.

Thank you Ray and Doug and all involved for the huge effort and the success of the event.

Glenys Grant, Youth Services team.

**FOOTPRINTS EXHIBITION REPORT** Don Sweeney, President, RC Box Hill Central, recently invited us to attend the opening of the Footprints Exhibition Friday 9 Jan 2015 at the Visitors Centre, Blackburn Lake Sanctuary.

The Chair of the Whitehorse Reconciliation Advisory Committee Uncle John Baxter,\* opened the event, speaking of his early life, current work and some of the problems facing the indigenous community.

The excellent exhibition was also discussed and officially opened.

This Public Records Office of Victoria exhibition traces the lives of the Peppers, an Indigenous family, during the first half of the 20th Century. It goes into extraordinary details; their resilience in the face of adversity, and the strong family connections that they fiercely protected despite government policies of that time that aimed to separate so called “half-caste” Aboriginal people from their “full-blood” relatives.

The opening was well attended - about 60 people-with the attendance list of names reading like a Rotary Who's Who. They enjoyed the exhibition and documentary shown, as well as a delicious supper spread.

For those who missed the opening but would like to see the exhibition at the Visitors Centre, Blackburn Lake Sanctuary, the opening days and times are listed below.

Remaining opening times are:

Friday 16/1 11.00am – 2.00pm and 5.00pm-7.00pm

Tuesday 20/1 11.00am – 2.00pm and 5.00pm-7.00pm

Thursday 22/1/1 11.00am – 2.00pm and 5.00pm-7.00pm

Sunday 25/1 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Friday 16/1 11.00am – 2.00pm and 5.00pm-7.00pm

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Sunday 1/2 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Glenys

**GIVE YOUR FOREIGN COINS (and NOTES) TO OUR ROTARY COLLECTION**

Big **THANKYOU** to everyone. UNICEF will get a real boost. Look at the collection. I have washed and cleaned 7 more coffee jars ready to be FILLED.



The foreign coin collection is GROWING !!!!!

*Notes by Ron Brooks*

I know that many of the clubs in the District are helping by collecting their foreign coins for us. I am just waiting for a call to arrange their collection. I am holding another full jar and a half ready for Ron's return.

Ron would like several buckets full of coins by the time we go to Conference so gather them up and give us a call or bring them to a meeting.

**LARRY THE LORIKEET HAS FLOWN…**

Of the second printing about 5 copies remain and these may fly as presents to grand children and friends. If you want a copy, please contact Glenys on [glen.grant008@gmail.com](mailto:glen.grant008@gmail.com) , or Bill on [bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au).

# WEBSITE

Do not forget to check out our website, [www.foresthillrotary.com](http://www.foresthillrotary.com) and send Ron Brooks any information and suggestions. It has recently been updated. If you have photos, please send them to me with a suitable file name so I can post them on the web. If you do a project then write a short story that can be posted on the web. Other people do look at our website. It is another avenue for promoting our club.

**WEBINARS**

You can find Rotary webinars on the webinar page at:  
[https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/webinars/upcoming](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/ct/46091121:27778557647:m:1:1539467922:DD51372589336BD9C4D899283508EA00:r) These webinars are a great way to learn more from the comfort of your own armchair

**FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS**

Film Night - this Friday. See John's email for details and come along for dinner at Melba's before the movies.

Kathy and John Donaghey have offered their place at Ocean Grove for a fellowship lunch on the 22nd of January. With seaside traffic being so hectic at that time of the year it may be worth looking at car pooling. Members coming across on the ferry can be picked up and returned to the ferry later.

*John McPhee*

**STAMPS**

Please keep cutting out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving about a 1cm margin and give them to Jenny Coburn or to me. Robbie gave a huge box to Carol Farmer last week.

**BALLARAT DISTRICT CONFERENCE FRI 13th –SUN 15th MARCH 2015**

Families  Grant/ Williams, Bob/ Williams, Stuart/ Brooks/Laslett/Marsh are going to stay at a hotel together.     Jenny and Roger will stay in own accommodation. Cost  $149 per night. Buffet breakfast $20. It’s not too late to join us

*Stuart Williams On to Conference organiser*

**CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES 2014-15**

**President** Bill Marsh

**Vice President** John Donaghey

**Secretary** Ron Brooks

**Treasurer** Warwick Stott

**President Elect** Bob Williams

**Sergeant** Stuart Williams

**Foundation & International** Chris Tuck

Members: John Donaghey, Stan Harper,

**Youth Service** Glenys Grant

Members: Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman

**Community & Vocation** Bob Laslett

Members: Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks

**Membership & Publicity** Doug Berwick

Members: John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn

**Fellowship** John McPhee

**Primary Schools Speech Night** John McPhee

**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

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