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Meeting location:

Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

Meeting time:

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Facebook:

Rotary Club Forest Hill

CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks and Meeting report
6 February	Rotarians against Malaria (RAM) <i>Gloria Hargreave</i>	Bob Laslett	Bill Marsh
SPECIAL MTG			
13 February	Rotarians against Child Slavery <i>Robyn Stokes</i>	Bob Williams	Warwick Stott
20 February	RYPEN experience <i>Anna Tolokchov</i>	Glenys Grant	Barbara Searle
27 February	Learn more about Rotaract <i>Clare Caufield</i>	Bill Marsh	Glenys Grant

CELEBRATIONS

Club anniversary good wishes to our wood craftsman Ray (9 February)

DUTY ROSTER

	February	March
Recorder	Mike Finke	Bob Laslett
Greeter	Graham Sharman	Martine Macleod-Craig
Emergency	Chris Tuck	Gary Baltissen
Cashier	Glenys Grant	Ray Smith

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 0412 807 585 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

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 or phone the office 5770-2100 and ask for Don.

PRESIDENT JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Monday evening's dinner in the restaurant by all accounts was a great night of fellowship. Sorry I could not stay but Marg is picking up after her hospital stay and she expects to be there *on Saturday* with bells on. If you have not indicated to Judy Marsh or Kathy WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING, PLEASE DO.

Last Wednesday's effort at Ringwood was a great success, thank you to all who participated. A lot of hard work but well worth the effort.

All hands -on deck for this Wednesday for an even bigger effort at Blackburn Station with cooking of 800 sausages plus 200 veggie burgers to be given away. This again gives us good public exposure through our signage and presence, and we will also have 2 spot coverages on Radio 98.1 Eastern between 4pm and 6 pm, opening us up to an even larger audience.

As we move into February our activity will increase. We are sorry to learn of the current difficulties being experienced by our Honorary Member Kevin and Lynn Grigsby, and our thoughts and prayers go with them.

We also remember Joan Harper who once again is in hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery. Also we wish Stuart well as he recovers from the knife.

Remember our membership and fund raising push and be aware of possibilities.

Our next meeting provides us with an update on Rotarians Against Malaria.

Six little stories by retired teacher Dan Bentz

Story 1

Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain
On the day of prayer they all gathered
but only one little boy came with an umbrella That's **faith**

Story 2

When you throw babies in the air
they laugh because they know you will catch them That's **trust**

Story 3

Every night we go to bed

without the assurance that we will be alive
next morning, but we still set the alarm clock

That's
hope

Story 4

We plan big things for tomorrow
in spite of zero knowledge of tomorrow

That's
confidence

Story 5

We see the world suffering
but still we get married and have children

That's
love

Story 6

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence
I am not 80 years old
I am sweet 16, with 64 years experience

That's
ATTITUDE

GOOD FRIENDS ARE THE RARE JEWELS OF LIFE
DIFFICULT TO FIND AND IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE
Have a great week in Rotary, and live life like the 6 stories.

John

RINGWOOD STATION BBQ 25 JANUARY 2017

Further to the photo and brief note in our previous newsletter, Metro Rail were very pleased with our Ringwood Station BBQ where we gave out 800 cooked sausages and 100 veggie burgers in just under 2 hours after the first lot were ready. That's nearly 8 items per minute we cooked and gave out. No wonder we were tired!

We worked like a well-oiled machine (and maybe smelt like one at the end?)

Thanks to all our hard workers, John Mc, Bob L, Ray, Stuart, Bill, Barbara and Bob W along with Dee Ryall MP and Sharon Partridge WFHF (Wonderful Forest Hill Friend) from Mitcham Rotary club who both volunteered to help us and we certainly needed their support. Two of my grandchildren, Indigo and Ryan also helped out, both with packing the 6 car fridges at my place and then initially helping to get the goodies out to the hungry Ringwood travellers, until their mum could come and collect them. Sara had organised five people from Metro Rail to also help.

Additional to the \$500 Metro Rail will donate to us as well as funding all our costs, we also raised nearly \$200 in donations from grateful sausage and veggie burger-eating travellers so this helps to offset a little of our much lower Blackburn Station market income over much of last year, due to the rail works there.

Our next Metro Rail engagement is the 1st February at Blackburn station when our veggie burger cooking will be upped to 200, plus the 800 sausages, 55 loaves of bread and 10kg of onions.



Bob W

“DON’T KNOCK SAUSAGE SIZZLES!”

Article by PDG Malcolm Lindquist, Zone 8 Rotary Coordinator

We often ask members of the public if they are aware of the nature and work of Rotary in the community and are surprised when one of the major responses (sometimes the only response) is that Rotarians are involved in “sausage sizzles”. In an atmosphere where clubs are starved for recognition the catering experience is an excellent way of interacting with the public at large. Whether it be sausage sizzles at the local Bunnings or BigW, gourmet breakfasts, Donut vans or coffee supplies at special events there is always the opportunity to promote the work of Rotary to the public at large.

But do we take advantage of the opportunity to promote our service activities?

I know there are some customers who are there for the solely for the food and beverage but it is also amazing the number of people who are willing to chat and find out about our work as Rotarians.

How do we make the most of our brief period of interaction? Not rocket science but the following are some of the ways in which I have seen clubs promote themselves at sausage sizzles.

- Display the club banner
- Hand out What is Rotary pamphlets
- Promote club projects
- Include Rotaractors
- Invitation to visit the club or attend a club promotional activity
- Past Rotary magazines for distribution to interested people
- Encourage people with disabilities and carers to assist

As well as the obvious benefits, such as the funds raised there are a variety of knock on effects that appear to be evident at most catering events.

- Rotarians have fun
- Rotarians are a diverse group including women and many cultural backgrounds.
- Site owners are prepared to be sponsors or donors for other club events.

For many small clubs and country clubs the sausage sizzle is an excellent way in which a small group of members can raise a significant amount of money to carry out visible community projects without members having to dip into their own pockets.

Also for many clubs it is a cheap method of promotion that if marketed well can be a source of effective advertising of all those other wonderful projects of Rotary.

So, make the most of the sausage sizzle, don't knock it!

OCEAN GROVE VISIT

For those Rotarians and partners who are attending the Fellowship gathering at the Donagheys, Ocean Grove on the 4th February.

Here is a list of food to choose from and after your selection, ring Kathy Donaghey on 0448434110 or home on 52551291 to let us know what you are able to bring.

The address is 37 Osborne street, Ocean Grove and anytime from 11:00 a.m. onwards we will be looking forward to seeing you.

2 Rotisserie chickens

3 salads

3 nibble platters

Dinner rolls or bread sticks

2 sweets

2 biscuits or slice to have with coffee.

CONFERENCE

The venue is beautiful, the program is inspirational and we're hoping you will enjoy it too. Check out the website <http://www.9810rotaryconference.org.au/> and register, if you haven't already done so. We're really looking forward to sharing a wonderful conference experience with you! Registration details are available at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=216413>

Accommodation is at Rippleside Park Motor Inn for Fri 31 March and Booking out Sunday 2 April.

Details on fabulous speakers will come in following editions



Would you like to sponsor me, and support Australian Rotary Health, of course? You can do this by either going on line and donating using a credit card (www.rideforresearch.com/) or give the money to me and I will send it off. Either way will get you a receipt to claim a tax deduction.

I circulated a folder around at the club meeting last Monday and thank those who have already offered a donation. I will continue to circulate this folder each week until I head off.

Ron Brooks

Podcast

Episode 14 of 5MFH is available for those who have not yet heard it.

<https://soundcloud.com/mike-finke-167583478/five-minute-forest-hill-episode-fourteen>

Fundraising

We have the first sale from the newly created RCFH Ebay page.

A mere \$20.50, but better than a burnt stick in the eye, and serves as proof of concept. I will make arrangements to put it into the kitty once it's been picked up and cash money has changed hands.

Mike

DIARY DATES

Wed 1 Feb	BBQ at Blackburn station
Fri 3 Feb 2017	Peridot
Sat 4 Feb.	Lunch at Kathy & John Donaghey's home in Ocean Grove.
Sat 11 Feb	Blackburn Market
Sun 12 Feb	Whitehorse Farmer's Market
Thu 2 Mar	Lunch at Bev & Gary Baltissen's home in Sorrento.
Fri 31 March -Sun 2 Apr	District 9810 Conference

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

February	Peace & Conflict Resolution
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ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to rlaslett76@gmail.com by 5 pm Wednesday please.