

Rotary

Club of Forest Hill



The Flyer 2017-2018



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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5 February 2018

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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
5 Feb	Cystic Fibrosis <i>Tessa Sanders/Bruce "Stretch" Jarvis</i>	Ron Brooks	Ray Smith
12 Feb	Growing up in the Western suburbs <i>Stuart Williams</i>	Mike Finke	Bob Williams
19 Feb	NYSF <i>Rock Wilkins</i>	Barbara Searle	Sue Ballard
26 Feb	This is your life <i>"Paul Harris" interview</i>	Bill Marsh	Ron Brooks

CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Ray Smith on his club anniversary (9 Feb).

DUTY ROSTER

	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Recorder	Mike Finke	Sue Ballard
Greeter	Chris Tuck	Barbara Williams
Emergency	Glenys Grant	John Donaghey
Cashier	Bob Laslett	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

BILL'S BYLINES

Haven't these couple of cooler days been fantastic? And to be able to relax at night instead of sitting there playing every shot with your favourite tennis player until all hours is certainly great for sleeping. Also my garden appreciated the rain on Monday night – you just don't get the same result with hand watering. It seems like we have had a couple of quiet weeks and yet there is a lot happening or about to happen in which the club is involved.

On Monday we enjoyed a great social evening with our partners at Bucatinis and were thrilled to have Joady & Marg Barnes join us. Joady gave us a quick update on progress with the Rumbeck School in South Sudan before we went to dinner. The club has supported this project over a number of years and Joady has been a 'champion' throughout the process which is now almost complete.

The previous Monday had us all entertained and enlightened when Bob Laslett gave a presentation on the trip he and Judy undertook to "Portugal and Beyond". It was a very interesting coverage given that Bob was a little worried – his grand-daughter was with us and Bob was sure she would be a tough critic. Bob had nothing to concern himself about, we all thoroughly enjoyed the night and his slides made us very envious and eager to try it for ourselves. (Ed's note -Quinn gave me 1/10 and commented " a very boring font !!")

Next week our guest speaker will be Bruce Jarvis who will introduce us to the world of Cystic Fibrosis.

On Saturday many members, partners and friends will be travelling down to Ocean Grove where we will enjoy the hospitality of John & Kathy Donaghey. This visit is a regular feature in our diaries and is always a great day.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, on Thursday, June 7th we will be hosting the charity preview of "84 Charing Cross Road" at the Peridot Theatre. I hope that all of our members, Honorary Members and friends will book in for this fun night. A great show, great company and a super supper. Cost \$22 per ticket. I would encourage members to get busy now selling tickets to family, friends & neighbours.

A special part of our next meeting will be the induction of Barbara Williams as she becomes our newest member. Barbara has been one of our hardest working 'non-members' for years and so I am looking forward to being able to formally recognise her contribution to the life of our club and welcome her into Rotary.

Some dates for your diaries.

Friday 2 nd February -	Film Night
Saturday 3 rd February -	Lunch at the Donaghey's (Ocean Grove)
Friday 9 th February -	Peridot Theatre
Saturday 10 th February -	Blackburn Market
Sunday 11 th February -	WFM
Fri 2 nd – Sun 4 th March -	District Conference at Bendigo
Wednesday 18 th April -	Cluster "Volunteering" Forum

Did You Know?

Attendants bearing brandy and smelling salts stood at the top of the first escalator in Harrods, to revive shoppers who became light headed on the ride.

The first escalator was for fun rather than practical purposes. It was installed at Coney Island in New York and ridden by 75,000 people in the first two weeks of operation.

Remember - Rotary: Making a Difference - is not just a theme it is what we do.

Meeting Report 22 January

The meeting was opened 6.30pm with toasts from Sergeant Stuart Williams. His excellent introduction was about Tennis and general Sportsmanship.

Stuart was also chairperson, and welcomed the 13 members, partners Judy Laslett and Barbara Williams and our two guests: 9 yr old Quinn Arnoldi Laslett, and her father Duncan, family members of speaker and club member Bob Laslett.

President Bill Marsh reported that the historical records of our Club, held in Parramatta, can now be obtained. Also, that our future activities will involve Taralye and their 50th anniversary and a Peridot theatre fundraiser. Program reports were received from all Directors. These again showed the excellent progress the club is making in each area.

MUNA Planning is well underway now, with the event scheduled for May 5 & 6.

Podcasts are very popular. Fundraising and programs are on schedule.

Sergeant Stuart Williams raised many a laugh and a fine (or ten) as well as the much- applauded sum of \$56.55. Well done, Stuart!



Following our meal, Speaker Bob Laslett commenced his talk 'Portugal and Beyond'.

He explained that, travelling by plane, train and cruise ship, he and wife Judy recently travelled to Lisbon, Madrid, Barcelona, Cartagena, Gibraltar, Marseille, Genoa, Livorno, Civitavecchia, Messina, Kotor, Corfu, Chania, Mykonos, and Athens.

Points of special interest to them were as follows:

- Statue of Marques de Pombal— a prime minister of Portugal
- Jeronimus Monastery
- Park and Palace of Pena, located in the Sintra hills. These are the fruit of King Ferdinand II's creative genius and the greatest expression of 19th-century romanticism in Portugal, denoting clear influences from the Manueline and Moorish styles of architecture.
- Moorish Castle built to guard Sintra
- Saint Jeronimos church (St Jerome)
- The historic Elche Palm Grove. This has UNESCO World Heritage designation and is Europe's only palm forest. It contains nearly 200,000 date palms (*Phoenix dactylifera*), some of which have grown spontaneously, although most were manually planted over the course of centuries. The unusual way in which they were laid out gave rise to many orchards (*horts*), nearly a hundred of which still exist.
- The Huerto del Cura orchard, one of these, has nearly 500 palm trees, including a specimen that is truly a botanical rarity, the famous palm known as "Imperial Palm" (*Palmera Imperial*), with 7 stems in the shape of a candelabra. It is thought to be about 170 years old
- Catalan Bay —Genoese fishermen
- View from Europa Point.
- Ibrahim-al-Ibrahim Mosque
- A nuclear sub
- Famous Barbary apes
- St Michael's cave — includes amphitheatre for holding concerts
- Village of Roussillon on Luberon massif
- Chateau de Loumarin- with its collection of Ancient instruments, including pianoforte and harpsichord
- Gordes: Built on the foothills of the Monts of Vaucluse, facing the Luberon. A delightful French hilltop village, with houses and buildings of white stone and a labyrinth of "calades" (narrow cobblestone streets)
- Duomo - Republic Day parade- monarchy dismissed in 1946
- Vasari's "The Last Supper," hanging in the museum of the Church of Santa Croce. Bob told of the fight to preserve it.
- Sistine Chapel, St Peter's Square

- Taormina, Sicily, a renowned and beautifully elegant tourist resort with balconies covered in flowers, ancient ruins, and views over the sea.
- Greek theatre and Geppetto Pinocchio
- Perast in Boka Bay from the balcony of Bujovic Maritime museum
- Paleokastriza Caves
- Suda Bay British war Cemetery
- Windmills of Mykonos
- the Acropolis.

Bob finished to great applause and was then thanked by all members. Comments were that talks given by Club members were always comprehensive, of great interest, very informative and that his illustrations were excellent.

The Raffle raised \$56.00.

President Bill then closed the General meeting. A Board meeting followed.

G.Grant

Sergeant's Reflection 15 January 2018

Is life in 2018, life in one big fish-bowl? Are our lives out there for everybody to see and judge? We often say we are proud of our scientists, our inventors and our business high achievers but we do love our celebrities.

Why? Do we secretly want to live out our lives in their shoes?

Often our sports stars are elevated to demi-gods. Why should we care about Tomic? He can stay home and count his millions. Is it fair that we express our opinion and our disgust? And what about Kyrious and Maxwell? Do we want them to succeed or do we cheer for a gentleman like Federer? Do we have a right to comment on their character flaws? Can we warm to them? We do appreciate their sporting prowess but their behaviour goes against what many of us believe is acceptable. Should we care? They are highly paid, pampered ball wizards who live in a fish-bowl.

Maybe we should boycott their matches. Punish them in their wallets or just shut up and appreciate their skill level... or let the water out of the fish-bowl?

The sergeant had a very good night extracting over \$56. He got to us with....

If you look like your passport photo, you probably need that trip.

Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older? The answer—My sense of decency.

The wooden spoon to most people is for cooking. For a Portuguese kid it's an immediate attitude adjustment tool.

What is "daylighting"? Rebuilding a creek and taking it out of big pipes and making it look natural.

Stuart

Visit to Donaghey's

The Fellowship lunch on 3rd February is at John and Kathy Donaghey's home, at 37 Osborne Street, Ocean Grove from 11 a.m.

Please choose an item to bring from the list below and email Kathy or phone her on 0448434110 by the 31st Jan.

N.B. Kathy's walking group are also to be guests, so they will provide some of the food. Donagheys will provide ham, tea, coffee, punch, serviettes, etc.

- * 3 plates of nibbles
- * 5 chickens
- * potato salad
- * tossed salad
- * coleslaw
- * 2 x more salads of your own choice
- * 3 x sweets
- * biscuits to have with coffee, tea
- * 2 x bread sticks .

District Conference - Bendigo Fri 2nd – Sun 4th March 2018

Program details www.9810rotaryconference.org.au/program.html

More of the crop of outstanding speakers

Tom Gleisner is a writer, producer and performer and a founding member of Working Dog, one of Australia's most dynamic and successful creative partnerships. Along with his collaborators Rob Sitch, Jane Kennedy and Santo Cilauro, Tom has been responsible for top rating television series such as Utopia, Have You Been Paying Attention?, The Hollowmen, Thank God You're Here, All Aussie Adventures, The Panel, and Frontline, and the feature films, The Dish, The Castle, and Any Questions For Ben? Tom is a Patron and Founder of Learning For Life Autism Centre, a not-for-profit organization that provides support to families and children living with autism.


Brendan Foran is the National CEO of Greening Australia, having previously worked as Corporate Affairs Manager for Alcoa of Australia, and as Environmental Program Leader for Conservation Volunteers Australia. Prior to this, Brendan operated a business in the UK, and has travelled extensively to study business in a number of other countries, including Iceland, where he travelled as a Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange Team Member. Identifying organisational leadership and strategic partnership opportunities has been a key focus for Brendan, and he strongly believes that leaders in all arenas have a responsibility to be drivers of positive change.


Murray Baird joined the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission as Assistant Commissioner after a career as a private legal practitioner in the not-for-profit sector. As well as advising, writing and presenting on not-for-profit legal issues, Murray has acted in several leading cases in the field of charity law and he also has practical experience of not-for-profit issues through a number of roles in the sector. He has also served on boards of schools, church and community organisations and was formerly a Director of Australian Charity Law Association and Appeals Officer for the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct.


End Trachoma

The purpose of the 'EndTrachoma by 2020' [Trachoma Live](http://www.facebook.com/endtrachomaby2020) event is to inform, communicate with, and enlighten as many Rotarians and friends about Trachoma in Australia.

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The poster features a black header with the 'EndTrachoma by 2020' logo on the left, the text 'EndTrachoma by 2020' and 'Rotary - Building Healthy Communities' in the center, and the 'Rotary Districts of Australia' logo on the right. Below the header, the words 'TRACHOMA LIVE' are written in large, bold, black capital letters. Underneath, it says 'DAILY 5PM EDST 19-25 FEB 2018' and provides the Facebook link 'www.facebook.com/endtrachomaby2020'. A section titled 'with SPECIAL GUESTS' lists five names: President Ian Riseley, Dr. Anthony Solomon, Prof. Kerry Arabena, Prof. Hugh Taylor, and Gwen Troutman-Weir. The background of the poster is a photograph of a dirt road winding through a dry, bushy landscape under a clear blue sky.

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PROF. KERRY ARABENA, INDIGENOUS HEALTH EQUITY UNIT
PROF. HUGH TAYLOR, INDIGENOUS EYE HEALTH
GWEN TROUTMAN-WEIR, AUSTRALIAN TRACHOMA ALLIANCE

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Australia remains the only first world nation where trachoma still persists, prevalent in a number of our remote indigenous communities. The long-term solution rests with hygiene and education and this is where Rotary's Trachoma Project has a role.

A line-up of international and specialist speakers, including RI President Ian Riseley will show DAILY and LIVE on our Facebook page from Monday 19th February 2018.

Each live event will run for only 10 minutes or so, but if you miss it, don't fret, videos will be available afterwards on the EndTrachoma by 2020 Facebook page, as well as YouTube. Send through your questions for the live series over Facebook, or to lien@endtrachoma2020.org.au.

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Stamps and Coins



A photo of Joady Barnes of Manningham doing a hand over of stamps and coins. Three stamp albums, 6 envelopes date stamped 1891, 2, 3 with Victoria orange 1 penny stamps on, so many stamps that Robbie and I took 9 hrs to trim them all plus 1.6kg of coins worth about \$50 plus three banknotes worth \$13. I now have 44.5kg of coins towards the next 60kg batch that I can send off.

Ron

Podcast

Episode 27 of five minute Forest Hill

<https://soundcloud.com/mike-finke-167583478/five-minute-forest-hill-episode-27>

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

February	Peace & Conflict Prevention/ Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation

ARTICLES

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