



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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President: Stuart Williams

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STU'S SCRIPT

Reflection

Our challenging summer is not yet over but there are many challenges facing us as Rotarians. We have our planned programs to conclude this Rotary year. We really do need to add to our club membership.

But I could not help reflect on the horrendous loss of life over the weekend. Seven children mowed down, 4 killed and 3 badly injured, when a car mounted the curb and hit them while they were on the footpath. All from the one extended family. Innocent kids who went to purchase ice-creams. Corona Virus, corruption, pathetic political responses and crazy weather but this tragedy really got to me. I have three children... Leila and Daniel Abdallah lost 3 in a split second. Please don't drink and drive.

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill is a nice group to be part of. Monday's meeting was comfortable, informative and a nice way to "mooch" into the second half of the Rotary year. Wouldn't it be nice to share those feelings with others in our community. Membership growth is essential for our survival. There must be a friend or acquaintance who could be invited to our meetings. As a group we achieve amazing things. As a group we put approx. \$40,000 per year back into our community. As a group we overload one another because we are small. Think about some recruitment ideas-- crazy, different. Anything, as long as we do something.

See you at our sausage sizzle on Saturday.

Stuart

MEETING REPORT

President Stuart opened the meeting with a reflection and 2 toasts. There were 14 members present. Stuart complimented the club on their Peridot effort. All who contributed were thanked. Secretary Bob L. has completed the Consumer Affairs

paperwork. Warwick reported that we had made \$3,000 with the Peridot night. Glenys mentioned the Youth Expo.. Feb 14. 5.45pm – 7.45. Ron mentioned the future program. John Mc Phee and Warwick had full rosters for the weekend markets. Sue mentioned ideas from a meeting called to look at ideas for “The Centenary of Rotary in NZ and Australia”. The most promising idea seems—a street party/fair. Sue also mentioned a possible joint Changeover with Nunawading.

Stuart’s notices included: 1. WFM money collected last month will go to the East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid appeal.2. Presidential theme for 2020-21: Rotary Opens Opportunities. 3. Mike has moved to the RC of Nunawading. 4. Stuart will be on a PROBUS trip to Lakes Entrance from Sunday to Saturday. Bill will handle next week’s meeting.

Bill Marsh gave the “Insight talk”. A happy, jovial man who has always had a passion for sport. Basketball – he played until well into his 50’s, still plays competition table-tennis. Has collected rocks, stamps and coins. Enjoys water colour painting when he can make the time. Passionate about gardening, even has a community plot. Thanks Bill.

Sergeant Bob, fresh/ or tired from his NZ trip entertained us and extracted \$50.75. The raffle raised \$54 and the 3 who collected the loot were, Warwick, Sue and John McPhee.

We moved into two committee segments. Firstly- Youth, Vocational, Community and International/Foundation. After 15 minutes we reconfigured into, Fellowship, Membership, Image/Publicity.

Image/publicity is looking for a volunteer to chair that group. We need to be pro-active at our Blackburn Market with MEMBERSHIP.

We headed home at 8.20pm.

Stuart

PERIDOT EVENING

Last Thursday, we had our third and most successful fund raiser at Peridot. Over 142 attendees had a hilarious night at this comedy about oldies in a retirement village. It was a noisy happy get together with about 60 coming from the Rotary clubs of Nunawading, Boronia, MASH, and Mount Waverley with a few from other local clubs. We are very lucky to be given this opportunity to raise funds at a Peridot preview night. We always opt to charge less than a normal night yet put on a generous spread of biscuits, sandwiches, cakes and slices plus of course wine, tea/coffee, and soft drink pre show, at the interval, and after the show. Peridot people were so generous with their help on the night, particularly Adam who was “front of house” and Wilf who was “technical”. It was good to see all the actors and backstage personnel mixing with the crowd at the end and enjoying a well earned drink. A number of them asked “Who were the caterers? The food is amazing!”

After expenses, we cleared just over \$3,000, including the raffle and selling off the left overs to club members. Most of this is earmarked for the Hope Katolo preschool

project in Kenya who are always very frugal in the way they spend money. Although we offer other clubs a substantial amount back for each ticket they sell, they almost all are happy to donate this to Hope Katolo. A very kind gesture.

Peridot theatre are very generous in the way they have offered us these opportunities to raise charity funds. We should reciprocate by going out of our way to support them by going to all four plays during the year and attending their annual weekend One Act plays. And meanwhile, tell your friends to go to this show.

Ron

GRATEFUL THANKS

Leanne and I wanted to thank you and your fellow Rotarians for such a lovely evening last night. Thank you to everybody who was involved with organising the successful event, including those who contributed to the delicious supper. We are so appreciative of the support that your club provides the nursery school. It really does make such a difference to the children at the school (and it definitely helps Leanne and I with our fundraising efforts here). Please extend our sincere thanks to everyone involved.

Kind Regards,

Melanie Haley, Leanne Pinfold and Georgina Malanga

Hope Katolo Nursery School, Kenya



Enjoying the pre-show drinks & nibbles

HOPE KATOLO OLIVE OIL

If you would like a bottle of very good olive oil, and help a fantastic project at the same time, contact Ian Teese (0427 358 987) and arrange to collect a bottle, or two. \$12 per bottle.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We start the new school year off with a proven team – Barb Williams and Mike Finke will set the tone on the 16th & 23rd Feb feeding the hungry horde at FHC.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

To Ray Smith as he celebrates joining Rotary on the 9th Feb.

DUTY ROSTER

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Recorder	Warwick Stott	Ron Brooks
Greeter	Bob Laslett	John McPhee
Cashier	John Donaghey	Chris Tuck
Emergency	Bill Marsh	Ray Smith

COMING UP

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Report
10 Feb	Peter Whitbourn – “How to Stay Stroke Safe”	Barb Searle	Bob Williams
17 Feb	Sue Ballard “Super Aussie Quiz”	Ray Smith	Ray Smith
24 Feb	Linda Black – “Thriving at Every Age”	Bob Laslett	Warwick Stott

ATTENDANCE

If you are not coming to the meeting or if you wish to bring a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00am Monday on 0412 807 585 or rcssmith@optusnet.com.au

Please ensure Ray is aware of any special dietary needs.

If you need to cancel after 10.00am please contact Bucatini Restaurant directly on 9873 0268.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Meetings: 6.30pm, Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

MARKETS

Our Blackburn Market is on 8th February while the Whitehorse Farmers' Market is on the 9th February. Contact John McPhee and Warwick Stott to offer your help for one, or both, markets.

ARTICLES

Articles, notices and photos for inclusion in **FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS** to bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au no later than 10.00am on Wednesday each week.

WEBSITE

Keep up-to-date by checking our website at www.foresthillrotary.com

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ROTARY MONTHLY THEME

In February Rotary is highlighting its work in Peace & Conflict Resolution.

How can your club help? Do you have any interesting projects to share with other clubs?

Editor's Note

I have just returned home from seeing "Come From Away" at the Comedy Theatre. If you haven't seen the show get in fast before it closes. Fantastic.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE



9810 District Conference

Interplast, a Rotary Success Story Celebrating Achievements

Interplast
Jeremy Richardson
Plastic Surgeon and
Interplast Volunteer



Rotary Health - Suicide Prevention
Nicole Hill, Rotary Health Scholarship recipient talking about suicide risk factors and suicide clusters in young people in Tasmania



Polio – nearly gone, but not quite
Ian Riseley, Past Rotary International President



Reducing food waste - one meal at a time
Lillie Giang, Refugee, TV Chef and Food Affectionist



Driverless Cars
Gerard Waldron, former CEO Australian Road Research Board (ARRB)



From an idea to a successful Rotary Project
Roger Daniel, Maroondah Rotary Club,
Billy Cart Marathon Chair



\$100,000 of hay, capitalising on Rotary's credibility
Lilydale Rotary Club



WHEN?

• Saturday 21st March 2020 commencing around 8.30 am

to

• Sunday 22nd March 2020 ending around 1.00 pm

REGISTRATION

- Try Booking online <https://trybooking.com/BCVRD>
- **Contact Details:**
- Tim Lynn
9810rotaryconference@gmail.com
c/- PO Box 59, Box Hill VIC 3128
- Manual form available if unable to access Try Booking
- Options – Paddle steamer ride plus Saturday night only

Conference Golf Day – Friday 20th March

- This will be held prior to the District Conference in Moama, NSW, in March 2020.
- Rich River Golf Club.
- Arrival 12.30-1 pm. (Light lunch will be provided).
- Shotgun start 2 pm. (Remember it's daylight savings.)
- Stableford
- Prizes will be announced at the conference on Saturday or Sunday subject to the timing.
- Opportunity to attend any Club dinners on the Friday evening
- Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:
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