

Rotary
Club of Forest Hill



**The Flyer
2016-2017**



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Number 29

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Meeting location:

Meeting time:

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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

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CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
20 Feb	RYPEN Experience – <i>Anna Tolokchov</i>	Glenys Grant	Barbara Searle
27 Feb	Learn More about Rotaract – <i>Clare Caufield</i>	Bill Marsh	Glenys Grant
6 Mar	Know Your Heart Disease Risk- <i>Bernard Dragon</i>	John McPhee	Mike Finke
13 Mar	No meeting- Labour Day		
20 Mar	Person Behind the Badge- <i>Martine Macleod-Craig</i>	Ray Smith	Bob Laslett
27 Mar	Genealogy- <i>Jenny Harkness</i>	Glenys Grant	Chris Tuck

CELEBRATIONS

Birthday congratulations to Bill Marsh (22 Feb) and Stuart Williams (25 Feb) and club anniversary good wishes to Glenys Grant (22 Feb).

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

Once again a Rotarian was our guest speaker and of course we enjoyed a great presentation by a very enthusiastic presenter ROBYN STOKES. Well done Robyn you captivated the audience both from the content and presentation.

Thank you to all the weekend workers covering Blackburn and Farmers Markets. Also to our fellowship chairman Bill, for the continuing enthusiastic round of activities. 15 attending the film night and all going to see Lion. The company and film were both most enjoyable. Thank you Bill.

Congratulation Ron on securing a final dress rehearsal theatre booking facility for our fundraising aims. The possibility is say 150 seats @ \$20-\$24 but with our small numbers we need to partner with another organisation, whom we can count on to sell at least 80-100 seats on a shared sale proceeds basis and the end profit going to a nominated community beneficiary for a specified projects. We need to move swiftly so a quick round of suggestions for the project and partnering partner.

We trust Ron and Robbie travel safely over the next few weeks and Ron especially take good care of the expectant Grandmother.

Membership is of course one of our urgent activities this year and next Rotary year. Our 1st step is PROSPECTING and over the next 2 weeks we will look at a suggested process.

This week is the easier one. PROSPECTING PEOPLE KNOWN TO US

Friends and family

Colleagues- work or social activity

Guest speakers

Families of Rotaractors, youth program participants etc. We have their details. So now is the time to make a list for preparation of letters of invitation.

Next week we will look at Prospecting complete strangers.

Special efforts Raffle again raised \$56.00 and the Sergeant bought in \$35.15 plus another \$80.00 for Foundation . So over \$115 for Foundation this week. Well done.

Next week we welcome Anna Tolokchov as guest speaker and she will talk on her recent Rypen experience.

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Sergeant Bob opened the meeting (without the microphone working) by mentioning President Franklin D Roosevelt having polio and poor telephonic communications when war was declared after Japan bombed Pearl Harbour. He then welcomed Tony and Robyn Stokes as speakers, and Bum, a friend of Stuart.

Pres John mentioned Working with Children new regulations, Charity Golf Day at Healesville, Chris Tuck mentioned the District Golf Day (and are there any takers?). Glenys mentioned Forest Hill College and Box Hill Secondary College going to MUNA. Warwick again mentioned membership quoting from this month's RDU, members who have not supplied their bank details, and the Farmers' Market results and that we will need many hands helping at egg and bacon stall in April. Ron (before going o/s again next week) mentioned RYPEN, Rotaract and his success in virtual Ride to Conference, whilst he also produced the excellent possibility of fundraising using a night at Peridot in conjunction with a school and its parents – Peridot have offered Thursday 8th June at "The Female of the Species" with 204 seats available to be filled. Bob L says breakfast has restarted at FHC, and the Sergeant did his extraction session with the usual skill.



Our guest speaker, Robyn Stokes, is a Rotarian and a retired pharmacist, and commenced her talk on Rotarians against Child Slavery with a video on human trafficking. Ownership may control by forced marriage, sex trafficking, threatening behaviour and many others. Andrew (Twiggy) Forrest has been a hard worker against slavery in Australia. Slavery is driven by population explosion, poverty and corruption. Rotary helps by trying to alleviate extreme poverty. Prof Kevin Bales asked "Can slavery be ended in our lifetime" as there is far more slavery in the world now than there was after William Wilburforce achieved his success with the American slave trade. The Rotarian Action Group against Slavery was formed in 2009 originally for children but now for adults also and it is working in 65 countries. The objectives are to create awareness then to take action. There are now preventative measures in Myanmar, where slavery occurred after 60 years of civil war, poverty and child labour, abuse and poor school education. The solutions are (i) to educate about child rights, (ii) to work with International Needs Australia Inc for the last 4 years (iii) DFAT matches 5 to 1 for our contributions. Rotary clubs can help through District grants with a budget of \$9540 for education, or a direct donation to INA for raising awareness on child protection. The current aim is to work with 7 villages in Myanmar to build a strong culture of self-protection amongst children and so over 1000 children have benefitted in Myanmar.

The raffle raised \$56 and was won by Chris and Gary and the sergeant raised \$38.15 plus a cheque for Foundation for \$80.

Warwick

Sergeant Reflection 13 February 2017

With the tenuous link of the fact that this man had polio and with Rotary's help polio has nearly been eradicated in the world, I thought I'd share a few facts about Franklin Roosevelt at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour that I gleaned from a television program I recently watched.

Roosevelt contracted polio at 39 so had it for 21 years when he heard the awful news of the attack on Pearl Harbour Sunday December 7, 1941. As there was no direct telephone link to the White House the news was relayed when his Secretary of the Navy burst in to tell him the news. Details were sketchy at this early stage but the attack was an embarrassment as it caught the naval base completely by surprise with their planes stranded on the ground and most put out of action plus over half their navy fleet destroyed along with over 2400 lives.

Roosevelt immediately gathered his cabinet and told them the shocking news. Afterwards he began composing a speech for Congress the next morning starting with the words that December 7, 1941 would be remembered as a date in history that America would never forget then changed "history" to "infamy" and one of the most memorable addresses to Congress was born. Monday morning started with him strapping callipers to his legs enabling him to walk the length of the chamber aided by his son and a cane, to show strength of his resolve, before addressing Congress to much applause. His address was heard on radio but you may be interested that the Roosevelt who first told the American radio public of the attack was in fact his wife Eleanor the night before on her regular Sunday night radio show.

Roosevelt was concerned that the next attack may be on the Philippines so tried to contact General MacArthur but he couldn't be located for a day or so and when they did speak MacArthur assured Roosevelt that he and his forces were more than ready which was of course false arrogance as again when Japan did attack the Philippines most of the US planes were still on the ground and the war there was effectively lost.

Also interesting to me was the fact that Roosevelt told Churchill by phone that they were now in it together and later tried to again contact Churchill to ask him to not announce Britain's declaration of war on Japan until he could get agreement from Congress the next day but couldn't get hold of him, so Churchill actually declared war on Japan before Roosevelt.

Interesting how much communications have improved since those days.

Bob

FACEBOOK

Have you visited our Facebook page recently. We had 26 visits last week and so far 144 people have liked our Facebook page. If you want to post something on the page please send the written stuff and / or photo to Mike Finke, Stuart Williams or Ron Brooks

RIDING TO CONFERENCE

As you know, I will not be able to ride to conference this year so I registered as a "Virtual" rider. This meant I had to ride the 685kms prior to the conference start. So far since 8th Jan I have ridden 744kms (14 rides) so I AM OVER THE TARGET!! A really big thank you to all the club members who have sponsored me this year. I will be sending off \$390 to the District conference ride committee as our contribution to Australian Rotary Health. I plan to collect the money on Monday 3rd April on Conference Review Night. So, start saving your pennies please.

Ron Brooks

USED STAMPS

Robbie delivered a large parcel of stamps to Carrol and Eric Farmer on Wed 15th Feb. They told her that since July 1st 2016 = \$4,818.00 has been raised from the used stamps so the **TOTAL raised to date = \$101,716 . 00 . From little things BIG things DO grow !!**

For more information, to help us keep growing ---consult the District Directory, telephone Carrol on 9500-0140 or contact us on ericfarmer@bigpond.com

Pick ups can easily be arranged.

Just cut around the stamps with a margin of very approximately 1cm. Remember they are sold by weight so it is better to leave that margin on, and better for the stamps (they also tend to stick to each other if you try to peel them off).

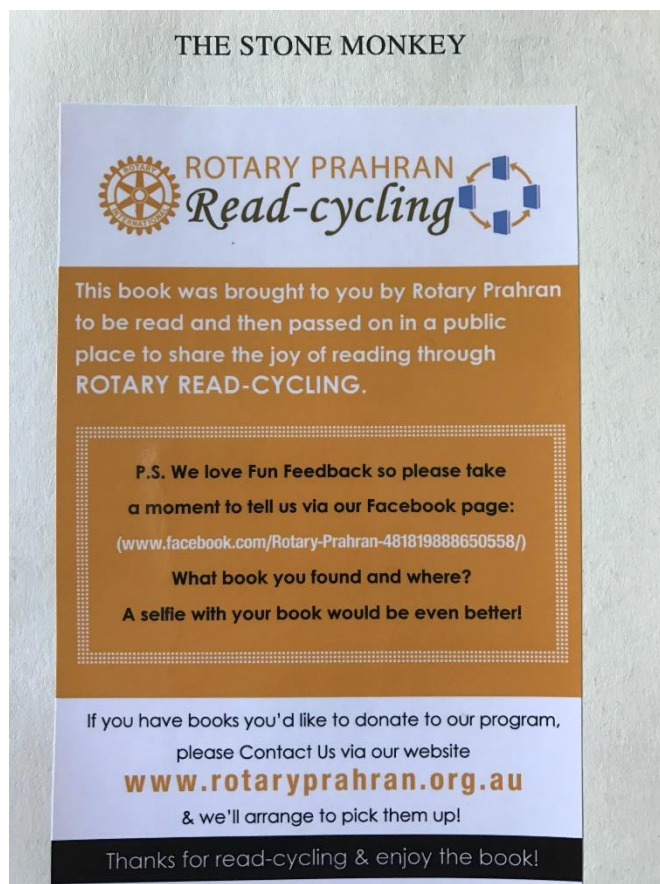
FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF

While Ron is away, there will be a labelled jar on the front desk for all those nuisance coins.

USED BOOKS

What do you do with the books you buy after you've read them? Perhaps pass them on to others or just lend them out. But if you don't want to clutter the house up with them after you get them back, here are a number of suggestions.

1. Leave them on the tram, train, or bus for someone else, some stranger, to pick up and read (a random act of kindness).
2. When you take one away on holidays, leave it behind in one of the hotels you stay at. Many hotels have book collections so take one and leave one
3. Take the book into the city when next you go and call into the "Little Library" on the second floor of Melbourne Central behind the very large pocket watch on the mezzanine floor. It is very easy to find. There would be about 300 books there both hard back and paper back in good condition. Leave yours and take one. This is encouraged.
4. Robbie picked up a book recently on a tram that had a label inside headed **Rotary Prahran Read-cycling**. (see photo below)
5. I picked up a book in Lisbon at a hotel that had been left by a previous guest in their small library/book collection which had a label similar to the Prahran Rotary club which said the same sort of things ie read, enjoy, leave it somewhere for someone else, here is a website if you'd like to tell us where you found the book and where you left it, and did you enjoy it. We left it behind in Dubai after reading it. A well travelled book. It started life in England.



Robbie and I started leaving books on trams etc 2 or 3 years ago. We have swapped books in the Little Library in Melbourne Central perhaps half a dozen times. Also, what a good idea about publicising Rotary through leaving books around. Is this something our club would like to do? It is just about a no cost project and may result in someone contacting us with books we can pick up, label, read and leave somewhere (local shopping centre for instance to publicise our club). You may remember a few years ago I started a book lending project just in our club but this is much better.

Ron Brooks

CONTINUATION of LAST WEEK'S RAM STORY

Net distribution now

In the 2015-2017 Round of Global Funding PNG received much less than hoped so distribution will now continue in remote villages below 2,000 metres above sea level but in low endemic areas of malaria and where health care is accessible only children under 5 will receive a net, large enough for 3 people.

PNG's new program "Chasing Malaria" mostly funded by RAM is making great progress. People to go to their nearest health clinics to be tested and any who have a positive result are registered and receive a free net. The register is closely monitored so outbreaks can be mapped. If 2 or more are from the same village, a team is sent in with more nets, they assist in the cleaning up of the area and run education sessions. The Program will cost \$6million over 3 years. RAM Australia has forwarded a significant amount to help get this program up and running.

CHASING MALARIA PROGRAM IS A MAJOR FOCUS FOR DIRECTION OF RAM CONTRIBUTIONS

There are many challenges encountered by the reams of distributors. There's isolation, terrain, geography, weather, human error and coping with tribal fights when they occur. The enthusiasm and commitment shown by the distributors has helped make this a success story.

The outcomes are great but **no one** can relax in the fight to control malaria in any of our countries of focus. Two of the challenges facing RAM PNG

- Introducing a Private Sector Initiative that encourages retailers and wholesalers to start selling treated nets. (ie more readily available) 30 outlets in PM.
- PNG hopes to expand public and private partnerships for major malaria control measures. **Very** important because RAM cannot possibly cover all costs involved, especially the Chasing Malaria initiative.

Both of these points are now crucial because their malaria budget has been cut back

As well as a number of RAM initiatives in the Solomon Islands they have been allocated Global Funds in this last round so their MOH is in the process of distributing nets financed by these Funds over the 922 islands for the second time. As in PNG, their AAV Program implemented by RAM, is now stepping back because bed nets are largely being provided by international funding bodies. A new direction for RAM Australia, is implementing a highly successful **Healthy Village Program**. Tools are distributed and used to eradicate mosquito breeding sites. This program complements the distribution of nets funded by the GF and the accompanying education sessions. The Healthy Villages program is also in PNG and hopefully will be initiated in TL in the near future. **HEALTHY VILLAGE PROGRAM IS A MAJOR FOCUS FOR DIRECTION OF RAM CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOLOMONS.**

RAM Australia provides the funding of \$1700 for each village to purchase the initial set of tools, enough for about 30 labourers. Thanks largely to RAM funding, since 2013 a total of 100 villages (32 in the last 12 months) have been provided with tools and many more have been approved

With these combined intervention measures, the Solomons can now claim an overall reduction of the incidence of malaria of about 75% since RAM's involvement and 2 provinces are at the pre-elimination stage

RAM became involved with TL in 2006 when the incidence of malaria was 22% of the population

RAM has provided 75,000 treated nets to assist the extremely successful National Malaria Control Program areas of the country ensuring every expectant mother has a net to protect herself and her child. This complements the work done by the Global Fund and the WHO.

In the last 2 years, RAM, due to the support of Australian Rotary Clubs, has contributed more than \$425,000 to cover shortfalls in GF allocations.

RAM has been asked to further assist by funding the distribution of treated nets provided by the GF under their latest grant

A MAJOR FOCUS FOR DIRECTION OF RAM CONTRIBUTIONS TO TIMOR LESTE .

Timor Leste has reduced its infection rate to 1 case per 1,000 and 5 of their 13 Districts are at the pre-elimination stage

Timor Leste has made huge strides in the prevention and control of malaria in recent years

During distribution of nets, lists, based on census figures are compiled for every household in every village and rigorously kept up to date. The aim is for teams of distributors, often including a volunteer team of Rotarians, to find out who needs a new one and to track any new cases and outbreaks that will be followed up with remedial action. The teams are active in all of Timor Leste's 65 sub districts. Lists like these are also in operation in PNG and the Solomon Islands.

RAM focusses on 4 main avenues.

- **Firstly, education and training**, transfer of knowledge and skills, supplying trained personnel, and educational material that focusses on causes, symptoms, treatment and prevention
- **Secondly – improvements in current methods of prevention and treatment of malaria** eg supplying more diagnostic equipment, microscopes, test strips for reliable and early diagnosis and developing more and better programs that focus on improving the health of local communities.
- **Thirdly on research and evaluation** eg development of **new** methods in diagnosis, treatment and prevention

The first RAM sponsored PhD Scholarship has been awarded to Edgar Pollard from the Solomons who has a Science Masters Degree and who is doing a research doctorate degree in vector control at the James Cook University in Queensland

All 3 avenues just mentioned are very dependent on the Fourth avenue - funding

Activities, in our 3 focus countries, have seen quite a few changes in the way we supply our support. Global funding has been massive but generally only covers the cost of supplying the nets. Results are fantastic but **so much more is needed**. The extensive ongoing control measures in our focus countries cannot be allowed to dwindle or stop or its back to square one.

RAM has many current objectives for the near future. One is addressing the difficulty in eliminating malaria where cross border contamination occurs in PNG and TL. Toing and froing across borders leads to malaria hot spots. Discussions are currently happening with Indonesian Rotarians with a view to supporting them setting up a similar Rotary Regional malaria program.

My job as coordinator is to

- raise awareness of RAM's activities within clubs
- ask **clubs** if there are ways they can inform the community of what RAM is, share its successes and explain what we are trying to achieve in the future.

ask clubs in our District to consider financial support because RAM constantly seeks and requires contributions to enable it to continue to fund the extensive and successful programs and projects initiate

CONFERENCE

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

Second of many outstanding speakers



Mike Rolls

Mike Rolls is a survivor of one of the deadliest diseases on the planet; at the age of 18, he contracted meningococcal septicaemia. As a result he suffered multiple amputations, severe internal injuries as well as the mental trauma of a 3 year ordeal; he has to rebuild his life from scratch.

Mike's early recovery was boosted by his determination to return to golf, a sport about which he has always been passionate. He recently represented Australia in the World Disabled Golf Championships where he claimed bronze. Mike also enjoys coaching kids with disabilities.

Mike knows what it's like to have the world at your feet one moment and then to have it taken away in a flash. As an ambassador for Interplast, Mike is familiar with Rotary and is pleased to be part of our conference. Rotarians are sure to be inspired.

FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

Chris and Glenys are rostered on for next week as the year gets underway

Podcast

The latest episode of the podcast is available, and features Greg Wragg and Gloria Hargreaves speaking about their international work.

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

As always, any input or suggestions for the podcast will be graciously received.

Fundraising

Any commitments which can be made re crowdfunding would be very appreciated. Can you make delicious jam? Paint a portrait? Write a poem?

I'm open to anything you're willing to offer. I can't put it in writing unless somebody's willing to actually do it. Let me know.

We're also working on some other fundraising ideas, including the Peridot Theatre night that Ron has been so persistent in arranging.

Any and all options are on the table.

Mike

DIARY DATES

Thu 2 Mar Lunch at Bev & Gary Baltissen's home in Sorrento.

Fri 3 Mar Film night at Forest Hill theatre

Fri 31 March -Sun 2 Apr District 9810 Conference

Sun 9 Apr Eggs and bacon at Whitehorse Farmer's Market

Fri 28 Apr Malaria awareness Day fundraising dinner

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

February Peace & Conflict Resolution

ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to rlaslett76@gmail.com by 5 pm Wednesday please. Many thanks to Bill Marsh for assisting with formatting and Protechnologies for servicing my computer

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PRESIDENT JOHN'S JOTTINGS