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21 January 2019

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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

<b>CLUB PROGRAM</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>
21 Jan	The District new Website <i>Joady Barnes</i>	Ron Brooks	Bill Marsh
28 Jan	No Meeting		
4 Feb	Combatting Child trafficking in SE Asia <i>John Wallis</i>	Stuart Williams	Barbara Searle
11 Feb	Bethel Funerals <i>James Clarke</i>	Barbara Williams	Ray Smith

## CONGRATULATIONS

New Year greetings to all -a busy year ahead

## DUTY ROSTER

	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	John Bindon	Barb Williams
<b>Greeter</b>	Ron Brooks	Chris Tuck
<b>Emergency</b>	Ray Smith	Glenys Grant
<b>Cashier</b>	John Donaghey	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 on 0412 807 585 or [rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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

## Mike's Musings

We all looked forward to Indi's presentation to us and it was well worth the wait. It was an incredible story of a young man who kept looking for, making and taking opportunities to learn, to grow and to help others to do the same.

It would be unreasonable to expect that every single delivery of one of our projects helps somebody start to develop themselves in quite the dynamic way that Indi Hangan has over the last seven years, but his story should inspire and reinvigorate us at the beginning of this calendar year.

Confirmed: Our projects in service of others are working. They are appreciated. They have an impact in the world larger than we expect.

### John Bindon

That a returning Rotarian gets slightly less pomp and ceremony than a newly-minted one should not take away from the import of John's reinduction. It's a big deal. It's a credit to the club that a man of John's quality chooses to join us, formally, once again. John's character is held in high regard. On more than one occasion, I was told, 'You are lucky to get him', by those outside our club who know him well.

### Mark your calendars with the following:

- Friday, 1 February First Friday Film Fellowship
- Friday, 8 February Peridot Night *Brilliant Lies*, David Williamson
- Saturday, 9 February Blackburn Market
- Sunday, 10 February Whitehorse Farmers Market
- Weekend, 16-17 February Rotary Multi District Conference (Peace Forum on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>)

## Meeting report January 14

Chair - Mike Finke

Introduction from chair

Work and breaks from work. There is a temptation by all to go softly on ourselves when going from a break into work mode. We have gotten into the habit of needing others to motivate and push us. A whole new industry has started up to motivate- personal trainers, life coaches and mentors. Then we have individuals like Indi Hangan who see opportunities and take them, motivating themselves and leading the way. In the coming month we have film night, Peridot theatre and conference.

### Reports

President - no major activity in the past month.

Secretary - correspondence report went out to the respective chairs.

Treasurer and membership - no major changes since last report but the great news John Bindon is returning to Rotary.

Internationals and foundation - nothing to report

Youth - MUNA committee is meeting shortly, a lot to organise.

Community and Vocation - sprouting up the craft market, including list of regular stalls, more childrens' activities during the year, more self- promotion. Vocational visits, to be confirmed, hopefully including a visit to Hangan Constructions.

Conference activities - about a month until conference, 3 confirmed for the Peace Forum, 7 confirmed for conference, 5 confirmed for gala dinner, 5 possibles for club dinner with a regional club (possibly from around Bairnsdale to be confirmed) Still waiting for confirmation from some. Only the Lasletts have confirmed city stay over the weekend.

Seargent's session \$27.25

Raffle \$64

**INDUCTION** Mike welcomed John Bindon. Joined Rotary previously and after a break has chosen to rejoin Forest Hill. John has had involvement and supported many of the Rotary projects and is looking forward to taking an active role in the future.

Condolences to Merle and Tay Smith on the passing of Merle's sister. Merle and Ray are traveling to Albury for the funeral.

Stuart will be overseas again until mid- February.



Guest speaker - Indi Hangan

Indi was a 2nd year apprentice at Box Hill Institute 8 years ago. He was fast tracking his carpentry apprenticeship course when he won the Ford Davis Award from our club. It came at a time when Indi admits he was down and despondent, totally unexpected on his part. Indi also saw an ad at Box Hill Institute for volunteers to help on a Rotary project on the Solomon Islands. He was part of a team of teachers and apprentices who went to the Solomon Islands to build nursing quarters, training locals and learning about the islands. He said this was a pivotal point in his life. He still has some of the tools he got from the Ford Davis Award.

After fast tracking his apprenticeship, he contracted his skills out, starting his own business and just over 2 years later expanded to include his own apprentices.

Currently he has 18 apprentices, and over 20 full staff, has just bought a steel business to include with his construction business. Not limited to regular residential construction, Indi started making Tiny Houses, so far has made 18 including some made available for the homeless as temporary accommodation. It costs \$50k per tiny house and he is championing his proposition for State Government support as an affordable option to housing for the homeless.

Mike and Sue met Indi at the Box Hill Institute Open Day and got a walk through the tiny house he had on display and were impressed with its detail. Indi has agreed to host a Vocational visit from the club for interested members, date to be arranged.

What a great Rotary story

Sue B

### **President's Reflection 14 January**

It's the first week back for the year. It's probably a good time to talk about work, breaks from work and how we can get ourselves motivated when we're in charge of ourselves.

Bill Marsh was disappointed to miss tonight's meeting. He related to me that meeting Indi back when the club recognised him with an apprentice award was a reaffirmation to him that those awards were beneficial and had a positive effect on their recipients. The shocker for me was that he said this was only about six years ago. That may be an exaggeration, we'll find out soon. Regardless, Indi is a young man. He's managed to go from apprentice to successful, innovative business owner, manager and creator in a very short time. And he did that all while being his own boss.

It's something that I must admit I struggle with. When you're the only one standing over your own shoulder, it can be tempting to go a bit easy on yourself. And that's fine, but it doesn't get much done. There's a reason

why there's a set of booming industries in hiring people to hold us to account. Personal trainers, life coaches, financial advisors and nutritional guidance counsellors are all in the business of asking us to do the things we already told ourselves (and them) that we were going to do. Imagine the money that could be saved if we could be trusted to follow through on what we had committed to. Alternatively, imagine how many people would be out of work if that were the case.

I've joked in the past that my plan is to produce a self-help book called Take a Good, Soft Look at Yourself. Honest self-assessment is important, but if it's done without some gentleness, it can be brutal. I've set the clock running on the Photo contest now. It's out in the wild and it will have to happen, regardless of just how overwhelmingly popular it will be. There are other tasks I've signed myself up for. With any luck, I can strike the right balance of taskmaster and cheerleader for myself to get those things done. It's a challenge we all have in a volunteer organisation.

### **Multi district conference in Melbourne 2019**

**Fri 15 February 2019**

#### **RIPR**

- STEPHANIE URCHICK RI Director Elect and Chair of the RI Strategic Planning Committee.

#### **Speakers**

- BRITTANY ARTHUR MC
- PRIP IAN RISELEY Rotary building Peace.
- STEVEKILLELEA AM Measuring Positive Peace
- KATRINA JOHN Meditation and Peace
- BRYN STYLES Rotary's Peace Fellows Program
- TONY STUART CEO UNICEF Australia Giving every child a future.
- DR EDNA ADAN Creating Peace by Educating the Young
- DR TILMAN RUFF AM Nobel Laureate Nuclear Disarmament
- ERICA JEFFREY The life of a peace Fellow

More details

<http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/home.html>

**CIRCUS OZ will open the conference and Marina Pryor will close the conference**

### **UNICEF / D9810 Coin collection goes Australia wide**

Three years ago D9810 started collecting foreign coins and notes for UNICEF. This is a "no cost to Rotary" project supported by Change Global Exchange. Since then, we have collected 420kg of coins and notes and UNICEF have received over \$13,000 from Change Global Exchange.

The administrator in the Sydney office was so taken by us starting the project that she joined Rotary and will be her club's next Youth chair.

Have you heard of the **Rotary Give Every Child a Future** centenary project. It aims at immunising 100,000 children in the Pacific: <https://everychildafuture.com/> It is a UNICEF project that Rotary has agreed to fund. All the funds received via the foreign coin project are being directed to immunising the children.

A couple of months ago I was contacted by the Cashier Services Manager from The Star Gold Coast as they said they had some foreign coins for me. I thanked them and pointed out they could send them direct to Change Global Exchange, Queensland and cut out the middle man (namely, me!). Last week I found out from UNICEF that they did exactly that and their contribution was valued at \$4,705!! A huge thankyou to Star Gold Coast. I also found out that the money has also been directed to the Rotary Give Every Child a Future project. A WIN, WIN, WIN all around.

Last week, I was approached by the RC of Essendon, D9800 who have coins to give me. Hopefully, I can persuade that club to coordinate a collection in D9800. From little things, big things grow. So, please keep giving me those coins & notes.

Ron Brooks

### **INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY DINNER**

March 4 – speaker Lucinda Nolan

RC Glen Waverley

## **Interplast Charity Night**

Help Interplast change futures while enjoying an evening of live music at the iconic Athenaeum Theatre in Melbourne. Invite your family and friends to a great night out!

8pm, Wednesday 20 February 2019

Details from Bob L

## **ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES**

January	Vocational Service
February	Peace and Conflict Resolution

## **ARTICLES**

Please forward your prize-winning articles and others to [rlaslett76@gmail.com](mailto:rlaslett76@gmail.com) by 5pm Wednesday