

Rotary
Club of Forest Hill



Weekly Newsletter

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

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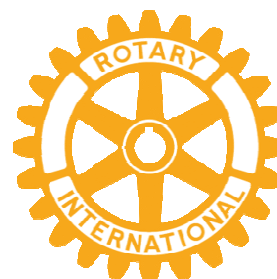
CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
1 st Feb	ROMAC, Graeme Chester <i>Committee meetings</i>	Chris Tuck	Mike Finke
8 th Feb	Karingal Training Centre Peter Aldin <i>Board meeting</i>	Mike Finke	Bill Marsh
15 th Feb	TBA		

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

None this week. So give a thought (and a quiet thank you) to the person that helped you join Rotary.

The best way to thank them is **suggest a new member**



DUTY ROSTER

	February	March
Cashier	Ray Smith	Warwick Stott
Recorder	Bill Marsh	Mike Finke
Greeter	Ron Brooks	Glenys Grant
Emergency	John McPhee	Stuart Williams

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 9878 4891 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

BOB'S BANTER

More cricket and tennis going for me recently and it is always great to see so many youngsters keen on their sport as there were thousands at the Tennis Centre Saturday night and then at the MCG Sunday night.

We are endeavouring to have an interclub visit to Nunawading and listen to a speaker from the Blackburn Rail crossing as we thought it best to have as many as possible in attendance to hear what is happening and as Nunawading have their speakers booked until March they will let me know this week what Wednesday nights they have spare and then I'll contact the Rail crossing people and offer them a couple of alternative nights that Nunawading have free and go from there.

Ray has advised that we are pretty open for March so hopefully it will come together.

Don Sweeney from Box Hill Central has emailed seeking more assistance from cluster clubs in organising the forthcoming International Women's Day on 9th March. If anyone is interested in assisting let me know and I'll pass it onto Don.

Another way they suggest we could help is by sponsoring local school students at \$50 each to the event and Ron will publish their flyer in the newsletter.

Their website is www.ivvy.com/event/IWDB16

Stuart McDonald from Healesville club has forwarded a flyer (also to be in the newsletter) about their forthcoming golf day on the 7th March so all our golfers may want to have a look.

DG David seeks any nominations from clubs for Non Rotarians for our "Excellence in Service to Humanity Award". So please check if you know of anyone and bring the suggestion to our next meeting for discussion.

My suggestion would be Robbie Brooks for putting up with Ron for so long but an Australia Day Honour for her would be more appropriate I reckon.

As Stuart Williams has flown off overseas again, don't forget to let Bob W know if you can come to the Jazz Club day on the 9th March.

With our noble sergeant away for nearly six weeks I suggest we leave it to the chairs for each night to come up with a reflection if they wish and also, only if they wish, to run a sergeant's session or at least have some cross fines and good news stories.

A PS to Stuart's Thailand trip is that his plane had engine trouble the Sunday night he was due to fly out so he slept at the airport and found that concrete wasn't too comfortable to sleep on. (I thought that "Cats" could sleep anywhere!)

We have twelve so far attending the Peridot fund raiser with Box Hill club on the 4th February so please let me know as soon as possible if you want to also attend as I need to let Box Hill know of any additional attendees this week.

President Bob

"Be a Gift to the World".

DIARY DATES

Wed 2nd Mar International Women's Day (Box Hill Central)

Wed 9th Mar Women in Rotary Forum

Sat/Sun 30th Apr/1st May MUNA weekend

28th May/1st June RI CONVENTION, SEOUL, KOREA

Sun 19th June Multi District function to farewell Ian Risely (RI Pres '17-'18)

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

No meeting but I hope you had a great Australia Day. Listening to the background and achievements of the finalists in all four categories of Australian of the Year makes you realise just how many people are out there volunteering in so many ways and making a difference by following their passion. Why do the newspapers continue to tell us all how bad it is or how bad it could be. Just make sure that you wake up every morning and believe your cup is half full not half empty.

STAMPS

The Reg Morkham donation



Even if you only get a few stamps a week, collect them and give them to me. It's a no cost project. Thanks Carol Fricke for the stamps you passed on to Robbie. For the ones you get now, just cut around the stamp by about 1 cm and pop it in a spare used envelope and bring them along to me on club night. There is a box by the cashier marked "STAMPS".

To date, this Rotary project has

collected stamps that have been sold for **\$93,212.**

This year the money raised from the stamps will go to **ROMAC.**

Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children.

Ron Brooks

ROMAC

Great article in last Saturday's Herald Sun about Celestina, the 11 year old girl from Dili, East Timor. On Australia Day this year she will have been in Melbourne for a year. She has a rare condition called chondroectodermal dysplasia. It causes 3 problems. Tina had a damaged mitral valve in her heart, she had 6 fingers on either hand, and she had badly deformed shins which caused her knees to collapse into the space. They have repaired her heart and has had an operation on both legs, and will soon undergo the cosmetic work to remove a finger from each hand.

YES, this is the work **Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children** does in conjunction with the Royal Children's Hospital. Evidently she has smiled through it all and is the perfect patient, never complains, always polite. Hopefully is due to go back home at the end of February. She now speaks English as well as her Indonesian and Portugese and two local dialects. What a girl.

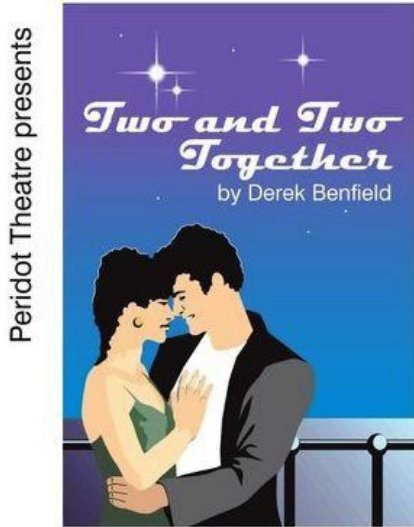
FELLOWSHIP NEWS.

Pres Bob collected names last Monday for the following fund raising event. We would love to have our Honorary members and partners join us [contact Bob Williams on 0448 149 106, or bandbwil@bigpond.net.au] Kathy and John have made this our Peridot night for this play so hopefully you regulars will be able to come along.

PERIDOT THEATRE

“Two & Two Together”

A riotous whirlwind of lies, misunderstandings and secret affairs



Tickets are only \$25 pp Inc. Supper
(provided by Bread Street Bakery, Mont Albert)

**ALL proceeds of tickets
sold by your Club
GO TO YOUR CLUB!!!**

4th Feb 2016 at 8 pm.

Unicorn Theatre Letche Rd.

**Contact Melissa Mardjetko at Box Hill
Rotary to obtain tickets 9890 7274 or**

0412 235 123 joe-melissa@bigpond.com

FOREST HILL WEBSITE

Our website is a window through which the world looks at us. Have a look at the website.

- Do you like what you see?
- Do you want other things on our site?
- Tell me what you want to see there.
- Give me some ideas,
- Send me a story to put on,
- Email me some photos,
- Give me some feedback,
- Tell me what is missing.

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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 as he misses our fellowship.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR LATEST HOLIDAY?

Our President Bob has come up with yet another idea! The Newsletter would love to tell it's readers about your latest holiday and/or your holiday plans. His hope is that we can have a regular weekly segment words & photo or two plus a list of what dates you will be away. So whether it's a weekend in Williamstown, a month in Manila, a trip to Tamworth, a holiday in Hanoi, or a cruise to Croatia – let's hear about it.

Stuart Williams
Ron & Robbie

20th Jan to 29th Feb Thailand
16th March to 9th May Dubai and The Netherlands]

So let's hear from you. Tell us where you are going and tell us how the holiday went when you come back..... then give Ron your foreign coins when you return !! EASY.

Robbie and Ron had three weeks in South Africa. We had 10 days over Christmas and New Year based around East London on the coast between Cape Town and Durban, then 10 days around Cape Town and the Garden Route. In that short time, our experience was that we found the people and country so much like Australia in many ways. A relaxed way of life in a climate like south Queensland. The fruit and food quality was excellent, and the seafood brilliant. Pricing was like Australia 20 years ago. Crayfish tails and salad in a top Cape Town restaurant for \$15, bottles of wine in restaurants ranging from \$6 to \$20. Ostrich was beautiful, tender and indistinguishable from beef fillet, just larger pieces. Where can you go and have a restaurant meal for 7 adults and 3 children with a few bottles of wine and champagne for \$120! We ate snoek for the first time, a firm beautiful tasting fish. Our future son in law caught a 7.5kg fish called a Miss Lucy. It has large scales, red colour, and shaped like snapper. It was baked whole, fabulous. We also ate kudu, impala, springbok and crocodile. We sat on but did not attempt to ride an ostrich. We drove along a coast road just a few kms out of Cape Town where a guide pointed out huge expensive mansions overlooking the beaches and bay. He told us they were a hugely expensive 5-7 million rand (that's \$450,000- \$600,000). I went for lunch with two Rotarians though it was between Christmas and New Year so they were not meeting. They are a lunch time club and just get served a main meal (it recently went up to \$7). But of course, there are other differences. In East London, our future son in law has 4 automatic rifles in a safe in his house plus two in a safe in his bedroom plus an automatic pistol in his daughter's bedroom. In his matter of fact way he said if there was a break in he would head to his daughters room first and grab the automatic and his daughter. But, Cape Town was a safe city to walk around in at night. Evidently it has always been a multi cultural black/coloured/white community before it was settled as a country. It was the only place where we saw a few (very few) mixed couples.

We got very close to a few wild animals.





OUT AND ABOUT IN MELBOURNE

[I would love to receive reports from any readers of visits to exhibitions, cinema, theatre, ballet, days out in the country – I promise they will be published to give ideas where others might like to go].

The RC of Boronia organise a monthly meal and cinema night get together on the 4th Friday of the month at Knox. Robbie and I have been going for years- a great way to meet up with and chat to other Rotarians. Why don't you come along? Last week we chose

The Big Short is a comedy-drama based on the non-fiction 2010 book of the same name by Michael Lewis about the financial crisis of 2007–2008, which was triggered by the build-up of the housing market and the credit bubble. The film is nominated for five Academy Awards. It frighteningly helps you understand what the Wall Street bankers were doing part out of ignorance, part arrogance, part criminal. The world of high finance has changed from when we were young (old school solid conservatism) to the modern day (gambling) and it seems that now the US government has bailed them all out they are back paying each other obscene salaries again. From what we read in our papers, the Australian banks have some people that are less than trustworthy and according to whistleblowers are not being dealt with by the full force of the law. Anyway, the film is well worth seeing.

The MTC is presently showing the musical ***Ladies in Black***. It is an absolute hoot. Written by an Australian, set in Sydney in the 50's. Based around the trials and tribulations of a group of ladies who work in a ladies department store Goodes (a la Georges). It got a standing ovation at the end. People walked out of The Sumner, Southbank all with grins on their faces. Pure entertainment. The diction was perfect.

You could hear every word in every song and that was important as it was so cleverly written. Do yourself a favour and get tickets.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Days for Girls is a grass roots charity that has a network of Teams and Chapters around the world that make and raise funds to provide sanitary hygiene kits. (You may remember the talk on providing toilets for school children at the annual conference in which one added benefit was that if teenage girls have a toilet to go to they don't miss one week a month). Over 100,000 kits have been given out in over 75 countries. These kits are washable and reusable lasting up to three years.

How can you help?

- you can sew
- you can do non sewing tasks,
- you can donate fabric,
- you can contact margaretdccunningham@gmail.com
- you can visit www.daysforgirls.org

Connie Millott and Chris Stott have been in touch with Robbie to say they want to help. If there are any others of you interested in helping please contact Robbie.

Ron Brooks

PROMOTING OUR CLUB & OUR PROJECTS

As well as doing good in the world, we need to tell others what we are doing. Geoff Limmer, the editor of the DG Newsletter has asked us

What I would like to have is some articles about Projects that your Club is doing this Rotary Year. This is a great way of sharing your events / projects with other Clubs in the District. January is a time when we go walkabout however it would be great to have a good story from your club to include in the next issue.

So, over to you, the readers, write up an article for the DG Newsletter. Tell Pres Bob which of our projects we should promote.

UNICEF FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION

We are still collecting coins. Picked up 0.7kg of coins from RC of Oakleigh this week.



So far 15 clubs (and Shane, who is a club in his own right!) in D9810 that have donated coins and notes so far. That is over \$4,700 worth of foreign coins and notes already donated to UNICEF from just a quarter of the district's clubs. So, I encourage you to turn that scrap metal hiding in the back of a drawer somewhere into supporting underprivileged, undernourished kids.

Ron Brooks

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Services
June	Rotary Fellowships

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

	2015-16
President	Bob Williams
Vice President	Stuart Williams
Secretary	Ron Brooks
Treasurer	Warwick Stott
President Elect	John McPhee
Sergeant	Stuart Williams
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Youth Service	Glenys Grant
Members	Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman
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Members	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
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