

Rotary

Club of Forest Hill



The Flyer 2017-2018



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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Meeting time:

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10 July 2017

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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
10 July	Active Living for a Healthy Heart <i>Christine Rees</i> Committees	Bob Laslett	Barbara Searle
17 July	Story Telling and Poetry reading <i>Annie Wysham</i> Board	Glenys Grant	John McPhee
24 July	Depression- How to reclaim your life <i>Wim Ooms</i>	Chris Tuck	Bob Williams
31 July	Joint meeting at Bucatini with partners and other clubs- Christmas in July		

CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Gary Baltissen (club anniversary July 14)

DUTY ROSTER

	JULY	AUGUST
Recorder	Ron Brooks	Stuart Williams
Greeter	Bob Williams	Glenys Grant
Emergency	Glenys Grant	Gary Baltissen
Cashier	Graham Sharman	Bob 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 0412 807 585 or rcssmith@optusnet.com.au

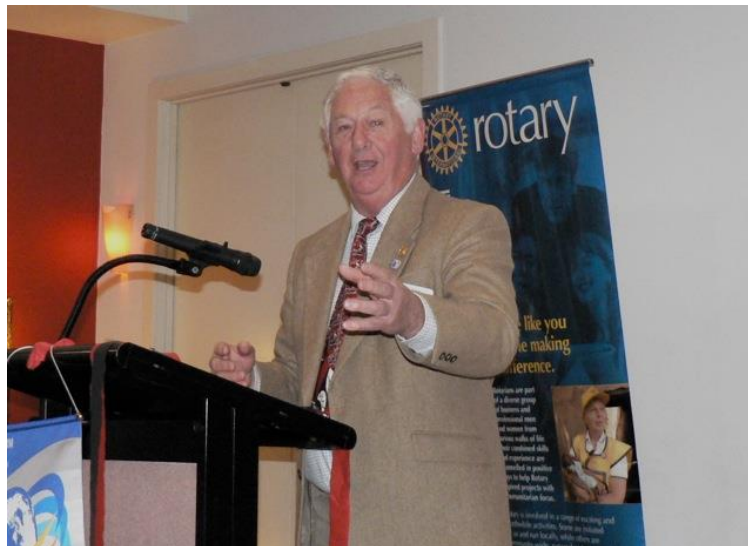
.SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS to Ray by 10am at the LATEST

Any CANCELLATION AFTER 10.00 AM *should* be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

DON HULLAND

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BILL'S BYLINES



Changeover -3 July

Thank you all for coming along tonight. I hope that you have enjoyed the evening.

Special thanks to John Marks, poetry reading has to be a first for Changeover.

Before I start my report on the year to come let me first say Thank You to the club for the belief they have shown in electing me as President for the second time in three years.

I think it was just that I didn't sit on my hands for as long as the other members of the nominating committee – they out-waited me!!

And a very special Thank You to my wife Judy who has always been an enormous support for me and is also fronting up for a second run in three years. A big ask and one that I appreciate. Our partners are always as involved as we are. Our major travel plans have gone on hold for 12 months but we will enjoy them all the more when we do get away.

Thank You, also, to District Governor Malcolm Chiverton and his wife Karen and to Assistant Governor Graeme Aspinall for coming along tonight and supporting our club at what is a very busy time of the year for them.

Changeover is not just about a change of personnel.



It is also a time for us to look back with pride and satisfaction on what has been achieved over the last 12 months – and that has been considerable – and then to look forward with hope and determination to the future and what we intend to achieve in the next twelve months.

The theme for this year is Rotary: Making a Difference and I firmly believe that we do make a significant difference to the lives of many, many people. Some of whom we never see and will never meet.

Although our club is relatively small (18 members) and the amount of money we put back into the community (approx. \$40,000) is relatively small we do make a difference. Often significantly greater than the monetary value of the donation, scholarship or grant we give.

However, when you multiply those figures by the almost 24,000 clubs world-wide you find clubs putting almost a billion dollars per year into Rotary: Making a Difference.

We have heard tonight about polio and the fantastic effort of Rotary in almost eradicating this terrible disease and how that is Making a Difference. Sadly one that is little understood by the general public and receives very little publicity. The fact that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have already committed over 250 million dollars and have now signed on to commit a further 250 million dollars shows how this program is valued by those who know.

But I prefer to focus on projects like Hope Katolo where we have provided fresh water, food, clothing and now a sick bay for a small group of children ravaged by malnutrition and HIV in Kenya. The look on the faces of local primary children when they receive a Youth Achievement Award, the feedback from a secondary student we have just sponsored to attend the National Youth Science Forum or an apprentice who can now complete the apprenticeship he was about to give up because of the Ford Davis or Graeme Taylor award he has just received.

The thanks expressed by Berangarra School in Box Hill who can now start putting together their performing arts centre as a result of a grant from the Harper Bequest or the dozen scholarships we fund at Box Hill High School and Forest Hill College. At Forest Hill College, in particular, these scholarships keep kids at school.

These are the projects I like because we can really see Rotary: Making A Difference.

Tonight would not be complete without me acknowledging two very special families who have for many years supported us in everything we do. And so I say a huge Thank You to the Davis family and the Harper family. Your support really does Make a Difference to us and through us to many within the community.

I am looking forward to yet another great year supported by a wonderful group of people

Bill

Meeting report July 3

Ron Brooks opened with a greeting to all members, spouses, family members, and special guests including DG Malcolm Chiverton and his wife Karen, AG Graeme Aspinall, and Visiting Rotarians including Heather Bremner.

He offers a toast to Australia.

Stuart Williams offers a toast to RI, and discusses the 2016-17 “Serving Humanity” theme, and our new 2017-18 theme of “Making a Difference”. He asks if we are continuing to do these things, and provides many

examples of the good work RI is doing around the world, in particular the End Polio Now project, which has seen \$58k from District 9810 raised, and which has been used to good advantage, with a 2:1 matching grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

DG Chiverton greeted RCFH, the AG, and President John McPhee, and thanked Stuart for his toast. The DG discussed the good work done by RCFH globally, with particular focus on local youth projects, including the leadership awards, the speech nights, and the other opportunities which offer young people the opportunity for growth, respect, and leadership training.

This upcoming year offers continued opportunities across the six areas of service, and is a particularly special year in light of Ian Risely's presidency. Rotary will make a difference, and RCFH will make a difference.

John Marks, a former ABC local radio host from Mount Gambier, as well as a Vietnam veteran who works with other veterans to tell their stories in search of healing discussed his choice of poet for the night.

Henry Lawson was born in a tent near Grenfell NSW. He was affected by deafness at the age of nine, but grew into a charismatic man with a gift for words. In 1887, he described himself in *The Bulletin*. He discussed his life as a selector, watching the effects of the hard, rural life on those around him. He desperately wanted to express well the difficulties he'd seen and experienced. His poetry was written to celebrate the underdog, and lift him up. For that reason, Lawson is a fitting choice for a night celebrating the work of Rotary, and looking ahead.

He read the poem "Will You Write It For Me."

President John handed out the annual reports.

He thanked all members for their help and support, and also extended his deepest thanks to his wife, Marg, as well as all other members' partners. President John discussed the successes of increasing the membership, the Peridot preview night, and the other fundraising over the year. Specific thanks were offered to Bill Marsh for his work on fellowship, Glenys Grant for her tireless work on youth projects, to Ray Smith for the many, many projects he ensures are done well, and to Bob Laslett for his incredible work as Secretary.

Bob Williams was praised as an excellent extractor of funds in his role as Sergeant, and as part of the team of Bob and Barb who ensure the Blackburn market runs smoothly.

The enthusiasm of new members Martine and Barbara was mentioned, and the dedication of our three long-distance commuting members was noted. Thanks were also extended to the past AG Alma Reynolds, and the entire district organisation for their help in communication and with membership efforts.



Glenys Grant thanked Marg McPhee for all her support to John and the club, especially in the face of some health challenges over the past year. Marg McPhee's heroics should not be unsung.

Ron asked incoming President Bill Marsh and Judy Marsh up to the podium, and asked Bill in isolation the 20 questions established by Ford Davis. Judy was then asked the same set to test her knowledge of her husband. An impressive and respectable 15/20 score was achieved.

John Marks returned to the podium, and read another Lawson poem about the early form of haulage work done in rural areas with men driving bullocks to drag logs. Slow, difficult, wearying work. "The Teams" John finished with a recital from memory of the humorous poem, "Five Miles From Gundagai".

With no written speech, the transition of power was a brief, informal affair, and President McPhee recognised the end of his office, and the beginning of Bill Marsh's term in office with a handshake.

President Bill Marsh's first speech began with a thanks to all those in attendance, and a congratulation and thanks to Past-President McPhee for ensuring the success of the previous year in Rotary. A certificate of service was presented, along with a collection of photos from Ray Smith, taken over the last year. The new board was introduced.



The bulk of this year's Board- a lightweight absent

The new theme, "Making a Difference" is what Rotary is all about. Thanks were extended to John Marks. DG Malcolm Chiverton was recognised for taking on an important job, and having a busy year ahead of him. There's been some change of personnel, along with some continuation. This is a chance to look both back and forward to make clear to ourselves what we have achieved and what we intend to achieve. Glenys should be recognised for the hard work she has done and continues to do as she ensures that everything is prepared for the events which will happen during her brief absence.

Rotary International and RCFH exemplifies the new theme because it makes a difference in the lives of people we see, and people we don't see. Sometimes the differences we make in lives aren't known for years. Sometimes we have to place trust in people on the ground, many miles away, to do the work that makes the difference to people.

The club is small, only 18 members, but we have managed to put \$40k back into the community. Rotary is a powerful force in aggregate. Between the work of the clubs and RI, they have made a huge difference in the world. Billions of dollars have been raised and put to good use in projects of all kinds.

The success of the polio eradication program cannot be understated. It is possible that there is insufficient publicity for the work done by Rotary, but it has certainly attracted the attention of some people. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has provided \$250M and will provide another \$250M because, as Bill Gates himself said, Rotary gets it done.

RCFH has a particular focus on local projects, but not necessarily just ones in OUR locality. Hope Katolo is a local project, because it is a local school helping the children in the Kenyan community. Our other projects, in primary and secondary schools in the Whitehorse area, in the Berrengarra school, for the apprentices at Box Hill TAFE, are local projects. The scholarships and awards we provide with the incredible support of our benefactors are local projects.

We've provided ten scholarships this year alone.

We continue to thank the Davis and Harper families for their incredible and ongoing support.

Funds raised tonight \$107.70

Mike

Ron's Reflection

Rotary International would like our club, like every other club in the world, to be representative of its local community. During the week, the results of the latest census were revealed. It made me think, do we represent our community. Yes, I know, the census is an Australia wide survey of 23 million people and OUR local community is a very small fraction of that. But 2/3rds of the population do live in the suburbs of capital cities like us. So, I thought I'd delve a little deeper into the census

1. Slightly over half the population is female. WE will very soon get our 4th female member, so we are improving but at only 25% we have a bit to go.
2. Australians are getting older we were told, that's good... so is our club! Mind you, the average age of an Australian is 38 and our club average age is 74.2. Hmmm! We could do better there.
3. 28% of Victorians were born overseas. How many do we have? And for the first time, Asians account for more overseas born than Europeans. Particularly migrants are from China, India, Philippines, Vietnam and Malaysia. Look around the room..... Some clubs like Manningham are doing much better than us in this regard.
4. Only 2% of Australians speak Mandarin, 1% Cantonese, 1% Arabic and 1% Vietnamese and most of them would speak English, so we don't have to become a multilingual club just yet.
5. There are 16 million active Facebook users, so whether individually we use it or not, most Australians do and to get our message out to the public and prospective members so do we.... And, of course, we do and get about 30-40 visits a week. We need club members to accept this free advertising method by sending photos and a few lines of writing to Mike, Stuart or me to put on Facebook. It's part of our public face in attracting members.
6. There are 17 million Google visits a month in Australia. So, should our club have a presence on the web. Of course, we should and David Bremner was far sighted enough to set up a Forest Hill website without any encouragement from the club. We now get about 160 website visits a week, half of them going to the Blackburn Market page. More evidence that non members ie people outside our club, seek information about us go to the web.... Like it or not. What we need now is for members of the club to embrace THIS new technology and send stuff to me that they want posted on the web.

You know, 20 years ago almost all of our much larger club, was in the work force. Today, almost nobody. When Paul Harris started Rotary and for many years after, membership was based on your vocation. Yes, retired Rotarians may have more time to help others but so much of what we want to achieve is helped by being in the workforce.

Yes, we still can, and indeed still are, making a difference to our local and our global community but this could be helped by becoming more representative of the community we live in.

Stuart's Toast to Rotary International 03.07.2017

Moving a toast to RI is an opportunity to reflect on Rotary. 2016-17—Theme...Rotary Serving Humanity. In the 2017-18 Rotary year the theme will be—Rotary making a difference.

They are easy to say—But , do we do it? Have we served humanity and do we make a difference?

Our District, District 9810, contributed \$58,175 to End Polio Now. Fantastic. That sum of money will attract a TWO for ONE grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. That is another \$174,526 ... to assist in eradicating this disease from the face of the earth.

Most of us understand that Rotary is not just about money--- but I'm proud that the smallest geographic district in the world has contributed almost \$200,000 to The Rotary Foundation.... The arm of Rotary that provides Humanitarian assistance.

But as I said, Rotary is much more than money.

Rotary - builds the self- esteem of young people

Rotary - Improves young people's Public Speaking skills

Rotary- gives young scholars and trade apprentices assistance to pursue their education and training and therefore set themselves up for a successful future

Rotary- Provides food and improved health and education to youngsters overseas

Rotary – assists indigenous communities

Rotary - provides life saving operations via ROMAC and Interplast.

And Rotary provides friendship, fun and stimulating activities for Rotary members world-wide. My Rotary batteries were re-charged recently attending the Atlanta RI Convention. What joy it is to be amongst

40,000 enthusiastic and committed Rotarians of all shapes, sizes and colours from 170 different countries. Rotary is truly the organisation that allows ordinary individuals to be involved in EXTRA- ORDINARY activities.

Please join me in a toast to Rotary International.... Rotary International
Stuart Williams

DG Malcolm Chiverton's response to the Toast

Good Evening My Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary.

I acknowledge PDG Bob Laslett and Judy, and Assistant Governors Bob Williams and Graeme Aspinall. Thank you, President John for your invitation to formally acknowledge Stuart Williams excellent toast to Rotary International.

Stuart, you are right with the projects you identified in your toast. These projects do show Rotary Serving Humanity. Especially the End Polio Now campaign where we are close to eradicating a human disease for only the second time in history. We must continue the fight, to eradicate polio. We know if we just choose to control polio without eradicating it, the virus could rebound and have 200,000 cases annually in the next 10 years. Also, Stuart acknowledges what Rotary can do for young people. The many Rotary programs which include Interact (for secondary school students), Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment, (a leadership program), Primary School Speech Contest & 4-Way Test Speech Contest, (both public speaking contests) and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, all provide superb opportunities for young people. These programs improve their lives, teach them new skills, allow them to make new friends, give them a sense of belonging and in many cases respect for others.

As Stuart said earlier, GIVING to the Rotary Foundation allows Rotary International to continue to do Good in The World. It allows Rotary Clubs the world over to strengthen their work in the six areas of focus strategy i.e. peace, disease, water and sanitation, health and education, and economic and community development. In 2017-2018, it is a special year to be a Rotarian. For the first time in 20 years, and only the 5th time in 112 years, we have an Australian as Rotary International President. That person being our own Ian Riseley from RC Sandringham in our District 9810.

Through your continued efforts supporting local, national and international projects, I am sure the members of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill, will, in this Rotary year, Make a Difference. Thank you.

The dreaded Interview

So that we could get to know incoming President Bill and Judy better Ron interviewed them in the Ford Davis style regarding how they first met, where they first went on their first date, where Bill proposed to Judy, how long they were engaged for and where they went for their honeymoon. Bill remembered taking Judy to the pictures on the first date though Judy couldn't remember that at all. Neither could remember where they first met (or they weren't telling!). Bill remembered going to the Blue Mountains for their honeymoon..... But couldn't remember much else about it. Bill knew exactly how long they were engaged for, just 12 months but could not remember where he proposed or how..... and Judy was no better in her recollections.

Judy then left the room while Ron asked Bill 20 questions about what his preferences were. Judy then returned and she was asked the same 20 questions as to how Bill had replied. She got 15 out of 20 which was much less than the perfect score 2 years ago. (Has Bill changed in the last 2 years without Judy noticing, one may ask?). Both Bill and Judy were given bottles of their preferred bubbly for being such good sports.

Christmas in July

Please note we are combining with RC Nunawading (they have changed their night for us) and probably RC Mitcham on July 31. Partners and friends most welcome. We will be in the front part of Bucatini not our usual spot.



Monday, 31 July. 6.30 for 7.00pm

Bucatini @ 454 Whitehorse Rd Mitcham

Join us for a fun night with a
festive Xmas Dinner, Carol Singers,
Trivia, Lucky Door Prizes and Raffle.

In support of Rotary's Interplast Program,
Doctors and Nurses giving their holiday time
"Repairing Bodies and Rebuilding Lives"

in the Asia Pacific region.

Rotary members, friends and the community are welcome.

Your support will be greatly appreciated. Please book early.

Tickets: \$45/ head

RSVP: Fri 14 July 17

BYO (Wine Only)

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Fundraising e-bay

This is a permanent link to RCFH's e-bay page: Please use it

<http://r.ebay.com/MJM4fV>

Primary School Speech Contest

The 2018 Primary School Speech Contest, Rotary Club of Forest Hill, will be held at 6.00 for 6.30pm on August 9 at Whitehorse Primary School, Junction Rd, Blackburn Nth.

Twelve students from Blackburn Lake, Burwood Heights, Mt Pleasant Rd, Parkmore, Orchard Grove and Whitehorse Primary schools will participate. Each student will speak for three minutes on various topics. Toastmasters will judge performances and the winner will then participate in the District final in November. All invited.

NZ Rotary Fellowship Tour

Following a very successful '2017 Rotary Fellowship Tour' RC Pakuranga are running a similar Tour again next April. Details are available from Bob Laslett.

Answers to last week's mystery

Bob Williams gave then President John the DG's Award that Carol made to Forest Hill at the DG's dinner Saturday night. Bob was the only one from our club there. The club was commended for club building and Club PR/ Communications.

RCFH Roles in 2017-18

President	Bill Marsh	Board Member
President Elect/Vice President	Mike Finke	Board Member
Immediate Past President	John McPhee	Board Member
Secretary	Bob Laslett	Board Member
Treasurer	Warwick Stott	Board Member

Youth Service	Glenys Grant	Board Member
Foundation & International	Stuart Williams	Board Member
Community & Vocational	Martine Macleod-Craig	Board Member
Program	Ron Brooks	Board Member
Membership	Warwick Stott	Fundraising Mike Finke
Sergeant	Stuart Williams	Newsletter Editor Bob Laslett
Web Page	Ron Brooks	Whitehorse Farmers' Market Warwick Stott
Facebook	Mike Finke, Stuart Williams/Ron Brooks	
Blackburn Market	John McPhee	Attendance/Meals/Bucatini Ray Smith
Club Protection Officer	Martine Macleod -Craig	

DIARY DATES

July 7	Film night
July 8	Blackburn market
July 9	Whitehorse Farmers Market
August 9	Primary School Speech Contest

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

July	Rotary Awareness
August	Membership Extension

ARTICLES

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