



Weekly Newsletter

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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

ForestHill Rotary

CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
8th Feb	Karingal Training Centre <i>Peter Aldin</i> Board meeting	Mike Finke	Bill Marsh
15 th Feb	TBA		
22 nd Feb	Scholarship Awards	Ron Brooks	Warwick Stott
29 th Feb	NYSF <i>Theresa Wang</i>	Glenys Grant	Ray Smith

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

9th Feb Ray Smith Club anniversary (35yrs)
[coral is the traditional gift for 35years, so here is yours!]



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

Great presentation by Graeme Chester last Monday and he reminded us of just why we support ROMAC and should keep on supporting the work they do. An amazing project. \$36 raised in our raffle and \$23-40 from our non sergeant's session was good considering we numbered eight plus Graeme.

Don't forget to let me know if you can come to the Jazz Club day on the 9th March. Nice that our local Pollie, Michael Sukkar can donate another hamper for our fund raising efforts and we'll make it a raffle again as per our discussion.

I have still to sort out a date for the Railway Crossing person to attend a joint meeting with Nunawading but hope to fix one soon.

The Blackburn market roster needs a few more volunteers please, particularly from 10am to 1pm when we need extra to cover us collecting from the stallholders and then packing up at the end with our heavy BBQ. Please let me know if you can assist.

Our Board meeting will follow our dinner meeting where we will hear from Peter Aldin about the Karingal training Centre.

Warwick has flagged a board discussion on re-investment of whole/part of the Harper monies and not having a meeting in January I'm sure the board will have plenty to discuss.

Glenys is tying up a date for our NYSF student to tell us about her experiences so that will be terrific.

There is another District Youth Forum on the 29th February and I have a Whitehorse Farmers' Market meeting this Thursday and a District President's dinner meeting on the 19th February so it will be good to have that feedback.

I have arranged with Glenys to collect her photos from our 40th and that will complete the dvd I've edited on our birthday celebration so I plan to bring copies Monday night for anyone who wants one and will post a copy to both Reg and Don and invite all our past members to let me know if they want a copy.

I'm looking forward to both the Peridot play on Thursday night as well as the supper provided by David Winter of Bread Street.

The Whitehorse Volunteer Group has a meeting and workshop on the 24th February if anyone is interested in attending.

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

President Bob gave a brief report, noting the deficit of an official chair.



Graeme Chester (RC of Healesville) –last week's guest speaker on **ROMAC**

At this point, 13 tickets for the Peridot Theatre event have been sold, raising \$325. As RCFH is able to use the entire \$25 per ticket to fund worthy projects, attendance to this event is highly recommended. The event is on the 4th (Thursday), so time's a wasting. It is proposed that the funds might be used for Box Hill Secondary School scholarships or some other youth project.

RCFH has received thanks from a previous science student; Federal Representative for Deakin, Michael Sukkar, has organised a hamper to be used by RCFH to raise funds. This can be featured at the upcoming Blackburn Markets. A reminder that the DG is calling for nominations of non-Rotarians and seeks any nominations from clubs for Non Rotarians for the "Excellence in Service to Humanity Award".

Secretary Ron Brooks:

Trybooking, an online ticketing e-commerce site available for events, offers a reasonably priced service, charging \$0.20 per ticket. This can be waived for charitable organisations where the event is giving money to medical research, poverty or relief aid. This will be worth keeping in mind for future club activities.

Treasurer Warwick Stott:

A report for the previous two months has been distributed, there having been no board meeting for the month of January.

The term deposit portion of the Harper Bequest, currently valued at \$57,000 matures on the 15th of February; the on-call account relating to the Harper Bequest has a current value of \$9000. No distribution has been made from this bequest since June of 2014. A decision about how much money should be kept in the on-call and how much in a term deposit must be made by next week's meeting (8/2/16). A decision should be made to apply some of the available funds to a suitable project.

Youth/Community (Bob Laslett)

The breakfast club will begin again in approximately two weeks. There are a number of new non-Rotarians on the roster as volunteers. In three weeks' time, Box Hill scholarship recipients will be in attendance for a club meeting. Some of the cheques for scholarships have not yet been cashed.

Membership:

Phone contact with Joseph from the Mitcham club has been made about a potential recruit who originally approached their club. Hans is also expected to begin attending meetings after his return from holidays.

Market

The upcoming market on the 13th of February, will have a full complement of stallholders, the Crossing Authority will be in attendance to answer questions posed by the local community. Michael Sukkar may be present.

Glenys (Youth):

Contact has been made by a Conoco student and a NYSF attendee (Theresa) funded by RCFH. Theresa has been named the Whitehorse Young Citizen of the Year, and has been recognized for outstanding volunteer work in the community. Theresa has reported on a fantastic experience at the forum, socially and educationally. She has offered to volunteer her time in projects with which RCFH needs assistance.

Ray:

No firm dates yet exist for the Railway Crossing Authority to be included as guest speaker for a club meeting. A joint meeting with Nunawading is difficult as they have no free evenings available until April. Next week, the speaker will be from the Karingal Training Centre. The meeting on the 22nd will be the scholarship award winners from Box Hill Secondary. The Davis boys will be contacted in relation to the meeting on the 22nd.

The Raffle raised \$36.00, and Warwick Stott was the winner and took the chocolates.
Good news and fines levied raised \$23.40.

Mike Finke

[This is Mike's first meeting report – others take note of his quality and aim for the same high standard, ed.]

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF)

Email just received from the student our club sponsored.

I just got back from session C of NYSF and had an amazing jam packed time there. The activities, lectures and lab visits were all very intriguing and I made so many friends from across Australia and a few internationally who all loved science. My experience at NYSF definitely changed me into a better leader, speaker and broadened my knowledge. I will forever cherish this experience and would love to attend more youth programs like NYSF.

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> Without the Forest Hill rotary club I would not have been able to attend this fantastic forum. I would like express my deepest gratitude to the rotary and especially you for organising everything. Thank you so much. If there are any rotary activities that need volunteers I would love to help out.

> > Yours Sincerely,

> > Theresa Wang

> > Ps. I will be sending my report to you soon. I hope you look forward to it.

Great to see our club efforts were rewarded by such an enthusiastic contribution.
Glenys informed us at our last club meeting that she was Young Citizen of the Year for the City of Whitehorse.

Ron Brooks

STAMPS



Even if you only get a few stamps a week, collect them and give them to me. It's a no cost project. Thanks Mike for the stamps you brought in last week. Remember, 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

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	20 th Jan to 29 th Feb	Thailand
Ron & Robbie	16 th March to 9 th 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.

My holiday in Thailand

Thanks for the Bulletin. Good to have some local news. I have had MANY challenges on this trip. Plane troubles, coldest weather in Thailand in almost 40 years, a big mistake booking a hotel (no refund or changes) so have to change all the other bookings to accommodate. Some expensive calls back to Australia, and lots of internet time. All seems OK now. Maybe I can relax.

(this can go in newsletter if you like).....IT HAS !!!

Stuart

[The pleasures of travelling !!!ed.]

It has been an eventful trip. Plane problems in Melbourne so flew exhausted 16 hours late. Arrived here in coldest weather for 40 years. Very strange seeing Bangkok people in Parkas, shawls, multi layers of clothes. Chiang Mai had snow, 3 degrees in many of the country areas. Then I discovered that I had made a mistake with a resort booking. Two days of stress as I tried to correct the error. Expensive phone calls back to Australia, In the end, resort refused to change or refund so I had to rearrange EVERYTHING else. It cost me \$100 with Thai Airways, some extra for rental car, but saved me a lot. My friends graciously accepted my change of plans.

Two dental trips, one more tomorrow. Went to Siam Park City on Sunday, got sunburnt. Silly man. A Speed water slide and a huge wave pool. Had to climb over 7 storeys to go down water slide. I did that 3 times. There were two slowing points on the slide and you actually were airborne for at least 15 meters, flat on your back. A weird scary feeling. Because of my weight, and therefore speed I hit the end of the end pool on my first descent. Getting old is inevitable, becoming mature is optional. Great fun.

The wave pool, the worlds largest was excellent. Most Thais do not swim but enjoy being in the water. There were many tourists in the water.

Have eaten much more Thai food this trip. Seen much more of the sprawling 17 million people city of Bangkok. Went to a Mall, Fashion Island, and travelled 9 stations on the MRT (underground) then in a taxi for one hour. A Very long way from Sukhimvit.

One hour in taxi - 200 baht - Approximately 8 dollars. The MRT ticket lady even asked my age and gave me a half price fare. Beautiful and caring. I fly to Khon Kaen on Friday for a week. There is a big drought in the north. Rice farmers are in trouble. Not enough water to access. So glad to see the women's tennis final result.

Hope you are all well

Regards

Stuart

(see how easy it is to tell me And via the Newsletter, the rest of us about your travels)

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 **PERIDOT** theatre fund raiser was on Thursday 4th Feb. We paid \$25 each for theatre and supper and so the 13 of us who went from the club raised \$325 for our club as the money was all donated back to us as fund raising. Thank you Peridot and thank you RC of Box Hill who masterminded the evening. The Bread Street Bakery in Mont Albert provided the supper. Great Fellowship. Report next week.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ROTARY at www.rotary.org

I encourage you all to go to this website

Then click on **My Rotary** at the top of the page. You do not even need to login to look around the vast amount of information at your fingertips. Particularly, I suggest you go to the **Learning & Reference** area and **The Rotary Foundation** area. Here is all the information you would ever want to read and learn. There is also a large amount of **New member** material and information on any of the RI programmes.

Ron Brooks

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 margaret dccunningham@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.

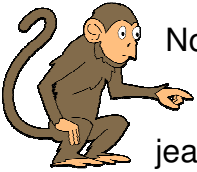
UNICEF FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION

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

THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY



None of our members are monkeys but if you know any, then these are the type of person they will be. They are smart, clever, intelligent, enthusiastic, self assured, sociable, innovative. However, they are also jealous, suspicious, cunning, selfish and arrogant.

Ron "Snake" Brooks

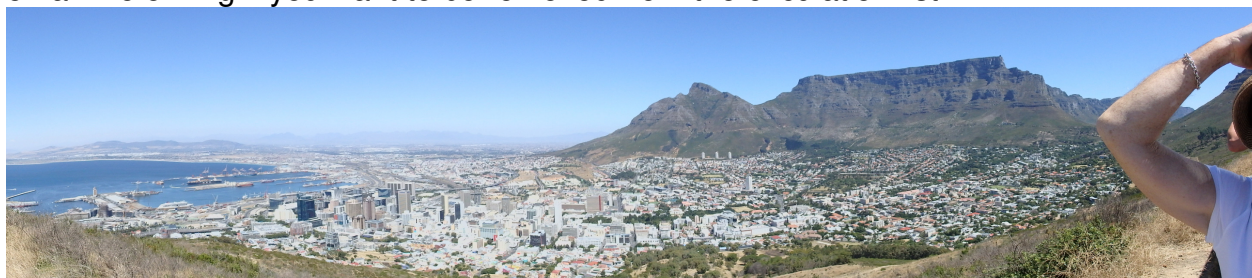
ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

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
Foundation/International	Chris Tuck
	Members
Youth Service	John Donaghey, Stan Harper, Glenys Grant
	Members
Community & Vocation	Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman
	Members
Membership & Publicity	Bob Laslett
	Members
Fellowship	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
Primary Schools Speech Night	John McPhee
Programme	Warwick Stott, Bob Williams, John Donaghey
Bulletin Editor	Bob Williams
Web page & Facebook	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen
On to Conference	Ron Brooks
Historian	Ron Brooks
Almoner	Stuart Williams
Public Officer	Stan Harper
	Graham Sharman
	Bill Marsh

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Robbie checking out the view of Table Mountain overlooking Cape Town



Cape Town and the new "do nut" stadium. Great view



At the bottom of the cable car up to the top of Table Mountain