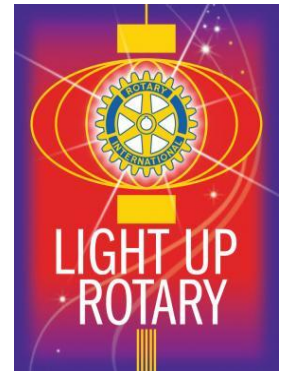




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Weekly Newsletter

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

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>
23 rd Feb	Scholarship Presentations	Bob Laslett	Stuart Williams
2 nd March	Marylyn Dann <i>Taralye</i>	Chris Tuck	Warwick Stott
9 th March	NO MEETING		
16 th March	TBA	John Donaghey	Stuart Williams

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

23rd Feb Rotary's 110th Birthday

25th Feb Stuart Williams Birthday (**special**)



DUTY ROSTER

	February	March
Cashier	Bob Laslett	Warwick Stott
Recorder	John McPhee	Ray Smith
Greeter	Ron Brooks	Bob Williams
Emergency	Chris Tuck	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

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

Take a few minutes out from your busy lives on Monday 23rd Feb and think about what one man, Paul Harris, started 110 years ago today. What can you do to make a difference in the world?

BILL'S BLURB

Coming Up:

20 Feb District Presidents' Dinner
 26 Feb Cluster Youth Forum
 17 May DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
 14 Sept DG visit

Enjoy your week in Rotary and keep working to "Light Up Rotary"

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Thanks to Gary Baltissen we had decorations featuring the Chinese New Year. Guest Speaker John Xiao grew up during the Cultural Revolution of China in the 1960s. It was only after traveling to Australia that he became engrossed in the heritage of 5000 years of ancient Chinese Culture. He showed computer images which showed the aspirations of beauty, music, physicality and spirituality.

Ancient Chinese had developed special names for their food, included music in many of the activities, founded a martial arts skill culture and encouraged individuals to develop their own spirituality.

Lucy Liu spoke of a spectacular production being held in the Victorian Arts Centre featuring the main aspects of the ancient culture. It was obvious that John is keen to see the return of parts of this culture in present day China.

Chairman Gary closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Report by Ray Smith

John Xiao left brochures advertising Shen Yun, a display of traditional Chinese culture through music, dance and song reliving legends and classical stories at the State Theatre 23rd to 28th Feb which is touring Australia and the world. He also left the latest copy of the Epoch Times, an English language weekly newspaper published in Box Hill concentrating on Chinese stories and themes. It is published by a non profit charity.

Sergeant Stuart raised \$103.60 fine money [not bad for an attendance of 15]. The raffle raised \$53.00 which was won by Stan who chose the calendar, Bill chose a bottle of red wine and Glenys (yet again!!!) chose a bottle of white. There were three Chinese flags as mini prizes won by Robbie, Stuart and Bob W. (*editor*)

FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF

Thanks to another great contribution of 3.4kgs of foreign coins from Shane Flynn & Linda Hammond we now have 58.3kgs of foreign coins. Did somebody *in gold?* Well Shane collected 4 Aldi tokens. anybody needs one you one I kept. If you have tokens, see me – magic Industries, carwash 777, Safe Station laundry or even New for one fare). I am fast



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say the DG "*was worth his weight*" is certainly worth his weight in off from this coin collection is that I have given 3 to Glenys so if you can get one from her or have the use for any of the following .com.au, AMF, Aberfield (silver & bronze), Fulton Games Lockers, CHS, Galaxy World, York City Trains Authority (good becoming an expert in tokens!

BLACKBURN LAKE MOSIACS UNVEILING

On Friday 13th Feb the club ran a very successful BBQ at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Visitor Centre. 120 sausages were served and the onions were clearly cooked by an expert! Sergeant Major Ray Smith organised everything to perfection, perhaps apart from “couldn't you have delayed the onset of rain for just 30mins” You then would have saved Pres Bill from splashing about like a young kid up to his ankles in water when we had to pack the trailer up at the end of the night.

It was a great opportunity to promote the Rotary Club of Forest Hill and we earned \$500 from Melbourne Water who also paid for all the sausages, bread etc.

The event was the official unveiling of the “Great Wall” of Blackburn on the Lake Road retaining wall. Local artist Lucienne Noontil designed the mural and students from Nunawading Christian College, Blackburn Lake Primary School and Forest Hill College created the murals.

The turnout of members and partners was amazing. The only ones missing were ones who were not in Melbourne.



Is this Larry the Lorikeet?
[More photos on page 6]

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

All members have been given an area of the City of Whitehorse to obtain the names, business names and addresses with phone numbers of possible people for the next membership meeting. Please give your list of particulars of at least 10 people to Warwick by next Monday evening

WEBSITE

Do not forget to check out our website, www.foresthillrotary.com and send Ron Brooks any information and suggestions

WEBINARS

You can find Rotary webinars on the webinar page at: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/webinars/upcoming> These webinars are a great way to learn more from the comfort of your own armchair....bed?

MEMBERSHIP WEBINAR

To register for the remaining webinars in the **Membership Matters!** webinar series please visit <http://www.rotary.org/webinars>

View the recording of the **Simple Steps to Innovate Your Club** webinar:
<https://vimeo.com/118740192>

View and download the **PowerPoint presentation**:
<http://slidesha.re/1yIVDYT>

Join the conversation in the **Membership Best Practices discussion group**:
<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/exchange-ideas/groups/membership-best-practices>

View a recording of **Parts 1 and 2 in the Membership Matters!** series:
<http://vimeo.com/103365589> (Part 1)
<http://vimeo.com/108381769> (Part 2)

REASONS FOR JOINING ROTARY

Jenny Coburn gave me 41 reasons. Have you got others you can tell us about? I am putting in a different one every week - **think about them when you talk to prospective members**

Reputation as a Doing Organisation: You can enjoy belonging to an organisation known as a “Doing Organisation” – Rotary has this valued reputation.

MOVIES

Remember, you can pick up cheap cinema ticket vouchers from John McPhee for Forest Hill Chase - \$8.50 each which can be exchanged like cash at the box office.

BOHEMIAN MELBOURNE Exhibition at the State Library

There is always so much going on in Melbourne. Writer and librarian Marcus Clarke is considered the father of Bohemian Melbourne. He established The Yorrick, our first bohemian club. He also worked at the Melbourne Public Library, the forerunner of The State Library. For the last 10 weeks, there has been an excellent free exhibition taking us through examples of bohemian culture from those 1860s right up to the present day. It was interesting to see Carlton’s LaMama Theatre and the Pram Factory from the 60’s and in the 70’s/early 80’s St Kilda’s Crystal Ballroom, the Champion Hotel in Fitzroy and Richmond’s Tiger Lounge. Did any of you go there? regularly?

I found out that “bohemien is french for “gypsy” and was the term then given to young vagabond artists in 19th century Paris. It was a term and way of life that travelled to all parts of the world. Melbourne did not miss out. The term has been applied to Percy Grainger, Vali Myers, and Barry Humphries and then in more recent times to Nick Cave and Paul Kelly. The revolt against mass urban living and “sameness” continues today.

Ron Brooks

STAMPS

Please keep cutting out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving about a 1cm margin and give them to to me. Carol Farmer and her team are ready to snip and sort them.

Ron Brooks

BIKE RIDE FROM CONFERENCE

This year, the annual fund raising bike ride for Australian Health Research is leaving from the conference rather than going to the conference. This is because the previous weekend is a long weekend and so finding accommodation is too difficult. The overnight stays are Ararat, Horsham, Hamilton, Warnambool, Colac and Ballarat. Ron Brooks is going on the ride again after a three year break, his first ride was to Bendigo in

1999. A folder for donations was passed around and \$236 was collected. Interestingly, there were "paid" entries of \$260 on the written sheet ??? Another \$20 was promised

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES 2014-15

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

Newsletter articles to the editor at ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au by **5 pm Wed**. If you do not wish to receive this publication please contact the editor. He will be disappointed..... but understanding.



Lord Mayor Andrew Munroe welcome



Bob W tempting the crowd



Industrious line up



Andrew enjoying a sausage (or 2?)



Packing up in the rain !!



Job well done