

Rotary
Club of Forest Hill



Weekly Newsletter

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President Bob Williams



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Meeting time:

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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> |
|------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 29 th Feb | National Youth Science Forum <i>Theresa Wang</i> | Glenys Grant | Ray Smith |
| 7 th March | Stan Harper Night Interplast <i>Bob Williams</i> | Bob Laslett | John McPhee |
| 14 th March | No meeting (Labour Day) | | |
| 21 st March | <i>Miranda Roediger</i> | Stuart Williams | Bill Marsh |

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

None- Don't be sad. At least it means none of you are a year older.



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

Will all members ensure that they have registered in “My Rotary”. We want to qualify for a Presidential Citation and it would be a shame if we missed out because one person “Oh, I didn't get round to it”. It is very easy to do. Go on the website. www.rotary.org and just follow the prompts, or talk to me about it.

BOB'S BANTER

I received the feedback of another warm (yes the air conditioner was working) and friendly meeting we enjoyed Monday night and certainly the quality and personalities of the three Box Hill High students selected for our scholarships added to the atmosphere. Anastasia, Glenn and Jessie were selected by their school and I'm sure that with the help along from the Ford Davis Endeavour Awards their educational future will be greatly enhanced.

As always, the support from our wonderful Davis family enables us to take on so much more than the size of our club would normally dictate and not only financially but with their presence and wisdom. Roger Davis represented the family and was able to quote the words of the Box Hill High song and in chatting to our Box Hill High guests, they found out a lot of the school's history from him. School year 10 coordinator Shareen spoke of the school's community focus and so Glenys suggested the school may be interested in Interact. Glenys will ensure Shareen has all the information needed.

Shareen was also delighted with our donation of two tickets for students to the forthcoming International Women's Day breakfast. RYDA is another project they may be interested in and I will speak with Box Hill club's President Lyndon as to whether they want to put this to the school, as they sponsor them in MUNA.

Raffle raised \$49 and our Membership committee recommend we limit future raffles to purchase of a single ticket for \$2 as the raffles have served their purpose well towards membership with a good reserve now held.

Email from District Governor David regarding the devastating cyclone in Fiji advising that our District had a team there working with students from Deakin University on an ABCD project headed up by Past DG Tony Monley and his wife Kathy. They are all well but communication is virtually still non-existent.

At the District President's meeting last Friday (chicken and vegetables again but we did have fruit salad instead of the usual pumpkin soup) we heard from many speakers including a Nepalese man thanking the various District clubs who supported them after the earthquake there last year. We also heard from Probus that it is the largest Rotary project world-wide and that there are 120 Probus clubs in our District.

Model United Nations Assembly progress was also raised with that being on the weekend of 30April/1st May. Glenys is on the committee and updated us at our club meeting. Great that Box Hill club are again sponsoring Box Hill High and PLC and we are again sponsoring Forest Hill College and Kingswood College and if numbers permit we will approach Vermont Secondary College to see if they may also be interested.

Don't forget to let me know if you can come to the Jazz Club day on the 9th March.

Thank you to Robbie and Kevin for making the breakfasts this week at Forest Hill Secondary College.

Don't forget to put in your diary the interclub meeting with Nunawading on the 27th April to hear from the Blackburn Rail Crossing People and a folder will go around for the couple of weeks prior.

Ray advised that Gary Harper phoned him to say that the family would like to come and talk about "something" and so Ray has organised them to come on the 9th March. Please ensure we have as many as possible attending to hear what they have in mind.

This week is our National Youth Science student, Theresa Wang who will come with her family so please invite your partners to come along as well.

President Bob

"Be a Gift to the World".

DIARY DATES

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| Wed | 9 th Mar | International Women's Day Breakfast (Box Hill Central) |
| Sat | 30 th April | Malaria Awareness Day |
| Sat/Sun | 30 th Apr/1 st May | MUNA weekend |
| Mon | 2 nd May | Bayside Charity Golf Day at Royal Melbourne (see later) |

28th May/1st June
 Sun 19th June

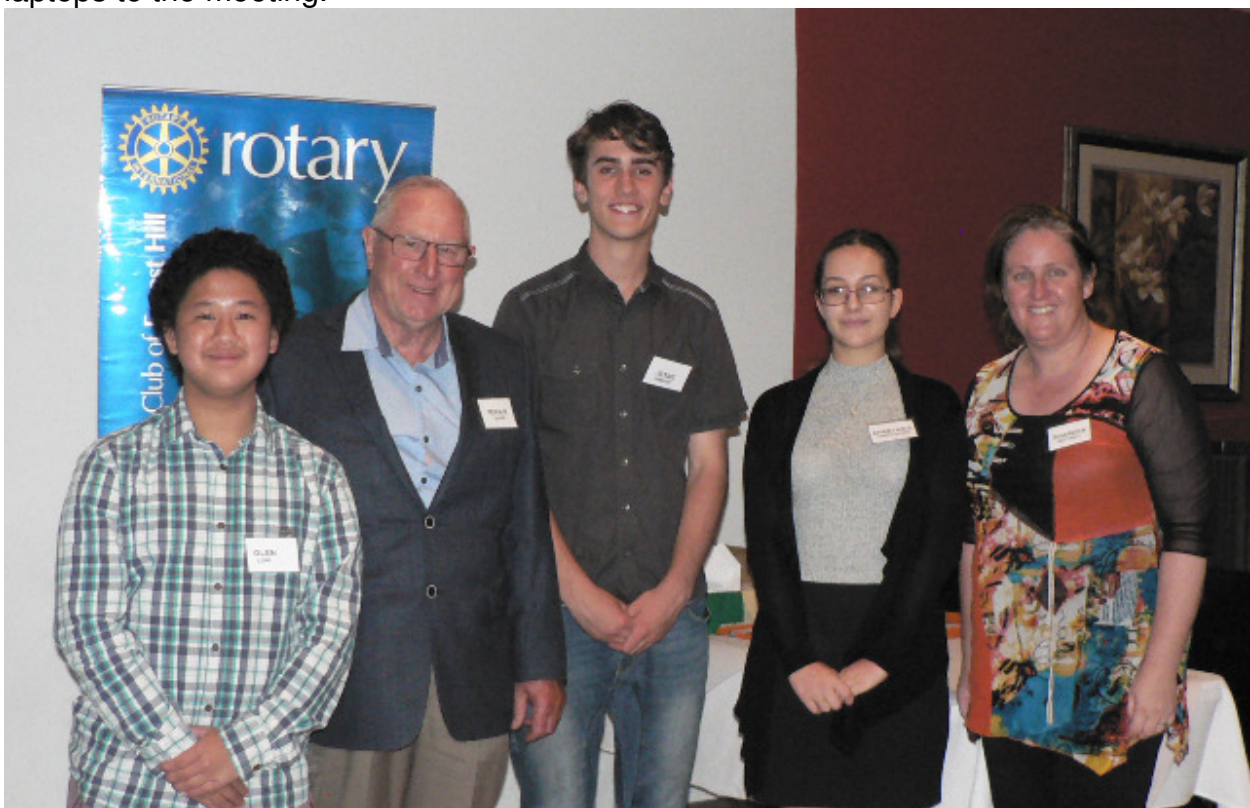
RI CONVENTION, SEOUL, KOREA

Multi District function to farewell Ian Riseley (RI Pres '17-'18)

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The meeting was chaired by PP Ron Brooks who was also raffle boss, sergeant and soapbox orator. His words as he said in his moment of reflection were that he wanted to get on his soapbox about whether Australian society was becoming too concerned about being politically correct. He used the example of South Africa where skin colour naming was not considered a problem, whereas a member of the Opals painted her face brown in recognition of her favourite (w)rapper, and yet she was condemned for doing so. The writer personally agrees with Ron.

Ron also asked how many members had registered with My Rotary and was disappointed that many had had problems so there will be a session at the next meeting to walk members through the process – all members interested should bring their laptops to the meeting.



Ron then welcomed the teacher (Shareen Bottrell) and the students (Anastasia Christakakis, Glenn Low and Jesse Vincent) from Box Hill High School, together with Roger Davis to the meeting.

President Bob then mentioned an email from DG David Tolstrup re the Fijian cyclone, and also said he attended the District Presidents' meeting which discussed district insurance, My Rotary website, the poster about Jackie Chan re polio eradication, Probus, membership website, Ride to Rotary and MUNA

Youth committee chair Glenys mentioned that all four Whitehorse clubs are involved with MUNA and that NYSF forms are available today

Program chair Ray mentioned the up and coming meetings

The Sergeant Ron —oh, him again – fined no-one and just asked for cross fines, and suggested that members put their spare cash in the bowl

Roger Davis then gave a background to the BHHS Scholarship awards and his father, but did ask what has happened to the school song, as he still remembered the words and he gave a reasonable rendition of it. He mentioned that Ford had wanted to give

students an extra push, that they were not for the highest achievers but rather the middle ones who put in a lot of hard work and contributed to the school.

Shareena, the School Engagement Coordinator talked about the differences between her early teaching days and now. There were 400 students then with the possibility of the school closing but now there are 1200 students and it is very competitive. They use two storey portable buildings and it is very selective, and the skill program has helped improve many students, to the extent that 97% of students received tertiary offers, and all other indicators are improving. She teaches psychology, and the school looks after special needs students, The school stresses the importance of a good work/life balance. There are a number of special programs, including one involving global leadership skills, and public speaking skills with humanitarian basis. They are developing a laptop program in place of the Ipad program and positive psychology. She intends to stay there for many years. All students here are excellent workers and parents are very grateful. Anastasia then told us that she wished to go into a career in journalism and will do work experience at a TV channel. Her money is going towards the World Challenge Program, a student-led program doing community service in third world countries. This year they are going to an Indian village where they are building a classroom, a new toilet system and a fresh water system for the community

Glenn will be studying zoology and I have no idea what he said as the microphone was not used.

Jesse has been in the Stage Bank (whatever that is, as he could not be heard and this comes from his notes) and he is a drummer and the money will go towards the school fees and a calculator.

The raffle was won by Roger and Ron and raised \$49, and Pres Bob closed the meeting
Warwick Stott



Thanushi Peiris with President Bob Williams and Ray Smith



Peiris family

FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

Robbie reported that she and Kevin Grigsbey cooked pancakes for all students last Tuesday morning. The students help ...by putting on their own maple syrup, jam etc!!.

Kevin reported that Lynne is now out of hospital having had her knees repaired.

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| 9/02/2016 | Robbie | Barb |
| 16/02/2016 | Robbie | Chris |
| 23/02/2016 | Robbie | Kevin |
| 1/03/2016 | Robbie | MJ |
| 8/03/2016 | Robbie | Barb |
| 15/03/2016 | Robbie | Glenys |
| 22/03/2016 | Chris | Kevin |

Contact Bob Laslett for any roster problems

City of Whitehorse Intergenerational Grants Information Session

Council is offering grants of up to \$1000 to schools, not-for-profit early years services, not-for-profit aged care facilities and community organisations to run intergenerational projects that bring seniors and children/young people together. Learn more by

attending the session on Thursday 3 March 2016 11.30am – 1.30pm

Willis Room, Whitehorse Council 379 – 397 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading

Light lunch provided

To register phone 9262 6443 or email helen.papaioannou@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

GIANT MONOPOLY NIGHT 8th April 2016

The **Rotaract Club of Whitehorse** would like to invite you to our Giant Monopoly Night on the 8 April 2016 to help raise funds for ABCD (Art Building Children's Dreams).

Date: Friday, 8 April 2016 at 6:30pm

Location: Box Hill Town Hall (Lower Room), 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Cost: \$16 Early Bird Tickets (til 8 March), \$20 Standard Tickets (9 March – 6 April)

Tickets are available for purchase online at: www.trybooking.com/181719

Our Giant monopoly is a team event, based on the classic family board game with some fun twists. We hope you can join us for a fun evening playing on a giant sized monopoly board, you might even be sent to our giant jail. Remember, do not pass go, do not collect \$200, head straight to www.trybooking.com/181719 to secure your ticket.

Remember, the Rotaract Club of Whitehorse meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at Melbourne Baseball Club, Surrey Drive, Box Hill. Rotarians are always welcome.

D9810 STAMPS COLLECTION PROJECT

Robbie dropped a stamp album and a 3kg bag of stamps off to Carol Farmer last Saturday. Even if you only get a few stamps a week, collect them and give them to me. They all add up. It's a no cost project. 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. **Barbara dropped in an envelope of stamps last week.** Thanks Barbara!! There is a box by the cashier marked "STAMPS". Carol told Robbie that this year's



collection so far has already raised **\$5,333.50**.

Over the last 5 years

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| 2011/12 | \$5,036.80 | Bio Sand filters, clean water for a Honduras village |
| 2012/13 | \$6,280.80 | Cathy Freeman Foundation for Indigenous Youth |
| 2013/14 | \$7,091.00 | Water pumps for Moradabad Village, India |
| 2014/15 | \$6,381.00 | Half to Fred Hollows and half to the Koorie Academy |
| 2015/16 | \$??????? | ROMAC [Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children]. |
| | \$93,212 | 25 YEAR TOTAL |

Ron Brooks

FOREST HILL WEBSITE www.foresthillrotary.com

Have you looked at our website? **Our website is a window through which the world looks at us.** What do you think?

- 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, photos, feedback, stories

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP WEBINARS

- Want to know more about using technology to strengthen your club?
- Looking for new ideas to attract and retain members?

If so, then join one of our upcoming zone membership webinars.

Three webinars have been scheduled for 2016: Online and digital tools for clubs was last Wednesday at 5.30 pm

- **Chartering new clubs** – March 2016, and
- **Strategies for attracting and retaining members** – May 2016

The first of these webinars - **Online and Digital Tools for clubs** - showed the ways that clubs and districts can use technology to strengthen membership. The webinar two presenters were Barbara Mifsud from Rotary International's South Pacific Office, and Amanda Wendt from the youth-focused Rotary Club of Melbourne Park. In her presentation, Barbara helped Rotarians understand and use Rotary's digital and online tools – like Rotary Club Central, Rotary Showcase, Rotary Ideas, and Rotary Brand Centre. Amanda Wendt shared all the ways that her club uses social media and other online tools to connect with new and prospective members, and to showcase her club in the community.

To register for webinars email Jessie Harman at j.harman@ballarat.edu.au

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.

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| Stuart Williams | 20 th Jan to 29 th Feb | Thailand |
| Ron & Robbie | 16 th March to 9 th May | Dubai and Holland] |
| Bill&Judy, Bob&Judy, John&Marg | 12 th Feb to ? | Sri Lanka |

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.

John and Kathy Donaghey spent 12 days in the south island of New Zealand in late January. Initially there was a family wedding, just out of Queenstown, then a couple of trips south and east of there. The weather was quite cool and raining much of the time, which the locals were pleased about as they have had an awful drought over winter/spring. The wedding was at a pretty place called Arrowtown just north of Queenstown. It was an old goldmining town, which has been restored to it's former condition. Reminded us a bit of Maldon in Victoria. Wedding was held on a horse stud and the reception in glamorous stables. Queenstown was full of tourists, many of them Asian, and with lots of water sports to indulge in (a boat trip was enough for us) and many lovely restaurants and shops to explore. Two days at Lake Wanaka (a quieter version of Queenstown), gave us some breathing space and then a trip to Te Anau with

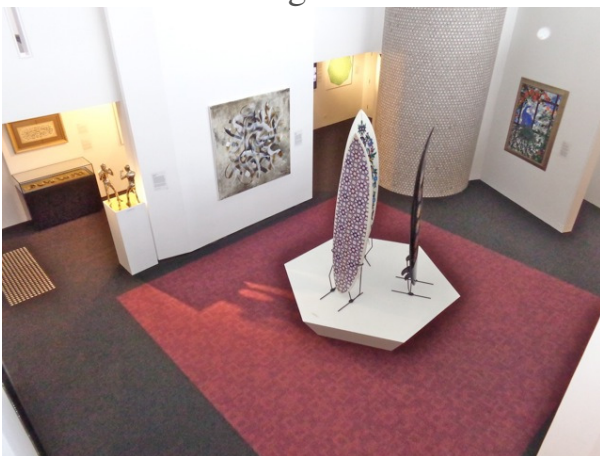
other Donaghey relatives to visit the glow worm caves and Doubtful Sound followed. Then most of us drove across the island to Dunedin where we stayed in the stables of Larnach castle on the Otago peninsula. This was really an upmarket backpackers and very atmospheric(as I assured JD, when he was surprised at the squeeze room and shared facilities!) A tour of the castle told us much of the history of this area (very interesting!) and then a day trip on the Taieri railway completed our touring. Glad we are not there now, don't need the potential excitement of earthquakes!

John & Kathy Donaghey

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 Eastern division of the Order Of Australia Association last week visited the Islamic Museum. As it was extremely interesting I thought you may be interested in hearing a bit about the museum and its aims.



The Museum was opened in 2014 in Thornbury. It aims to showcase the rich artistic heritage and historical contributions of Muslims in Australia and abroad through the display of various artworks and historical artefacts. This is the first centre of its kind in Australia and exhibits a diverse range of Islamic arts including architecture, calligraphy, paintings, glass, ceramics and textiles. Islamic arts date back to the 7th century with the advent of Islam, and include the different artistic styles and cultural influences of various empires that came under Islamic rule, such as Spanish and Persian influences. The Museum also promotes new and established Islamic artists, both local and international and displays travelling exhibitions. After two hour guided tour a delicious traditional lunch was served. All OAM members who attended found it very interesting and informative.

Glenys Grant

Kathy Donaghey took 4 of her grandchildren to Peninsula Light Opera Company's(PLOS) " Mary Poppins" in January. This was the 7& 5 year old's first experience of live theatre and they were all gob-smacked with the performance, especially when Mary "flew" over the audience twice. The two children in the main parts were sensational! An excellent, professional show and audience members were heard to say" I can't believe this is AMATEUR theatre." We know how true this is from experience with Peridot, but watch out for other amateur company's offerings in future programs! Kathy and other family members also saw "Fiddler On the Roof" last week. Anthony Warlow as Tevye, stole the show and the quality of the cast was also excellent.

John & Kathy Donaghey

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 margaretccunningham@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.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Book now to celebrate International Women's Day!

This year's theme is **"If She Ruled the World"** and our expert panel is set to explore this thought-provoking topic! So bring some friends or work colleagues and celebrate women's contribution to the world - and men are definitely welcome!

Importantly, it's all for a good cause - the proceeds of the event will go to local charity [CARA](http://www.cara.org.au) who support vulnerable young women particularly pregnant/parenting girls between the ages of 12 and 18 in Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

Event details:

7:15am Wednesday, 9th March 2016 at Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill. Queries or questions please call Janine Scott on 0422 225 996 or email:

iwdboxhill@gmail.com Our club is providing 4 tickets for local school students to attend.

UNICEF FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION

We are still collecting coins. John Donaghey dropped a pile of coins and a C\$5 note



into the labelled jar on the club meeting's front desk last week. Got a call from Warrandyte-Donvale saying they were collecting coins. So far 15 clubs 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

[34th Bayside Mayoral Charity Golf Day at Royal Melbourne Golf Club](#)

This is your opportunity to play the Talisker Masters & 2013 world cup golf course.

- Morning players \$250, afternoon players \$275.
- Each session includes a meal and fantastic prizes
- Mens and Ladies sections, AGU Handicap and non-Handicap sections
- Proceeds support The Royal Children's Hospital & local community

To find out more visit www.beaumarisrotary.com or call Jim on 0447 447 357

Organised by Rotary Club of Beaumaris and Rotary Club of Sandringham

**MILLION \$\$\$
MILESTONE
RIDE**



ROTARY RIDE FOR RESEARCH \$\$\$\$'s Mansfield to Shepparton

**Monday 14th to Saturday 19th
of March 2016**



This time we have a very special ride for our district.

This year's "Million \$\$\$\$ Milestone Ride" will take what we have raised for medical research for ARH, past the 1 MILLION DOLLARS mark.

This is worth celebrating, but it is limited to only 15 support crew and 55 So get in quick and register through our web site

www.rotaryrideforresearch.com.au

or go directly to

<https://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/RotaryRideForResearch2016>

For those that can't make the ride dates, we have a, "virtual rider" category. Register for \$25 on our site and use your training rides to cumulate the 650km. Then get your family and friends to support and sponsor you ride. So you can still raise money for ARH.

Even if you feel this is not for you, we still need your help, so we are requesting that you pass this information to your family, friends and work colleagues

All money arranged as sponsorship through your club, will be attributed under your clubs name with ARH.

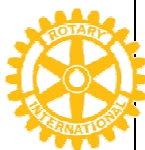
Regards

PP Rob Henry

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| Members | Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks |
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| Members | Warwick Stott, Bob Williams, |
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ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

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

2016 Census job opportunities – apply today!

Do you want to make a difference in your community and help shape its future? The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is looking for motivated, community-minded project managers to fill up to 608 Area Supervisor positions across the state. These are temporary, casual positions with flexible hours. Working on the Census is a great way to contribute to your community. The data you help to collect provides an important statistical snapshot that supports planning, policy and funding decisions for a range of local services and infrastructure – from health and education to housing and transport. Area Supervisors will recruit, train, lead and supervise a small team of temporary field staff to deliver a successful Census result in their area. The roles and responsibilities of field staff will reflect the 2016 Census digital-first approach, so if you are tech-savvy and a great communicator, the ABS wants to hear from you.

Apply today at www.abs.gov.au/careers