



**Rotary**  
Club of Forest Hill



## Weekly Newsletter

[foresthillrotary1975@gmail.com](mailto:foresthillrotary1975@gmail.com)

**President Bob Williams**



Be a gift to the world

Number 34

7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Club address:

**Email address:**

Website:

Meeting location:

Meeting time:

Facebook:

PO Box 116, Nunawading 3131

[foresthillrotary1975@gmail.com](mailto:foresthillrotary1975@gmail.com)

[www.foresthillrotary.com](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)

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>
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Stan Harper Night Interplast <i>Bob Williams</i> <i>Committee meetings</i>	Bob Laslett	John McPhee
14 <sup>th</sup> March	No meeting (Labour Day)		
21 <sup>st</sup> March	<i>Miranda Roediger</i> <i>Board Meeting</i>	Stuart Williams	Bill Marsh
28 <sup>th</sup> March	No meeting (Easter Monday)		

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

20<sup>th</sup> March Mike Finke 1<sup>st</sup> birthday (well, 1<sup>st</sup> with us)  
21<sup>st</sup> March Stuart Williams Club anniversary (28 yrs)



### DUTY ROSTER

	March	April
Cashier	Warwick Stott	Stuart Williams
Recorder	Mike Finke	Bob Laslett
Greeter	Glenys Grant	John McPhee
Emergency	Stuart Williams	Bill Marsh

### 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](mailto: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

*Welcome to Joan Harper & Family*

I am still collecting **USED STAMPS** and  
**FOREIGN COINS/NOTES** for UNICEF

## BOB'S BANTER

Another terrific meeting last Monday as we heard from our National Youth Science student, Theresa Wang who brought her family, William, Ping & sister Olivia for support. Theresa's presentation was very well done with lots of information and entertainment. She explained some of what her group did, with one of the highlights being a trip to Lockheed Martin which she liked although she has no desire to become a pilot.

Well done Theresa and as you told us, an important part is the friends you make from experiences like this and we look forward to what is ahead for you.

Good to see Barbara there and of course, the return of members from their recent overseas trips plus all three of our OOTS (Out Of Towners).

Glenys, for someone who readily admits she doesn't like chairing, you were so well prepared and kept us to time plus you prepared and ran a great sergeant's session that raised \$42, so very well done.

A champion, chanceless, challenging and charming, chairperson. Also then, chasing change for charity, chatting and checking chosen change givers chucked in charitably. Ray asked the tricky questions he usually does to our science students and marked Theresa highly for her answers.

We discussed a few things regarding the Harper family visit next week and also Paul and Adele Mee are attending and Paul will give us a brief update on the Foundation. As he, I think will be retired by then, the usual smile he always has, will I'm sure, be even wider. Ray suggested we all think of a particular memory of Stan so we can talk to this on Monday night, so some homework set by our former headmaster.

Chris asked us to think on what assistance we can give to Fiji and whether direct or via RAWCS so some more homework for us.

I have completed our 40<sup>th</sup> year dvd and distributed copies to all there on Monday and even William asked if he could take one which was a good indication of his interest about Rotary and our club. **I will bring more copies next week and invite any of our friends on our mailing list to contact me if they want a copy and I'll arrange to get one to them.** I think anyone who sees and listens to it will be as proud as I was about the amazing amount of work we have done over that time.

Raffle raised \$40 and remember that the membership committee have decided that future raffle purchases need only to be for one ticket at \$2.

Don't forget to let Stuart know if you can come to the Jazz Club day on the 9<sup>th</sup> March.

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

Don't forget to register for "My Rotary" as per Ron's advice in the newsletter as I'm sure in future that will be the main means of communication if you want to know what is going on in the wider Rotary world.

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

Committee meetings follow our dinner meeting next week and with a holiday on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, our Board meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. Ron will be away (again/still/as always) from the 16<sup>th</sup> March so please send your board reports to our usual stand in secretary Bill, who will distribute.

**President Bob**

**"Be a Gift to the World".**

## DIARY DATES

Sun	6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Nadrasca Art Show at Masters 249 Middleborough Rd 11am-2pm
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	International Women's Day Breakfast (Box Hill Central)
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup> April	Malaria Awareness Day
Sat/Sun	30 <sup>th</sup> Apr/1 <sup>st</sup> May	MUNA weekend
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May/1<sup>st</sup> June</b>		<b>RI CONVENTION, SEOUL, KOREA</b>
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup> June	Multi District function to farewell Ian Riseley (RI Pres '17-'18)

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Glenys opened a well attended meeting with a list of positive things about Australia. Ron announced that because of the amount of new members fund tickets for the raffle will be available for \$2 a ticket. The night's raffle raised \$40.

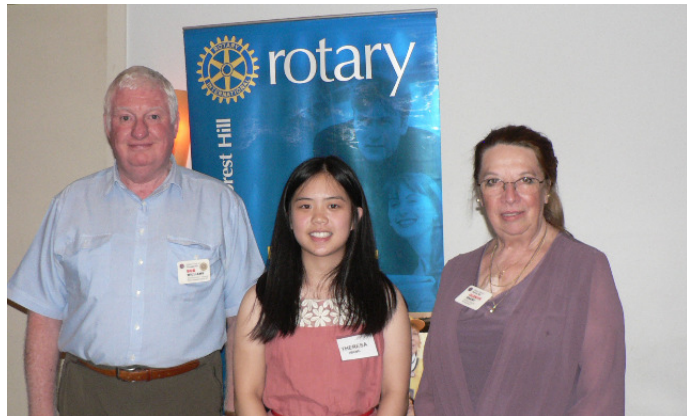
Ron is still anxious for all members to register for My Rotary and had his computer to show members what to do.

Chris Tuck posed a question for what to do about the cyclone which has devastated parts of Fiji. Last year the Club supplied money, raised through the ABCD program, for the erection of a toilet block at a school. There is no word yet about it being affected. Should anything more be done for Fiji?

Glenys announced that four teams from Whitehorse have been registered for MUNA. As the sergeant Glenys posed situations from an old tourist guide for Australia and raised \$40.95

Members agreed with the suggestion of naming money provided by the Harper bequest for projects, to be named The Stan Harper Community Award.

### Guest speaker.



Theresa Wang, sponsored by the Club to attend the National Youth Science Forum gave a report of her experience. She is a student at the Presbyterian Ladies College whose favourite subjects are Chemistry and Maths. The Forum held for two weeks at the Australian National University, Canberra, for about 400 students who all have a passion and love for science.

In the split up into interest groups Theresa became part of the computer science group which was involved in several programming projects. Visiting the Lockheed Martin Centre the students became involved with a simulator to train pilots – she has decided to not be a pilot. The group were given several talks about world science projects.

Theresa met many fellow students who will become life time friends. For being able to attend the Forum which changed her to have more confidence in herself and not afraid to express what she is passionate about, Theresa thanked the Club.

*Ray Smith*

## WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

RCFH roster

7.30am to 9am Bob Laslett

9.00am to 11.00am **someone please!!!!**

11.00am to 12.30pm Gary Baltissen

If a RCFH member or partner could help with the middle shift, please contact Warwick Stott on 0412 444 393

## FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

Robbie was on her own cooking toasties for the students at Forest Hill so she had nobody to boss about.

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**

## REGISTERING ON MY ROTARY

Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

click on **My Rotary** to the left of Club Finder at the top of the screen  
if it is not there then click on the three horizontal lines on the right hand side near the JOIN box and **My Rotary** should appear. Click on it.

click on the sign in / register box

You need to register now but in future you will just sign in

Click on the **Create Account** box

[In future this is where you will sign in with your registered email and your password]

Fill in the **Account registration** with your

First name

Last name

Sign in email (the one that rotary has registered for you)

Click the YES button for older than 18

Then click CONTINUE .... there are a few more steps

It comes up with a **Thank you for registering** message.

You will receive an email with a link to activate your account.

When the email arrives (it does not take long) read the email then

Click on **activate** and wait while a page comes up

It asks you to create a password (numbers & letters & capitals is best)

Type in a password

Type the password in a second time

Pick and answer a secret question so if you forget your password they have a secret question they can ask you

You should get a message saying **Congratulations** you have created an account.

You can then create a profile if you want to but it is not necessary.

## FOREST HILL WEBSITE [www.foresthillrotary.com](http://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](mailto: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!

Ron & Robbie 16<sup>th</sup> March to 9<sup>th</sup> May Dubai and Holland]

**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.**

## 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 **Johnston Collection** visit a place of interest each month. This month Robbie and I were part of a party of 46 people visiting the **East Melbourne Synagogue** in Albert St. It was built in Renaissance Revival architectural style in 1877 by Crouch and Wilson famous in that era for building places of worship, mainly churches. We were given a talk of an hour then allowed to wander around. Torahs are kept in the Holy Ark always covered by a curtain. We were shown four Torahs, the Jewish bible, which comprises of the first 5 books of Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). They have recently been presented with a brand new Torah which they use now. Interestingly, when a Torah contains a single fault, perhaps through old age then it is no longer useable. Anyone reading from the Torah uses cannot touch the script with their finger but holds a pointer. There are various degrees of the orthodox religion – ultra, orthodox, and reform. These days, women mix with men in many synagogues and there are many female rabbis. In this synagogue at either side of the alcove the Torahs are kept in, there is a large inscribed "Prayer for the Royal Family" which was updated when Queen Elizabeth ascended the throne.



There are 12 magnificent stained glass windows around the mezzanine which we toured. Each represents one of the 12 tribes of the Jews. The windows were formed by resting lots of different pieces of coloured glass on a sheet of glass and then melting it all into the glass rather than using lead lighting. The Hebrew words over where the Torahs are kept says "Be aware of who you stand before". Ruth was a friendly, knowledgeable and very enlightening guide.



outside view



Ark, prayers, "Be aware of who you stand before"



Old and new Torahs



A stained glass window

Presently, there is a special exhibition at the **National Gallery Victoria** showing the works of **Andy Warhol and Ai Wei Wei**. While AW precedes AWW timewise, they



have more in common than just their initials! AWW spent 10 years in New York before returning to China and AW spent a good deal of time in China quite overcome by what he saw there. Both used photography a great deal. While I cannot pretend to understand all they do in the name of art, Robbie and I happily spent 2 1/2hrs

going through the exhibition and highly recommend paying \$7 for the audio which helps explain what it is all about. There was an interactive display that produced the following

Both of these places would make good club visits.

We had our own private Friday night at the movies last week. There are some good films around at the moment. We went to the **Waverley Cinema** to see "**45 years**". As their 45th wedding anniversary approaches, a woman (Charlotte Rampling) learns that her husband (Tom Courtenay) was once engaged to someone else. It is a sensitive and devastating portrait of a long, happy marriage lived by a comfortably off childless couple in sudden crisis. This 2015 British romantic drama based on the short story "*In Another Country*" by David Constantine. Both Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay won silver bear awards at the Berlin Film Festival for their performances. The 1 hr 40min film covers the 5 days in their lives leading up to the 45<sup>th</sup> celebration party. Well worth seeing. The Waverley have films in the \$6, \$8 and \$10 category depending on the film and the time it is shown. Then if you organise a pensioner card with them, takes two minutes when you are buying a ticket, you get every fifth film free.

*Ron Brooks*

### **DELIBERATE MISTAKE ???? in NEWSLETTER 32**

So who spotted it? Well actually Ian Riseley did. In an earlier Newsletter I asked what do the following people have in common?

1. Angus Mitchell, Melbourne Vic (1948-49)
2. Clem Renouf, Buderim Qld (1978-79)
3. Royce Abbey, Greenvale Vic (1988-89)

**with 4. Ian Riseley, Sandringham Vic (2017-18)**

Well, of course, it should have read

4. Glen Kinross, Brisbane Qld (1997-98)

then 5. Ian Riseley, Sandringham Vic (2017-18)

Sorry everyone. Hope it did not affect you in any Trivia competition you have just done.

### **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](mailto:margaretdccunningham@gmail.com)
- you can visit [www.daysforgirls.org](http://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.

### **ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES**

March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Services
June	Rotary Fellowships

## RIDE TO CONFERENCE 2016

Help raise money for Australian Rotary Health. This year the ride total will pass the \$1 million. Our club has helped over many years. You can contribute by going to the website

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

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

<b>Ride Coordinator</b> <b>P.P. Rob Henry</b> <b>Ph: 9762 1765</b>  <b>Mble: 0417 570 417</b>		<b>General Mail:</b> <b>PO Box130, The Basin 3154</b> <b>General web site</b> <a href="http://www.rotaryrideforresearch.com.au">http://www.rotaryrideforresearch.com.au</a> <b>General Email</b> <a href="mailto:ridecoordinator@rotaryrideforresearch.com.au">ridecoordinator@rotaryrideforresearch.com.au</a>
---	---	---

## CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

	2015-16
<b>President</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Vice President</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Secretary</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Treasurer</b>	Warwick Stott
<b>President Elect</b>	John McPhee
<b>Sergeant</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Foundation/International</b>	Chris Tuck
Members	John Donaghey, Mike Finke,
<b>Youth Service</b>	Glenys Grant
Members	Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman
<b>Community &amp; Vocation</b>	Bob Laslett
Members	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity</b>	John McPhee
Members	Warwick Stott, Bob Williams,
<b>Fellowship</b>	John Donaghey
<b>Primary Schools Speech Night</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Programme</b>	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen
<b>Bulletin Editor</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Web page &amp; Facebook</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>On to Conference</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Historian</b>	
<b>Almoner</b>	Graham Sharman
<b>Public Officer</b>	Bill Marsh

Newsletter articles to the editor at [ronbrooks1942@gmail.com](mailto:ronbrooks1942@gmail.com) by 5 pm Wed Please email me or ring if you want to be removed from the circulation list.

## GIANT MONOPOLY NIGHT Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 6:30pm

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).

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](http://www.trybooking.com/181719)

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