



**The Flyer  
2017-2018**



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

**President: Bill Marsh**

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

**CLUB PROGRAM**

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
9 April	East Timor Lighting Project <i>Pat Armstrong</i>	Bob Laslett	Chris Tuck
16 April	Rotarians against Malaria <i>Peter McPhee</i>	BOARD Barbara Searle	Ron Brooks
23 April	Shrine of Remembrance <i>Shirley Devery</i>	?	?
30 April	Bucatini with partners		

**CELEBRATIONS**

Quiet Time

**DUTY ROSTER**

	APRIL	MAY
<b>Recorder</b>	Bob Williams	Ron Brooks
<b>Greeter</b>	Barbara Searle	Glenys Grant
<b>Emergency</b>	Barbara Williams	Mike Finke
<b>Cashier</b>	Bob Laslett	Chris Tuck

**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](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

## BILL'S BYLINES

Thank you to all who helped make Bunnings a successful day – and may it be some time before I see another sliced onion!! Our profit for the day was \$941.95. Congratulations all.

Peridot Theatre bookings are coming in steadily. I have asked all of our local clubs and Berengarra to support us. They are assured of a great show, good company and a super supper – actually pre show, interval and post show goodies. All for \$22 with \$5 per ticket returning to the clubs/groups for their own fundraising. The Hope Katolo girls are also spreading the word so we should reach our target of 200 tickets by the end of May. **To book go to Trybooking and search for 84 Charing Cross Road Preview on 7 June 2018.** Our Probus friends and partners are very welcome.

Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be joining other community members in a tree planting activity at Blackburn Lake. I hope as many members as possible can make the day. We want to plant a minimum of 20 trees so we can meet the target Ian Riseley has set of one tree for every Rotarian. The good thing with our planting is we know the trees will be looked after following the planting and as they grow to maturity.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> April the young robotics enthusiasts who entertained us at Conference will be presenting at the club. While this short addition to the program may extend the night a little those who saw the kids at Conference will be keen to see them again. The group has been invited to compete/present in Houston, USA in the near future. Also on the 9<sup>th</sup> our guest speaker will be Pat Armstrong to bring us up-to-date with the East Timor Lighting Project.

Reg Sheil and Warren Sparrow entertained and educated us on Monday with their presentation about Angel Flight/Earth Angels. This wonderful organisation of volunteers fly (Angel Flights) and transport (Earth Angels) sick people from all over Australia to the major cities for treatment completely free of cost. What a fantastic boon for people already 'doing it hard'.

### **Some dates for your diaries.**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Film Night

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April – WFM

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Pat Armstrong – “East Timor Lighting Project”

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Blackburn Market

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Board Meeting

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April -Cluster Volunteering Forum

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Apprentice Awards

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Youth Citizenship Awards

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Tree Planting at Blackburn Lake 9.30 – 11.30am

### **Did You Know?**

How many people do you know who suffer from 'Nomophobia'? Heaps, I'll bet.

*Nomophobia n.* The fear of being out of mobile phone contact.

**Remember - Rotary: Making a Difference - is not just a theme it is what we do.**

## **Meeting Report 26 March**

Meeting was attended by 13 members and 2 guests.

The sergeant's session raised \$28.70 in fines, and the raffle raised \$50.00 even.

First draw in the raffle was won by Barb Williams.

The guest speakers for the night were Reg Sheil and Warren Sparrow, from Angel Flight. The charity was started in 2003 by Bill Bristow, a successful Australian businessman who was the Australian of the Year in 2005 and has been awarded an OAM for his services to Australia in recognition of his work in creating the Angel Flight charity. He was a pilot and plane owner, and wanted a way to make use of a resource sitting idle, help people, and provide an opportunity for volunteers to be able to witness the impact their efforts had.

Angel Flight focuses on helping Australians in rural and regional areas who must travel long distances to access specialised medical services unavailable where they live. Long journeys by car or train can be exhausting and expensive for the patients and their families, and the stress and anxiety can be an impediment to their being given the best chance at recovery.

The charity has low overheads of about 15 per cent, and a very small staff of six in a single office. The office staff coordinate up to 20 round-trips per day, and manage a volunteer network of about 3000 pilots and 4000 drivers from their headquarters in Fortitude Valley. Clients are referred to the Angel Flight organisation by the medical professional who is treating them.



The volunteers, both sky and land-based, are compensated for the fuel used, but nothing else. Most pilot volunteers own their own small planes, and make themselves available by signing up for ‘missions’ to bring specific patients to their destination on a specific day and time to attend their appointments. Volunteering for a mission is not a guarantee that a driver or pilot will be assigned that mission, but many volunteers for Angel Flight have been able to make trips with the same patients over multiple missions, sometimes this may be hundreds of trips.

Reg and Warren work mostly between Essendon Airport and the Albury area, but have also traveled to other areas in Victoria, including Mallacoota, and some parts of NSW, including Merimbula and Hay.

The planes are often small, and can be affected by bad weather, which means that sometimes flights are cancelled or delayed. The size of the planes also puts the patients in very close contact with the pilots. The drivers also develop an emotional bond with the patients and families. Warren spoke of waiting with the partners or parents of a patient during medical appointments. Not all patients recover, and while it can be very emotional for a volunteer to know that a patient they’ve come to know well has passed away, neither Reg nor Warren believe that remaining dispassionate about the people they help is possible. There is an emotional care component to the volunteering, in addition to the practicalities of logistics. Angel Flight receives no government funding, nor does it have a fundraising department. Direct donations by individuals, bequests, and some corporate support provide the money Angel Flight needs to keep going. Sometimes, the community in the town where an Angel Flight client lives will host a fundraiser to maintain support for the organisation.

Mike

### **Sergeant’s Reflection 26 March 2018**

The Coodabeen Brothers have a simple philosophy. “Too much sport is never enough.” The events of yesterday really tested that thought. Did you feel shame, anger and embarrassment when you reflected on what happened in South Africa? After a while, I started to question whether we put too much emphasis on sport in our community. Should we encourage people to look elsewhere for our heroes. Cricket holds a unique place in the psyche of Australia. We were brought up hearing –“ It’s simply not cricket”- when someone did something out of place. “The captain of the Australian Cricket team is the most important job in Australia”- we were told by an ex-Prime Minister. The young man who held that position was the best player of his generation. Why would he indulge in such inappropriate behaviour? Was it a brain fade or something much more sinister? Should Cricket Australia and we have seen this coming? The Australian team for a few years has been hated and disliked around the world. Aggressive fast bowlers have been mouthing off at the batsman after almost every ball. It has been- win at all costs.

This incident has become huge because we see it damaging the integrity and honour, not just of cricket, but all Australian sport. Oh, the shame. Many times, when scandal and skulduggery has been exposed, Australia sets itself piously above the fray. Cricket Australia has to be aware that cheat is a stain that never washes out of the baggy green. It can't shove this episode down its jocks. Crazy stuff. It takes a lifetime to get a reputation, and a second to lose it.

Stuart

## Youth News

MUNA is being held in the Victorian Parliament on May 5 & 6. We have two teams competing. All welcome.

## Footy tipping

We have 23 participants. Melanie Haley (Hope Katolo founder ) topped the table in round one--9. How? We had 7 who picked 8. At the bottom is Muzza (Stuart's brother).

Seven dollars from each tipster goes toward Hope Katolo.

Good luck for the rest of the season.

Stuart suggests that entry into the footy tipping should be done by EFT (if you would like to use it)

The bank account is our fundraising account, so **DO NOT** put the money in the account used for annual subs.

The account for Footy tipping is Bendigo Bank, RCFH Fundraising a/c, BSB 633 000, a/c no. 1418 41338

Warwick

## WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET

The roster for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April is

7.30 to 9.00 Mike Finke

9.00 to 11.00 Barb Williams

11.00 to 12.30 Bob Williams

Many thanks to them

Don't forget RCFH is doing the egg and bacon stall on second Sunday in **May** so I will be needing your names on the list when the sheet comes around at our next meeting

Warwick

## Volunteering with Rotary

VOLUNTEERING MEETING -- 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Bill and I are sending out letters to business owners and residents in the Whitehorse area, but I need names, so please if everyone gives me 2 or 3 names and addresses, we will have plenty. I need them by Wednesday evening. So far there are about 10 to go out.

Warwick

**Wednesday 18th April from 6.30 pm**  
**Whitehorse Council Offices**  
**Waratah Room**  
**379/397 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading**  
**RSVP: 10<sup>th</sup> April**  
**to Bill Marsh: [bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au)**

## Rotary Club of Mitcham Cup Day BBQ.

For 2018, we are fortunate to have been offered the use of Taralye in Blackburn Rd Blackburn. We plan to distribute the net proceeds as to 1/2 to Taralye and 1/2 to Aqua Box.

Please suggest to your members that they keep the date free.

More details nearer the event.

Ron Frederick Secretary RC Mitcham.

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

April                      Maternal & Child Health  
May                        Youth



## GIANT MONOPOLY



### Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)

Major players in the global struggle to eradicate malaria have recognised that we have reached a cross-road. Despite the impressive 60% reduction in the annual death toll from malaria since 2000 and the steady stream of countries achieving local malaria elimination progress seems to have stalled.

Many recognise that now is the time for sustained resurgent activity to achieve malaria elimination for all time.

Bill Gates is lobbying for a 2025 date for elimination in SE Asia and the Pacific as well as urging the Australian Government to take leadership to accelerate the programs.

The 1st Malaria World Congress will be held in Melbourne (July 1-5 2018) and David Pearson has been appointed to the International Advisory Board for the Conference Committee.

The Congress is shaping up to be a very important and timely meeting at which RAM will be represented, highlighting the success of our ongoing programs in PNG and The Solomons and our commitment to assist Timor Leste to quickly achieve malaria free certification through support from a US \$240,000 Global Grant.

Also of note is the successful fundraising for the Malaria Vaccine Project which is expected to meet the \$500,000 target”

John Gander

### Rotary Charity Business Breakfast

Thursday 27 April

Keynote Speaker:

Susan Alberti, AC

Director,

AFL National Women's League

Advisory Group

2017 Melbournian of the Year

Former Vice President, Western Bulldogs Football Club

Details from Bob L

### Mitcham Community House

Our club is mentioned in the Mitcham Community House Annual report at the top of page 6 with ours and Mitcham's donations being crucial to developing the new grandparent/playgroup session.

### ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to [rlaslett76@gmail.com.au](mailto:rlaslett76@gmail.com.au) by 5 pm Wednesday please.