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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

25 March 2019

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<b>CLUB PROGRAM</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>
25 Mar	Traps & Pitfalls from working at home <i>David McIvor (with Grace)</i>	Bob Laslett	Barbara Williams
1 Apr	Investing <i>Jarrold Bailey</i>	Chris Tuck	Stuart Williams
8 Apr	PETS MDPELDS <i>Stuart Williams</i>	Sue Ballard	Mike Finke
15 Apr	RAG Family Violence <i>Tony Monley</i>	John Bindon?	Chris Tuck

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations for club anniversary to John Donaghey (April 1)- not an April Fool! Hearty congratulations to new member Ian.

## DUTY ROSTER

	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	Ray Smith	Bob Williams
<b>Greeter</b>	John Bindon	Barbara Searle
<b>Emergency</b>	John Donaghey	Warwick Stott
<b>Cashier</b>	Bill Marsh	Sue Ballard

## 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

## Mike's Musings

Way, way back in the dim and distant past, when I was a mere callow youth, I was exposed to the physics concept of 'static' and 'dynamic' friction. It doesn't just 'feel' harder to get a piece of furniture moving across a carpeted floor, it is. You must apply a force to get something to move; the force required to keep it moving is significantly less.

We heard about RAWCS on Monday. A lot of the projects which are funded and organised using this structure are big and impressive. There are challenges in taking on new things. But RCFH can rightly say we have some runs on the board right now. We're growing. We're adding new projects and members. We're reaching out to other clubs in our cluster and district. We've successfully started moving across the floor. That was the hardest part. All we must do now is keep it going.

### **Calls to action/Coming up (some repeats)**

- The club has been asked for some assistance with the District 9810 Assembly on Sunday, 19 May. If you are willing and able to help with setting it up, please let me know so I can inform our incoming DG that we have a crack team assembled. Two volunteers have been secured, but I'm sure we can use more.
- The absolutely real and three-dimensional Bunnings Barbecue hosted by our club will be on the 22nd of April, Easter Monday. We will not be stuffing sausages into hot cross buns; standard operating procedures apply. Please line up, sign up and re-enlist today. Rope in friends and family if needs be; there are still plenty of blank spots.
- Stay tuned for an email re the First Friday Film Fellowship.
- Dob in extra names for our 'auxiliary and friends' network email list.

### **Please mark your calendars with the following:**

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| • Tuesday, 26 March                | Hangan Constructions Vocational Visit |
| • Saturday, 13 April               | Blackburn Market                      |
| • Sunday, 14 April                 | Whitehorse Farmers Market             |
| • Monday, 22 April (Easter Monday) | Bunnings Barbecue                     |
| • Sunday, 19 May                   | District Assembly                     |

## Meeting report March 18

We had 18 including our soon- to- be- inducted member, Ian, his wife Vicki and visitor for the third time, Jaffy, plus of course our guest speaker, Gloria.

Mike's reflection was about the "Autumn Years" and reminded us that his President's year is closer to the end than the start.

He reminded us about our upcoming Bunnings BBQ on Easter Monday 22nd April. Mike registered a Gmail address some 2 years ago seeking community feedback for projects and has his first response favouring homelessness. Another advertisement for our square reader education as students have been a bit thin on the ground.

*Reports* secretary Bob hasn't heard anything about a Rotary involvement for Christchurch. Warwick had zilch to say as treasurer. Sue is to attend a Shine On event and is seeking anyone else to also attend. Sue reminded us of the Hangan visit 26 March and RYDA day tomorrow. Mike advised we would try Forest Hill for a dinner/movie night to see on take up. John Bindon showed us a short video on his grandkids team of robotic makers and their Australian success leading to their International competition. Unfortunately their equipment let them down somewhat but they did have their audiences singing and clapping along with them and they overcame. Thanks John that was great to see. John Mc told us of the success of our last Blackburn station market raising \$1,008. Wow! He wants RAMS to be a focus of a future market. Stuart spoke of his attendance at Rotary's training seminar on the weekend with our District being a leader in Youth activities (particularly our club). He urged everyone to join our footy tipping comp. Bill shared the great news that his daughter's latest scan shows her free of cancer.

Induction of Ian Teese by Pres Mike and from Ian's later correct answers to the sergeant's question time he looks certain to considerably raise the IQ of our club!

Ray advised of a wood turning exhibition (including many of his wonderful works of art) on Saturday 23 March at 129 Koonung Road Blackburn.

Sergeant session raised \$38-40.



Gloria is a member of Emerald and District club and RAWCS District Chair plus Southern Region RAM Coordinator and interim National RAM secretary, so a busy lady.

Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWCS) is a part of Rotary we all know a little about and Gloria ably told us a lot more. It has raised over \$18m a year for the last two years offering tax deductible donations for members, public and organisations. They supply training for RAWCS programs and seek volunteers for their projects although our district doesn't have any on at the moment. These projects are for building amenities overseas, maintenance and training locals. All volunteers are covered by Rotary insurance.

Clubs can register an overseas project partnering with an overseas club for a project within RAWCS guidelines. Check the RAWCS website.

Donations in Kind (DIK) is another great Rotary project with warehouses at Footscray and Geelong. (Stuart and I are attending the Footscray open day on Saturday). A club can sponsor a second-hand hospital bed for \$200 or 6 for \$1,000 to send overseas to needy countries. RAMS we are also aware of and have made a donation as it is our DG partner project this year. Rotary has recently raised \$500,000 for further research into Malaria. Gloria spoke of Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund providing assistance to developing countries and Rotary Australia Benevolent Fund, for projects as identified by DFAT. Rotary also runs a Rotary Australia Relief fund to aid Australian disasters.

We now know a lot more about RAWCS and associated programs so thank you Gloria.

Our club currently runs a RAWCS account for any donations towards equipment for the South Sudan School (with water bore and toilets), we helped to build with Manningham club, which is now taking on students

Raffle raised \$71-90 with prizes won by Barbara W, Barbara S and Mike.

A good job chair Bill as we kept pretty well to time. Bob W

### **President's Reflection 18 March**

We are now in autumn, and it feels like it. There are pleasant days and chilly mornings and evenings. The days are getting shorter and, for those of us who drive, the sun is

uncomfortably low in the sky for an increasing percentage of the day.

Old age, or older age, is sometimes referred to as, 'The Autumn Years' of one's life. That may be either insulting or flattering, depending on how one takes it. It points to the fact that things are coming to an end. But it also brings to mind the vibrant colours of those things that have made it through a summer that may have been full of heat and drought, have produced some flowers and fruit and are now showing off the gold and red and rich browns of the new season.

We all need a rest and some change. It is also the autumn of the Rotary year. There are a few leaves left on the tree of this presidency, but the end is nigh. And, just like the perennials that go into hibernation every year, it will be born again in a couple of months under our new President. Autumn is a sign that renewal is just around the corner. Each season brings with it the promise of the next one and the one after that.



### **Ian's Induction**

Ian Teese was an almost-accidental recruit. He wasn't the originally identified target of our membership night, if I understand correctly. Glenys originally thought his wife might be interested. Second, we'd originally targeted him for a satellite club. But here we are, with a new Rotarian in our club who brings with him a rich history of service and project management and strong ethical character. Plus, perhaps as importantly, he has a good sense of humour.

I have heard serendipity described as, 'Digging for worms and finding diamonds.' The original plan didn't pan out, but we still wound up with a gem of a new member. Imagine if we hadn't started digging at all.

Ian, we're incredibly honoured for your decision to join us and we give you the honour of our

association and friendship. Welcome to our club.

## **OPEN DAY**

Koonung Woodturning Guild Open Day Saturday 23rd March 10 am - 4pm  
129 Koonung Road Blackburn North  
Ray

## **HANGAN VISIT**

The visit is on March 26

The start time is 5pm and address is Factory 8, 36 New Street Ringwood.

Contact Sue if you would like to go.

## **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Day 19 March**

Sue, Barbara W, Stuart, our “Friends of Rotary” couple, Anna and Hans plus Bob W attended the day at Sandown Greyhound track. Barbara was making breakfasts at Forest Hill Secondary so with the help of her fellow brekky maker, John McPhee they were able to quickly clean up at the end and she got to Sandown soon after 9-30.

We had four schools attending with at least one, Alkira attending for the first time and speaking to one of their teachers at the end, they will certainly be attending again.

A few new formats for some of the six sessions of Road Choices, The “I” in Drive, Genevieve’s story, Crash Investigators, Hazards and Distractions and Speed and Stopping (this is the only session outside as it involves a real vehicle with the presenters explaining safety features of cars, tyre tread minimums, the safe distances to be behind other cars and stopping distances).

One of the presenters for the session “Crash Investigators” is Anat, a young lady who was driving when tired and crashed avoiding a dog many years ago. As she is brain damaged and walks with aids she slowly told us (as speaking is difficult for her) of her full life before the crash with her three jobs, four community volunteering involvements, Uni success, travel, wide group of friends etc to now having to have a carer, failing memory, having to remember to even swallow so a complete turn-around (although as it was her right side of her brain affected she has been able to learn a new language). As always with her session you can hear the proverbial “pin drop” as everyone is in awe of what she is saying and the agonising after effects of that one poor decision to drive when tired then to try and avoid a dog on the road.

Anna coped with some lively “special” students in her group.

Again, we all learned something new to assist even us older drivers with being more aware on the roads

The RYDA organisers and presenters are always so caring, professional and positive so always a treat to be involved with everyone.

We have further opportunities in May/June for further days so please try and assist.

Thanks to all and particularly to our mates Anna and Hans who continue to assist our club.

Bob W

## **A TASTE OF TANZANIA**

an African inspired dinner, raising funds for severely disadvantaged youth

[www.umojatanzania.org](http://www.umojatanzania.org)

Saturday 30 March Koonung Secondary College 7pm

For more information contact:

Phone: 0438833917 Email: david\_winter1954@hotmail.com

\$60 per person

includes tasting plates of Tanzanian food and fun!

BYO drinks

RC MASH project



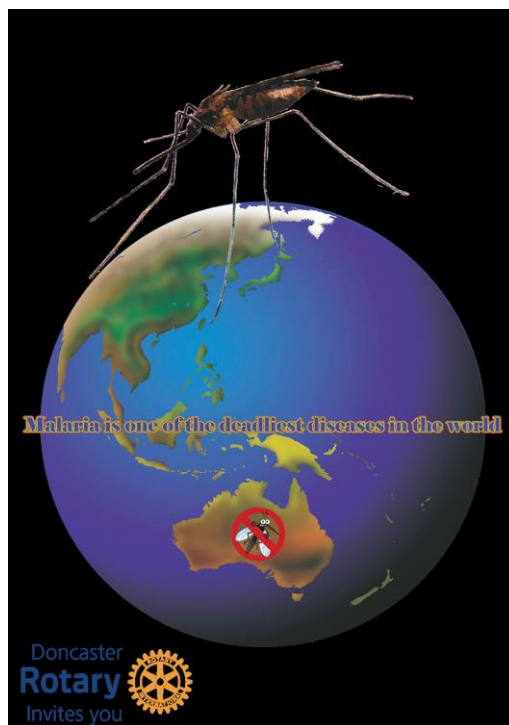
## RAM PROJECT

Doncaster Rotary is please to invite you to a special FUNDRAISING lunch on **Saturday 18th May 2019** at **Karralyka**, Ringwood East to highlight our drive to support MALARIA research. In 2017, there were an estimated 219 million cases of malaria in 90 countries. Malaria deaths reached 435,000 in 2017.

Master M.C. Warwick Merry will bring fun and energy to the lunch

Associate Prof Justin Boddy is Head of Infection and Immunity at the internationally respected Walter and Eliz Hall Institute

Professor Edward Ogden PSM is a forensic physician with extensive experience in general practice. He will present some practical advice on avoiding malaria infection when travelling.



## FOOTY TIPPING

Join in the fun

It is time to sign up for the club's Footy Tipping competition. Competition is called Kickgoals19

Go to [www.footytips.com.au](http://www.footytips.com.au)

Click on competition name Kickgoals19, Create password and competition name. Attached are the rules and guidelines



Kickgoals19.docx

Please pay me \$30 later.

Please approach family, friends, neighbours, acquaintances. Being in a tipping comp adds to the fun of the football season. Having little knowledge CAN BE AN ADVANTAGE.

Hope to see your name on the list soon.

Stuart Williams

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Last week it was Barb and John Mc that wielded their culinary implements and this week it is Barb and Glenys.

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health

## ARTICLES

Please forward your prize-winning articles and others to [rlaslett76@gmail.com](mailto:rlaslett76@gmail.com) by 5pm Wednesday