



**Rotary**  
Club of Forest Hill



## 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>
21 <sup>st</sup> March	<i>Miranda Roediger</i> <b>Board Meeting</b>	Stuart Williams	Bill Marsh
28 <sup>th</sup> March	No meeting (Easter Monday)		
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Walter & Eliza Hall visit	Bob Laslett	Bob Laslett
11 <sup>th</sup> April	SRI LANKA holidays	Bill Marsh	John McPhee

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

22<sup>nd</sup> March John McPhee Club anniversary (34 years)



### DUTY ROSTER

	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>
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

**Pres Bob is collecting USED STAMPS and FOREIGN COINS/NOTES for UNICEF while Ron is overseas**

## BOB'S BANTER

Although no meeting this week we still have lots on.

The Jazz Museum visit went really well thanks to Stuart's organising and persistence. Kevin and Lynne Grigsbey brought their neighbour Jim, and we all had a great time as there is so much going on in that rather bland looking Wantirna building. Stuart's report covers. I had two of Stuart's and my mates come along, Brian and Russell and Russell even joined up as a Jazz museum member he was so impressed with it all. I did embarrass Russell by asking him to tell some Jazz Museum volunteers there of his "pivotal" on screen performance in the recent movie, "The Dressmaker" delivering his one line of dialogue as the taxi driver in his 15 second appearance. He was the "vehicle wrangler" for the movie and was asked to also briefly appear. The concert had us all toe tapping/nodding our heads/ tapping our fingers, or all three in my case. A few of the Jazz volunteers there are off to Inverloch this weekend for the Jazz long weekend in town so I hope to see them there.

If I was giving a score out of ten for the meeting reports in the newsletter I would give Mike's recent masterpiece an eleven. I don't think I've ever read a more comprehensive and interesting report.

Barbara emailed Mike to say that even if she hadn't been at the meeting, she would have felt like she was, from his marvellous report. Mike soaked up all the memories we gave about Stan during our last meeting and then totally "nailed it" with his allegory (thanks Mike I'll file that word away for future use) about Stan being like a groundskeeper preparing and nurturing new members to make our club (garden) robust and healthy. Great work Mike.

We have our usual full second weekend of the month with both our Blackburn station market Saturday and our Whitehorse Farmers' market Sunday. As arranged with our cluster and the council, we are donating all proceeds (Whitehorse council is also foregoing their usual fees) from the WFM to the Fiji appeal, so that's wonderful. Thank you to all volunteers.

I picked up our club pull up banner from Don Sweeney of Box Hill Central as he had it on stage at the Women's International Breakfast last Wednesday and Don reported that the event went really well and our students we sponsored were recognised by the chair and even supplied a question for one of the speakers. Terrific!

Anyone who hasn't registered for "My Rotary" can you please check through Ron's advice in the newsletter?

A further reminder 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.

Eight of us are attending the Rotary conference in Shepparton the 18/19/20<sup>th</sup> March and if I'm fined for any misdemeanours I'm sure they are not true!

Even though he (they) is leaving on the 16th to see son Nicholas marry in Dubai, Ron is still sending out this newsletter so thank you for your dedication Ron.

The stand in editor (me) is coming in off the interchange bench and would like lots and lots of contributors just to show Ron that we don't fall in a heap when he nicks off.

Depending on when you read this I hope you did/will enjoy the long weekend and remember that our next meeting is the 21<sup>st</sup> March where will hear from Miranda Roediger plus conference attendees will give a short summary of the weekend. We will have a brief (with Ron away) board meeting to follow our dinner meeting and remember for board members to please send your reports to stand in secretary, Bill.

*President Bob*

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

## DIARY DATES

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> April Malaria Awareness Day

Sat/Sun 30<sup>th</sup>Apr/1<sup>st</sup>May MUNA weekend

**28<sup>th</sup> May/1<sup>st</sup> June RI CONVENTION, SEOUL, KOREA**

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> June Multi District function to farewell Ian Riseley (RI Pres '17-'18)

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

(not really but as there was no meeting, this was the closest we got to one)

### Club visit to the Australian Jazz Museum – Koomba Park, Wantirna

Fifteen people came along and were delighted with this historical musical treasure on our doorsteps. We were given a guided tour of the buildings that house a re-recording studio, and rooms of musical and paper based archives. There is a small shop selling CD's. The museum's main focus is Australian Jazz. It claims to hold the complete collection of Australian Jazz. The museum, established 19 years ago, also has a very large collection of "overseas Jazz" stored in hundreds of boxes.

Sixty volunteers run the operation and the volunteers and members along with group visits help cover the \$40,000 annual running costs. Old records, cassettes, videos and CD's are copied onto a digital server. They run "jazz workshops" for under 25's and over 25's helping preserve this musical form.



After the tours we were entertained by a superb 7 piece Jazz Band. This highly talented group of artists thrilled us with their talent and style. A hat playing piano player, a gravelly voiced singer and , and ... so good. They had us tapping our feet, singing along and just smiling at the joy and pleasure they get from "jamming together." They entertained us with swing, romantic ballads, standards and some blues. All played without sheet music and with style, verve and pleasure. A very enjoyable 45 minute private concert. The band even played Happy Birthday for Russell Medhurst who had joined our visit on his birthday.

We then had a pleasant lunch.

Thanks to those who supported us, especially to Kevin and Lyn Grigsbey and their friend Jim. Thanks also to our old Apex mates Brian and Russell. Something different but a real musical treat. .... And the memories of Judy Jacques singing at the Saturday night dances, Smacka Fitzgibbon, Graeme Bell , Lazy Ade .... mmm memories.

*Stuart Williams*

It was an interesting place as the local government let them have a "large garden shed" at a peppercorn rent. They have then installed three shipping containers fully insulated and virtually fireproof. They make three copies of every Australian jazz tune they get. The gold is stored away and never touched, the platinum is played by members, the

third is stored off site. If they get a an old record, they compare it to the one they have and if it is better then it becomes the "best". Now that the NSW Jazz museum has closed down and they have received the collection, they truly can say they are the Australian Jazz Museum.



A seven piece jazz band (unfortunately the piano player had his back to me)

[www.ajm.org.au](http://www.ajm.org.au)

*Ron Brooks*

## FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

Robbie & Glenys were into toasties last Tuesday at Forest Hill with Ben and Emily doing the chatting to students. Robbie will be having her breakfast made for her over the next eight weeks.

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 and 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 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 and Last name and your 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 then 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.

So far, Ron, Mike, Glenys, Bob L, Bill, John Mc, Ray, Warwick, Chris, Stuart, & Bob W have registered. Just need those final few to get us over the line.



## FOOTY TIPPING

Start chasing your friends to join our **Rotary Tipping** competition. So easy. Only 5 minutes per week. Only \$30. Approx \$7 of that goes to Hope Katolo in Kenya. The more we have involved, the more fun and the bigger the prize.

Stuart sent me an email yesterday to go with the following instructions

Hi all

You might need a password to get into Footytips -- Comp: Forest Hill Rotary

Password : sausages

### Instructions,

1. - Go to [www.footytips.com.au](http://www.footytips.com.au)
2. - Log on if you were in the competition last year You will probably be asked to re-activate your account by confirming your email address.
3. - If you were not in the competition last year click on "register" - then complete the details as requested.
4. Hover cursor over competitions --a blue box. Click on search or type Forest Hill Rotary. I don't believe you need a password. Click - Join Comp
5. It might be worthwhile clicking on -Strast tipping Now.... and complete your selections for round one. It gets busy near the start of the season. You can log in once you know the teams and edit your TIPS before round ONE if need be.

### How to Tip

Click on "Tipping" at the top of the page and the AFL. Then enter your tips. Remember to click on SUBMIT TIPS at the bottom of the page. If you forget to enter your tips then all is not lost - you will receive the average score for the round minus ONE tip.

Stuart Williams

## VISIT TO WALTER AND ELIZA HALL INSTITUTE (WEHI)

Members, partners and friends are invited to visit this renowned facility on 4 April at 6.30 sharp. As part of the tour you will meet with a scientist, hear about their latest research and tour through their laboratory. The tours usually run for approximately one hour, and also include an overview of the history and other research areas at the institute. The tours are held at the institute, which is located at 1G Royal Parade, Parkville (behind the Royal Melbourne Private Hospital).

There is limited car parking on our forecourt, and 10 car parks can be provided on our institute forecourt for the visit. There is more parking available in the Royal Melbourne Hospital car park beside the institute if needed. We plan to dine in Lygon Street after the tour is complete.

Please advise Bob Laslett on or before Monday 21 March

## FOREST HILL WEBSITE [www.foreshillrotary.com](http://www.foreshillrotary.com)

We had **17 visitors** to the website last week & 87 the previous week. 110 page likes for the week. 67 looked at the **Blackburn market site last month**.

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?
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## 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. I spoke with him during the week. He says he is being looked after extremely well by loads of dedicated staff at Kellock Lodge. There is a good chance he'll be having a few days in Box Hill or Epworth as they may decide to take out his gall bladder. If so, I've asked him to give Pres Bob a ring (0448-149-106) so people have a chance to catch up with him.

## 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.**

### **Tips for Thailand... or for travelling to Sth East Asia.**

1. Wear closed shoes. Track/sneakers or Crocs. Large well fed RATS regularly scurry across footpaths. Footpaths are treacherous with loose pavers, holes, uneven surfaces. Footpaths are used for everything , except walking.
2. A collared-long sleeve shirt is very useful for night wear/ cabarets/ dances etc. It is often cooler at night. Make sure the material is THIN, and light. It must be easy to dry. Guests/ acquaintances will appreciate it if you have dressed up for a special occasion.
3. Wash and dry clothes in the shower and your hotel room or balcony. Everything needs to be quick drying – socks/ underwear/ T-shirts. Heavy cotton is no good.
4. Carry wallet in front jeans pocket. Take precautions against pick-pockets. There are millions of people. People crushes are common on trains/ buses etc.
5. Taxis are very cheap but insist on TAXI METER. Make sure the driver does not turn the meter off. Always negotiate Tuk Tuk /Motor Bike prices first. These operators are often rip-off merchants. For a single person a lift on the back of a motor-bike is cheap(but can be danderous)
6. Use handbags when out and about. Bum bags are out of date. Carry extra water on or in your bag. Never leave bag hanging over the side of Tuk Tuk . Bag snatching is common place. Put the strap around your neck –not just on your shoulder.
7. Driving –but not in Bangkok – is OK. People do not give way, Check your insurance, there are many rip-offs. Think about what will happen if you have a breakdown, or a police episode. How will you communicate. English is not widely spoken.
8. Eating in the streets is fine BUT make sure you watch your food being cooked. Do not eat the stuff that has been sitting on the stall rack and has gone cold and had 100 flies visit it.
9. Fresh fruit – pineapple / bananas/ mango etc in bags is good and healthy.
10. Ice-drinks are OK from big chains Starbucks/ Amazon coffee etc. Frappe are better, Svensons fill glass with large ice blocks and only 10% coffee. It can be expensive ice. Ice blocks scooped out of big plastic drums can be a health hazard. Filtered water is safe, tap water is not safe to drink or have as ice. Many people even use bottled water to clean their teeth.
11. Money is EVERYTHING. People will do anything for money/ be nice for money/ If no money they quickly disappear. “No money- no honey” People are very poor by our standards... they earn little. Tips, 100 baht (approx. \$4 ) are very acceptable. 2,000 to 3,000 baht is the weekly wage.
12. English is not widely spoken. A lot of it is “occupational English) many workers can say and understand a FEW words related to their work –eg food/ waitresses, but general conversation is difficult.
13. In Bangkok the BTS (Skytrain) and MRT ( underground ) are excellent and very easy to use and master. A “rabbit card” –pre-paid is ideal. You skip queues for change and tickets each trip. Learn the END stations, so that you get the train going in the correct direction. Most announcements are in Thai and English,

14. Bargain for goods. Sellers will often come down 30% or more. Walk away if you believe they are charging too much.
15. SUN – it is always HOT. Walk in the shade. I find caps/hats a nuisance as they make your head very hot. An umbrella is better. Sunglasses are useful.
16. Plumbing is interesting. You will have to push/ pull or twist your taps. Check before you jump into the shower that you can get water where you want it.
17. Be careful crossing roads. There are virtually no rules. Pedestrians have NO RIGHTS. Pedestrian crossings and often red lights are for decoration. Drivers can turn left through red lights. Tuk Tuk drivers and motor bikes do not stop.

Stuart Williams

## 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 **Arts Centre, Amcor Lounge** was the scene for “**McAlister in Conversation**” last Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March. These 1 hr friendly chats take place during each ballet production and cost \$20 (which includes a glass of bubbly or soft drink). David McAlister spoke to Leanne Stojmenov. She was originally from Perth and became a principal artist in 2011 with the Australian ballet. She has danced Odette in Swan Lake, Suzuki in Mde Butterfly, Juliet in Graeme Murphy’s Romeo & Juliet, and Clara in Nutcracker. She has just come back to dancing after almost a years break to have Max (who is now 7 ½ months old).



Ron & Robbie sailed out to the **South Channel Fort** last weekend in a 27ft two masted boat (C152). This ia a unique and highly significant 19<sup>th</sup> century artificial island built during the 1880’s as part of a strategic defence network. It contains gun emplacements, a labyrinth of underground passages and a magnificent panoramic view over the Bay. It is an important breeding site for the white faced storm petrel. In its hey day, over 100 officers and men lived and worked there. As it was such a calm day, we then sailed out of the heads

before returning via Mud Island

## 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

## CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

		<b>2015-16</b>
<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
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## 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.