

# Rotary

Club of Forest Hill



## The Flyer 2016-2017



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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

### CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
17 Apr	No meeting- Easter Monday		
24 Apr	No meeting- Anzac Day		
1 May	New members evening	Bill Marsh	Warwick Stott
8 May	Barbara Searle	Ron Brooks	Bob Williams
15 May	Club Forum	Bill Marsh	Bob Laslett
22 May	Apprentice Awards	Chris Tuck	Stuart Williams

### CELEBRATIONS

A Big -O birthday for John McPhee (April 26) and a wedding anniversary for Ron and Robbie Brooks (April 28). Hearty congratulations to all three.

### DUTY ROSTER

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

## 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 or phone the office 5770-2100 and ask for Don.

## PRESIDENT JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Another great night last Monday when we were taken back in time to Rev John Flynn and the birth of the Flying Doctor Service, through to its current world- leading provision of medical services to remote communities. The service came about because of the vision of one man and his dedication along with dedicated service of those who have followed him. Thank you, Annette Allison OAM for a most informative presentation. We also were addressed by Gwen De Lacy, a staff member of Berengarra School on the proposal for assistance in establishing a drama/media facility in their school to provide a 'Golden Space' to engage with students with special needs.

Our raffle raised about \$73.00 and the fines bowl about \$40.00

Coming up – Membership night 1<sup>st</sup> May. Time is coming up fast. Please give every effort to support your membership committee.

RAM fundraiser 28<sup>th</sup> April

Rotaract Monopoly 29<sup>th</sup> April

District Assembly May 21<sup>st</sup> at Burwood Campus of Deacon Uni. The Assembly includes a special segment for new Rotarians who are encouraged to attend.

Peridot Theatre 7<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets now on sale. Go for it//

From the Board, we are reminded that updating of working with children needs attention and if help is required, online services are planned for Monday 15 May. Risk assessments required for all club activities and service chair persons will need to follow through.

We are also advised that the nominee as DG following Russell Gurney will be Shia Smart from MASH. John

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING APRIL 10

It was a busy night with 2 speakers so the Sergeant's Session was not held.

Ron Brooks was Chairman for the night.

### Reports

1. District Assembly is on May 21 at Deakin University Burwood.

2. Peridot Theatre, major fund raising night is on June 8.

3. Thanks to those who assisted with the WFM Egg and Bacon Stall. The takings were down due to bad weather. Also the takings were down on the Blackburn Market and are not expected to improve while we are in the back carpark.

4. Ron Brooks reported he has delivered 3 times 60kg of foreign coins to UNICEF (value \$5400) with more coming.

5. We have received a number of applications for NYSF and names of 3 students for the Apprentice Awards from Box Hill TAFE for our presentation at our Club meeting in May.



Our first speaker was **Gwendolyn De Lacy from the Berengarra School in Box Hill.**

This was an important presentation as our Club currently has before it a funding request for support for the development of a theatre for their drama program. The support requested includes the purchase of theatre drapes blinds etc.

The Berengarra School takes students that cannot fit into normal state school programs because of learning and behavioural problems such as delayed learning, traumatism and autism.

As most students have normal IQ Government funding is difficult to obtain.

The school conducts various programs for the students to create opportunities with the goal to re-engage the students into the community and in some cases to assist gaining places in standard schools.

The Drama program commenced 2.5 years ago and aims to build self-confidence, provide an emotional release, improve memory and provide fun for the students.

Gwendolyn then provided an example of a student who through this drama program had then been able to participate in theatre groups outside the school.



**The second speaker was Annette Allison from The Royal Flying Doctor Service.**

Annette who is the Public Relations Manager Victoria for The Royal Flying Doctor Service gave a very well prepared and informative presentation regarding the service.

Some highlights of her presentation were:

1. It costs \$290 million to run the service;
2. The service flies all over Australia;
3. It was founded by John Flynn, a school teacher and pastor;
4. The first flight was in 1928 in a plane from QANTAS;
5. The creation of the pedal wireless at the same time was of great benefit for communication;
6. Today the air fleet consists of 32 Pilatus and 34 King Air aircraft as well as a jet;
7. A new Pilatus aircraft costs \$6m and \$1m to fit out (USA Dollars);
8. These planes can be described as an ICU in a telephone box and the facilities carried enables minor surgery to be carried out;
9. Each year some 800 patients per day are assisted or approx. 300,000 per year which is equivalent to a major Melbourne hospital;
10. Services include assistance with heart conditions, road, domestic and industrial accidents, diabetes management, and inter hospital transportation;
11. The service has expanded in Victoria with a recent acquisition of a transport company;
12. Other services include education programs, outback tours, mobile eye care and mobile dentistry to name a few and
13. In Victoria there is an aircraft located at Essendon Airport.

The only funding by State and Federal Governments is for 80% of operational costs. This explains why fund raising is so important to The Royal Flying Doctor Service.

C. F. Tuck

## **MEMBERSHIP**

# **THAT BLOKE (MALE OR FEMALE) YOU MET THE OTHER DAY – GO ON AND ASK THEM – THEY MAY SAY “I’VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT”**

(True story from Warwick)

## **Continuation of last week’s reports**

### **District 9810 Conference 2017 – Geelong**

#### **Session 3.**

Sunday Morning began with the Memorial service. This was beautifully done as usual by our friend and club member, Bob Laslett.

#### **Rotary Club Youth Programs session**

##### **Rotaract - Bianca Lobo**

Bianca talked about her involvement with Rotary and Monash Rotaract, and about how Rotaractors are very committed but that they need different types of engagement and to be more involved with District clubs. She urged Rotary to support Rotaract more fully.

Interact - Zoe Tang, Interact club of Doncaster for 4 years.

Interactors learn about where Youth can help make a difference. They are guided by a Club and its Rotarians

##### **Earlyactors - Darryl Moran,**

This program is designed to promote community responsibility, leadership and citizenship in Primary school age child members. It will focus on School, Local and International service.

Key adults including Rotarians will mentor Clubs, Earlyactors will begin in District 9810 soon.

#### **Youth Exchange**

Two Youth Exchange students spoke about what a wonderful experience this exchange has been for them.

Madeleine from Manningham went to Brazil when she was 14yrs old. She loved the experience and learned so much. Now returned she has developed many goals, better cultural understanding and empathy is improved.

4 way test - Marlene Sinclair. Marlene briefly discussed the program. It is partnered with Toastmasters, who are the judges.

Two speakers who came first and second in 4- way test 2016 then demonstrated their skills.

• Sophia: Women in the Workplace – the 4 Way Test when applied to this highlighted issues which Sophia urged must be addressed.

These included that women are still being belittled in the workplace, are spoken down to, and are often harassed.

To attain any career promotion heights in an organization they have to put in twice the effort men have to put

in. Despite now having greater representation in the workplace, they are almost but not quite reaching thru the glass ceiling.

Yet it is shown they bring lateral thinking and higher productivity. This treatment of women in the workplace does not pass the four- way test.

- Darcy: spoke on the gap in health and opportunities given to Aboriginal as opposed to Australian white schoolchildren and youth. He argued that at 16, due to discrimination against indigenous youth with usually poorer and more difficult learning surroundings, the Aboriginal youth is 20 x more likely to end up homeless and on Social Services.

District Governor Nominee Russell Gurney and his wife Shelley were then introduced and gave their vision for 2019.

Ken Barrett : bike ride to conference.

One week of Fellowship, food, fun, achievement.

In 2017 raised \$40,000! A great achievement!

Mike Rolls,

In 2009, as an 18 yr old, Mike was a sports person who was excelling in many key sports and was headed for great fame.

He suddenly developed meningococcal septicaemia, nearly losing his life.

After being unconscious for weeks he awoke to find he had lost both legs and half a hand. He was in hospital six months and came home ready to totally give up on life.

His father almost forced him to start participating in life again, and Mike today attributes his success in life to his father's efforts in those crucial early days.

Mike has recaptured his independence to live and laugh in the face of incredible adversity.

He now plays competition golf, recently competing in the World Disabled Golf Championships where he and his team claimed bronze.

He has climbed Melbourne's tallest building four years in a row to support Charities and is an Ambassador for Interplast.

His message is a great one:

- Never says 'can't' or 'no' – always 'yes, can do' and 'will do'.
- Make life choices – and make the right ones, and those that will make a difference.

RIPPR Karen Wentz. – the message from Karen and John F Germ is –

"grasp every opportunity to serve humanity. Share stories, take ideas and grow them".

" what you do with an idea can Change the World."

Governor Carol Lawton thanked RIPPR Karen Wentz and husband Ron and presented them with a gift of a hand-made Mallee root plate from a wood turner from Bayswater Club .

Finally,

This presentation made a profound effect on me, so I would like to share it with you.

Marcus came at the end of a long line-up of excellent speakers over the three days.

We were all just sitting back, quietly half listening when he started to speak, not expecting anything stunning or out of the ordinary.

How totally wrong we were....

Marcus Akuhata- Brown, is a New Zealander of Maori and European ancestry.

He has been involved in many worldwide programs, mainly to help underprivileged youth.

In New Zealand his work has focused on addressing the learning and developmental needs of youth at risk and working with young offenders through Learning Network, New Zealand.

From 1996 to 2004 Marcus travelled all over the World as a Diplomat, international representative and as a delegate at multicultural meetings on behalf of his country and people.

Marcus told us the story of his life with humor and pathos. He discussed his need to belong to his tribe, on his tribal land.

He told how he, like others in his family, was on the road to failure and defeat at an early age.

How he was figuratively hammered down hard into a box with the lid closed and how every time his head popped out of the box because he had succeeded it was tapped back down again.

He told how others of his community had given up.

He told how he finally made a life choice not to join a cousin (who had murdered someone) in jail.

He worked hard, became a School Prefect, went to Uni, - and was totally challenged. Almost gave up so many times. Then he found a goal - helping the young and downtrodden.

After many successes, he was sent to England to represent his community and met Prince Charles (another wonderful story)

This gave him the confidence to continue and he has never slipped backwards.

Some of his comments throughout his talk were these

- There are challenging issues for youth in both NZ and Aust.
- Young people become conditioned by the environment they grow up in.



- People need to feel they belong to someone, somewhere,
- We, the community, can make a difference.
- Are we prepared to go out of our comfort zones so that someone else's life can have purpose?
- We need to see the potential in 'whomever - wherever and whenever'.

'I am you, you are me- the decisions you make in your life at yr9-10 will affect your life forever.'

He then gave a quote from Nelson Mandela, which is attached.

He finished with Maori song, sung with his two sons.

It was a beautiful presentation and one that received a standing ovation.

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.  
It is our light, not our darkness that frightens us most.  
We ask ourselves "Who am I to be brilliant?"  
Actually, 'who are you NOT to be?  
You are a Child of God.  
Your playing small doesn't serve the world.  
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other  
people don't feel insecure around you.  
We were born to make manifest the glory of God  
that is within us.  
It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.  
And as we let our own light shine we give permission for  
others to do the same.  
As we are liberated from our fear our presence  
automatically liberates others.*

*Nelson Mandela*

## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT NIGHT

### Monday 1 May

Have you investigated possibly buying a new car? If so, did you ask the salesman if they are interested in learning more about Rotary

Have you asked your accountant, solicitor, car service manager, pharmacist, acquaintance in the park when walking the dog, plumber, electrician, son, daughter, neighbour if they would like to come to this meeting?

Please let John Mc, Bill or Warwick know who you have arranged to come on 1<sup>st</sup> May

## GOOD NEWS

Nancy Notman will be in Melbourne- 18 April - 11 May and plans to come to our meeting. It will be great to catch up with her.

## DIARY DATES

Fri 28 Apr	RAMs dinner
Sat 29 Apr	Giant Monopoly
Sun 21 May	District Assembly
Wed 7 June	Peridot

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Service

## ARTICLES

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