

# Rotary

Club of Forest Hill



## The Flyer 2016-2017



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Number 37

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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

### CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
8 May	Barbara Searle	Ron Brooks	Bob Williams
15 May	Club Forum	Bill Marsh	Bob Laslett
22 May	Apprentice Awards	Chris Tuck	Stuart Williams
29 May	Bucatini with partners		
5 June	YCA	Glenys Grant	Martine Macleod-Craig
12 June	No meeting- Queen's birthday		

### CELEBRATIONS

Best wishes to Martine Macleod- Craig for her birthday on May 7.

### 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

The second Membership drive night is now History and the proof of its success will be delivered over the next few weeks.

What a great night it was. The conversation level was extremely high and it was obvious that all had a great night with 13 guests attending. From a fellowship perspective it has been by far the best Rotary information night that I can recall in my 35 years in Rotary. Well done all. Thanks to our Rotary partners who each contributed so much to the fellowship and welcoming of our guests. Warwick, thank you for all your effort that has gone into the planning and execution of the night. A job very well done. Rotarians pat yourselves on the back for your own contribution to making our guest welcomed. The conversion is now the task ahead. Next week our guest speaker is our own Barbara Searle. Nancy Notman plans to be with us on that night, and it will be terrific to share our fellowship with Nancy. I am sorry that I cannot be there, but I will be happily enjoying a week's holiday at Main Beach on the Gold Coast.

John

## ROTARY INFORMATION MEETING May 1

Last Monday a very successful meeting was held with 13 guests who came through contacts with club members and through our website and Facebook.

A totally different atmosphere was had, as, instead of the usual single long table with a meal of a main and either soup or dessert plus water, we were (as planned) treated to a total of five tables with up to six places on each and finger food over three sessions with some wine.

Sergeant opened the meeting with his reflections which in his words were a "reflectionless set of reflections" (and in other words, we were dropping many of the usual parts of the meeting such as sergeant, reports etc.), after which he passed the gong to Chairman Bill for the night. Bill explained the format for the night and then told the guests a little about Rotary in general and our club in particular. Then the first of the delicious food was brought out. After that Bob Williams changed his hat and as a member of the District Interplast committee he told us all about the workings of the organisation together with the relationship with Rotary.



## Hope- Katolo sick bay

A further food break then occurred after which Bill added some more information about our club's activities and structure, together with the financial aspects of membership. Then Melanie Haley, one of the two sisters, who are the driving force behind the fundraising for the Hope Katolo Nursery School in Kenya explained with

words and pictures about how they came to be helping the school of about 80 students aged 3 to 6 years up to 15% being HIV+. Help from many people and organisations providing funds for new buildings, water tanks, vegetable gardens, sick bays, twice-daily meals, school uniforms, staff salaries and security fencing made this possible. The school has been run by Georgina Achieng as principal with currently 3 teachers of the three age grades, and we were privileged to hear Georgina speak to our club when the girls brought her to Australia a couple of years ago. It always thrills the writer to hear Melanie (and her sister Leanne) speak because it shows how much help can occur if directed efficiently (without corruption) and in this case they have raised and carefully used \$130,000 in helping those less fortunate especially to improve the lot of children whose poverty, HIV status, poor water quality and many other like problems were not their fault.

President John then summarised the evening's activities, thanked the invitees and closed the meeting  
Warwick Stott

## **Fundraising**

The cupboard is bare. All items provided for the RCFH eBay page have been sold and dispatched, raising over a hundred dollars after shipping and fees have been taken out. One never knows what somebody will bid on, so if you've anything that might be surplus to your needs and will otherwise wind up on the nature strip or taking up space that could be better used for other purposes, hand it over or send me a picture.

## **Social Media**

The podcast is on hold until I get through the two academic units I'm studying at the moment. I will continue to record some clips of our speakers so that I have material when I restart.

Even if you're reluctant to use social media, I implore you to like RCFH's Facebook page, ask others to do so, and to share around any posts you find interesting. Social media has become the norm for recruitment and awareness-promotion, and three of the prospective members who attended on this past Monday found out about the night through social media.

## **Assistance to Hope Katolo school**

This year we sold 8 Entertainment Books and the commission goes to Hope Katolo. They will be able to use the \$112 on programs that will assist the children. Thanks to those who supported the initiative.

Stuart -- International Director

## **Footy Tipping**

Thanks to all those who joined in the fun. It has been a challenging season so far. Hope Katolo will benefit to the tune of \$160 at least.

Stuart -- Director of "silly tips".... arrrrgh.

## **Film night**

This Friday join the gang at Forest Hill cinema- contact Bill Marsh for details.

## **Breakfast roster**

This term's delicacies of ham and cheese toastie-toasties were served up with gusto by Barb and Bob L as our team began its weekly endeavours.

Next week the formidable team of Barb and Robbie will have a double serve because they will be dishing out on both Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The Thursday engagement is a one-off helping Ben out.

## **National Youth Science Forum NYSF**

Our club interviews were held last Monday, Four impressive students were interviewed and two were recommended to proceed to the next stage of district selection for an exciting two weeks in Canberra.

## **District Assembly**

Incoming President Bill would like a full attendance at this important event in the Rotary calendar.



PERIDOT THEATRE PRESENTS

# *The Female of the Species*

by Joanna Murray-Smith

**Directed by Natasha Boyd**

Margot Mason, a thinly veiled version of Germaine Greer, has writer's block following publication of her groundbreaking polemic, *The Cerebral Vagina*, thirty years ago, when in through the windows of her country retreat steps one of her committed fans—with a gun. What follows is Joanna Murray-Smith's deliciously wicked comedy that deftly walks the tightrope between satire and farce.



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**One Night Only Charity Preview**  
**Thursday 8th June 8 PM**  
\$20 ticket includes refreshments

Funds will help support local and international projects.  
<https://www.trybooking.com/POCQ>

The Unicorn Theatre Lechte Road Mt Waverley (Melway Map 61 F11)  
Bookings: 9808 0770 email [tickets@peridot.com.au](mailto:tickets@peridot.com.au)  
[www.peridot.com.au/bookings](http://www.peridot.com.au/bookings)



## **Peridot:**

The price has been reduced to \$20, there are plenty of flyers to go around, and the trybooking page has been altered to permit a record to be kept of the member who's referred the ticket-buyer and a preference for project/focus. I'll be asking for some assistance to make sure the night goes smoothly, and the catering is sufficient

I challenge each member to sell five tickets. It's not a huge number, and would guarantee at least eighty tickets sold by the club. If even a few other groups sell tickets, we'll have a decent crowd. It's not much more than a month away, so times a'wasting.

<https://www.trybooking.com/POCQ>

Mike

## Blackburn Station Market

A delayed thank you to the workers at our last market on 8th April. We had Mike, John Mc, Ray, Stuart, Barbara, Ron and the Two Bobsworth. Again a quiet day but still \$300 raised for our coffers. Rebecca from the Rail Authority wants to meet with us on the 10th May to discuss the scheduled finalisation date for the Blackburn station works so hopefully that will mean we have a date to work to as to when we return to South Parade and again hopefully where that may be. John and I promise to listen closely to what she has to say.

I will put around the usual roster at our meeting 8th May as our next market is the 13th May so please help out if you are able.

Barbara and I are off touring the Kimberley at the time of the June market so someone else please will need to do the organising and pick up our bbq trailer from Nadavoc in Rooks Road and take back, for the 10th June market.

I was chatting to one of our stallholders at our last market and he is very proud of his daughter setting up her own business, VANYANIS, so I said I'd mention it in my market report. Her name is Lowana O'Shea and the business is luxury fashion and bridal wear with contact details of [www.vanyanis.com](http://www.vanyanis.com) and [info@vanyanis.com](mailto:info@vanyanis.com).

Bob

## Out and About

I attended the 100th year of Foundation breakfast run by MASH on Tuesday 2nd May at 7am (being retired I had forgotten how early 7am was) which had speakers from several Districts plus a video of incoming World President, Ian Riseley speaking on our Foundation. Ian mainly spoke of our Polio Eradication project and the need to immunise every child in the world. The East Timor Roofing project run by Doncaster club was one of the other many great projects mentioned.

I sat next to Annie Wysham a friend of MASH who is a poetry and story teller and offered her services as a guest speaker at our club if we wished. Her details are [annie.c.w@bigpond.com](mailto:annie.c.w@bigpond.com).

The entertainment was Rodney Hogg, ex test cricketer and now journalist who told us at the outset that at every opportunity he will remind us of the 1978/79 test series in England where he took 41 wickets at an average of 8.85, which in his modest opinion will never be equalled. He managed to fit in reminding us of this 9 times during his address.

Many funny stories finishing with after test retirement he went back to District cricket until the 1990/91 season with his old side, Northcote and one of the first matches was against the old enemy St. Kilda. Northcote was cruising at 1 for 120 when this unknown (even the scorers didn't know his name) tubby blond headed guy came on bowling leggies and suddenly they were 6 for 150. Rod went in determined to hit this young kid over the fence and ruin his line and length. He had no idea where the first three balls went swiping unsuccessfully at them, so the 4th he ran down the pitch to hit him on the full over the fence but the tubby bowler was too smart, dropped the ball short and Rod was 7 metres out of his crease when the wicketkeeper laughingly took his bails off.

The bowler of course, was Shane Warne.

Well done MASH for a wonderful celebration of Foundation.

Wednesday night the 3rd, my mates on the Rumbek South Sudan school committee asked me to accompany them to speak to Doncaster club about the school. Doncaster usually meets at Beau Monde but last night was at Doncaster RSL where they meet once a month as a change, for a spit roast. A nice low key meeting with brief reports about what this busy club does.

I was able to tell them about the glowing report at the Foundation breakfast on their East Timor roofing project and Graham Richardson from Foundation who is a Doncaster member nodded his head proudly as he has also helped us with the school's District Grants for the water bore and toilets.

Sam couldn't make it so our Chair, Cameron and Joady from Manningham club and I made a trio telling some of the background starting with me employing Sam at Good Shepherd and him telling me about his dream of building a school in his village in Rumbek South Sudan and me saying that I thought Rotary could help. Then, Manningham club funding his trip back home and him meeting with the local chief who gave him the land title for the school land plus meeting the education minister with him agreeing with the need for a school there and

authorising the project. To facilitate the construction and ultimately run the school we told of the wonderful assistance of the local Catholic diocese via “Father John” who runs a school in the main town. Doncaster members were impressed with the funds we raised at our dinner auction, plus all the donations and district grants we have raised to fund the construction and how we have so many Rumbek people now living in Melbourne, on the committee. Good to spread the story.

Bob W

## DIARY DATES

Sun 21 May	District Assembly
Thu 8 June	Peridot

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

May	Youth Service
June	Fellowship

## ARTICLES

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