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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

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<b>CLUB PROGRAM</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>
8 Apr	PETS MDPELDS <i>Stuart Williams</i>	Sue Ballard	Mike Finke
15 Apr	RAG Family Violence <i>Tony Monley</i>	Mike Finke	Chris Tuck
22 Apr	<b>Bunning's Barbecue</b>		
29 Apr	MUNA <i>Thomas Yakubowski &amp; Aasna Shah</i>	Ray Smith	Bill Marsh

## CONGRATULATIONS

Plenty to celebrate but not in the way of birthdays or anniversaries.

## DUTY ROSTER

	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	Bob Williams	Bob Laslett
<b>Greeter</b>	Barbara Searle	Ian Teese
<b>Emergency</b>	Warwick Stott	John Bindon
<b>Cashier</b>	Sue Ballard	Ray Smith

## 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

It's April. T.S. Eliot famously described it as 'the cruellest month', which probably related to his struggles with mental health and the idea that cold gives us the benefit of not feeling things and that spring is a time for growth—and that growth and change can be a struggle.

We are, however, in the Antipodes. April is a time for pain of a different kind, as the heating goes on and the visions of the gas bills to come dance in our heads as we enjoy the warmth. I'm a fan of the old-fashioned hot water bottle, which seems to take the edge off a cold bed just as well as an electric blanket.

The cold, dark mornings (impending clock shift notwithstanding) make the efforts of those who volunteer for markets and sausage sizzles even more appreciated and impressive. I thank you all on behalf of the club and the project beneficiaries.

At least we have the shared memory of Bob and Barbara Williams's trip to the top end of Australia to comfort us when the chill takes hold. Imagine the warmth, the light of the sun and the dry red earth and try to work that vision into your bones and extremities on a cold, dark morning for motivation. Watch out for crocodiles.

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

- We now have a crack team of four to assist with the District Assembly. If you'd like to be added to the list, let me know.
- The absolutely real and three-dimensional Bunnings Barbecue hosted by our club will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- Dob in extra names for our 'auxiliary and friends' network email list.

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

- Sunday, 7 April Daylight Savings Ends (Move your clocks back one hour)
- 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 April 1**

President Mike opened the meeting a little early. There were 13 members present.

Mike's Reflection was about "Surprise". Surprising, and interesting. A brief President's report – Mike completed a Risk assessment form for – a cake stall at Bunnings. The movies will stay at Mt Waverley. Movie night, this Friday.

Chairman Chris called for reports. Nothing major reported. Our 2 schools have received their "Countries" for MUNA.

Sgt.Bob, composed himself after an awful football weekend, and conducted the fines session. Some good laughs.

The Sergt. raised \$29.15, and the raffle raised \$56. Raffle winners – Barb Williams, Ray Smith and another lucky Rotarian.

The guest speaker did not appear and Bob Williams filled in with "Bob and Barb's marvellous Up North adventure 2017." A trip by the Ghan to Darwin, then "Outback Spirit" trip to Kakadu then across to west coast. Great shots of the big rugged land accompanied by appropriate music. A bit of fun in the horizontal waterfall and then time in Broome. It was an interesting and detailed story about a part of Australia that many have not been able to experience.



Thanks to Bob for providing a stimulating program.  
President Mike closed the meeting a little after 8pm.

Stuart

### **President's Reflection 1 April**

I want to talk a bit about surprises. The word surprise comes to us from Middle English and before that Middle French and before that Old French and meant 'overtake'. It has connotations of seizing and grasping. There's a strong history of it being used in military terms—a surprise attack. It is neutral. A surprise can be positive; a surprise party is probably a good thing. It can be negative—a surprise audit or safety inspection of a business, for example. What makes it a surprise is its unexpected nature.

Today is April 1<sup>st</sup>—April Fools' Day. It used to be a just a thing for kids, but media organisations and corporate entities now get in on the act. The actual surprise is out of our control. If we knew what it was, and when it was coming, it would cease to be a surprise. The two phrases, 'expect the unexpected', and 'luck favours the prepared mind', give us some idea about how we can deal with surprises better. Preparation is key. A little forethought and a little room for error in the system is necessary to be able to deal with shocks. It's why we have suspension systems in cars. The road is not always smooth. Being able to absorb a bit of rough travel is important.

### **FOOTY**

It has been a horror start to season for many clubs, players and our luckless Rotarians. No one can be confident about selecting winners. Thanks to the 23 brave souls who have signed up to be part of Kickgoals19.

Our newest member, Ian, like a racehorse after a spell, performed brilliantly and picked 7 winners. We are not believing his story about pebbles in the courtyard, and observing the magpies selecting them. Seven-- how? Sue is still leading with 12 winners. Four people managed to pick 6 winners. There are 4 people now on 11 winners. At the bottom, on 6, we have Rolesy, Mac, and the two Bobs.

In these precarious financial times, I'm a bit concerned that there has been a devaluation of our currency just before the budget. Our "two Bobs" are now not worth much and are languishing on the bottom not "creating Jobsngrowth", or encouraging the great unwashed to go out and splurge to keep the economy moving. There has been a request that Barbara keep an eye on Bob's teeth, after severe Gnashing of teeth over the weekend -- 2 winners.

Have fun this week. Go Cats. wake up Dees and Bombers.

Stu

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Thanks to Barb and Mike for the last week of term and to all who assisted. Ben says we're back on 30 April so will sort out the roster in a couple of weeks.

### **ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES**

April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth

### **ARTICLES**

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