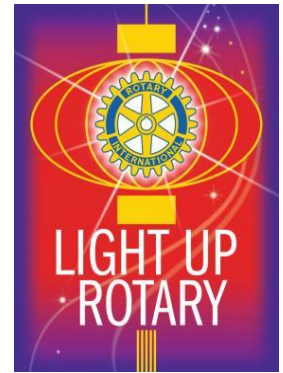




**Rotary**   
Club of Forest Hill

## 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>
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Roger Coates, <i>Anzac Day</i>	John McPhee	Ray Smith
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Ron Brooks, <i>European travels</i>	John Donaghey	Chris Tuck
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Mario Anders <i>Grief Counselling</i>	Ray Smith	Warwick Stott
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Catherine Smith <i>Road Safety Education Program</i>	Chris Tuck	Bob Williams

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

26<sup>th</sup> April      John McPhee      Birthday



### DUTY ROSTER

	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>
Cashier	Glenys Grant	John McPhee
Recorder	Chris Tuck	Bob Laslett
Greeter	Ron Brooks	Stuart Williams
Emergency	Ray Smith	Bob Williams

### 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

**\*\*\*\* There is a MEETING OF 2015/2016 BOARD on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm following the club meeting. \*\*\***

## BILL'S BLURB

It was great to be back in town during the week and to be able to help out at the Blackburn Market and the Whitehorse Farmers' Market. These two events are the main stays of our fundraising and the work of members to ensure they are successful is greatly appreciated. They are also a great opportunity to meet people in the community and spread the word about all of the great work done by Rotary across the World.

Australian Rotary Health and the RC of Waverley are holding a luncheon on Tuesday 5th May. Members who would like to attend should contact Fred Hay - 9726 6992.

Dick Garner from the RC of Hampton is seeking volunteers to help out at their "Glow for Good" event on Saturday 18th April from 4.00 until 7.30pm If you can help out please contact Dick or Michele Drysdale at [michele.drysdale@gmail.com](mailto:michele.drysdale@gmail.com) or 0413 843 310.

The next Presidents' Breakfast is on the 1st May. Please let me know if there is an issue you think we need to discuss as a Cluster.

As you have seen in the last couple of Flyers we have been involved in a wide range of projects this year. All committees are well on the way to completing their programs and at the next Board Meeting the Board will review the work covered and decide if additional funds are to be allocated or existing budget amounts should be reallocated into different areas. Congratulations to all of the committees on the programs they set themselves and the way they have gone about meeting their goals.

Coming up on the 1st June we will have our Hand Brake Turn Presentation. This is always a great night and is one of the club highlights that is funded by the Davis family who have, for many years, been staunch supporters of our club and the work we do.

### Little Known Facts:

(Two this week to make up for lost time - can you make up lost time or can you lose time?)

- The UK retail industry makes £250 million a year from gift cards that no one redeems. (I am sure I have a couple somewhere.)
- From 1912 to 1948, painting was an Olympic event. In 1924, Jack Yeats, brother of the poet W. B. Yeats, took the silver: Ireland's first-ever Olympic medal. (And you thought synchronised swimming was a little strange!)

**Our average age is 73 yrs and on average we have 24 years of Rotary service. This equates to 384 years of Rotary experience and knowledge.**

### DIARY DATES

17 <sup>TH</sup> April	Cinema Night & Melba Cafe
<b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>MEETING OF 2015/2016 BOARD</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> May	DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
1st June	Hand Brake Turn Presentation
27 <sup>th</sup> June	DISTRICT CHANGEOVER
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>CLUB CHANGEOVER (Pres Bill hands over to PE Bob W)</b>
14 Sept	DG visit

**Enjoy your week in Rotary and keep working to "Light Up Rotary"**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Sergeant Stuart in his "moment of reflection" when he opened the meeting said the role that death plays in others' lives is interesting to ponder. For us it is terminal. But what about the death of others. Does the media go over the top over some deaths? Is it fair to the families of people who barely get a mention? Many of us were shocked and reflected on the death of Richie Benaud. We were horrified and appalled by the death of the young teacher in Leeton-due to be married last Saturday. We just gasped at the awfulness of the babies dying in the car in the lake. Do we ever have as many positive pages of news about the amazing and fantastic things that occur? [Yes, - finding young Luke was uplifting]. Would our world be better or just plain boring if media coverage was balanced?

We heard from two of our own members about what had happened in their past. First Ron talked about the background to how and why he set a world record while an engineering undergraduate in England in June 1962. The fastest .... and only crossing of the English Channel on a tandem bicycle with his mate Big Jim. It was to get publicity for the annual university Carnival, a charity fund raising event culminating in a procession of floats like Moomba through Birmingham city centre. The floating tandem called TOTO (Tandem Over The Ocean) was built by university students. Ron and Jim were only allowed to stay 20 minutes in France as they did not have passports.

Bob W spoke of his early days as a bank teller. Tellers in those days each had a pistol in their money drawer. He used to do his full time job and then do another 20 hrs a week as a car park attendant at the old Gas & Fuel building. Then with two young children he volunteered to work anywhere – necessary if you wanted to progress your career. And one month later was transferred to Tallangatta where he was immediately recruited into the local golf and cricket teams and was appointed treasurer of a number of voluntary committees. He used to take the weekly wages out to Dartmouth when they were building the dam. He then returned to Melbourne to manage the Nauru House bank so rubbed shoulders with the president of Nauru.

We also heard that our Blackburn market last Saturday raised \$960 from the 38 stalls and sausage sizzle, while the Sunday egg and bacon cook up raised about \$540.

Our raffle last week raised \$46 from 12 attendees with Bob L winning. He chose the chocolates [Why don't we just give them to him and save going through selling tickets to anyone else?].

Sergeant Stuart's fine session raised \$66.30 (and 1 Thai baht). That's \$110 from 12 people!!!

We made sure we finished on time so we could have our committee meetings promptly.

*Notes by Ron Brooks*

## **FARMERS' MARKET SUN 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

On a slightly overcast but dry (and occasionally slightly threatening) day another successful market was held at the Council chambers carpark, and our club was in charge of serving up delicious egg & bacon sandwiches. The cooks and counter staff were club members (Stuart, Bob L., Bob W, Chris T, Glenys, Bill, Warwick) and family members (Jenny, Barb, Christine, Cathie Hart, Grant Tomietto) plus Pat Pridham (a great friend of Rotary), and they all did a wonderful job, for which I am extremely grateful. The stall netted about \$540.

At a guess the stall numbers were about normal but I suspect that due to the weather, donations at the gate may have been slightly down. However it was a successful and enjoyable day

*Notes by Warwick Stott*

## **FELLOWSHIP CINEMA NIGHT & PERIDOT THEATRE**

HOYTS FILMS for FRIDAY APRIL 17TH

5 POSSIBILITIES ARE :-

		pm
Cinderella	Mild Themes	6.00
Fast & Furious 7	Action Violence	7.30
The Gunman	Action Thriller	6.30
The Longest Ride	Mature Themes	6.20
Paul Blart Mall Cop 2	Mild Violence	6.30

To meet at Melba's at say 5.30 pm

I will purchase tickets late Friday morning . cost \$8.00 for Seniors

Please let me know if you are coming and how many tickets you require, thank you John

Early information. Next Peridot Theatre night . say Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June (opening night) or June 26<sup>th</sup>

The Play" SHUSH" the stories of 5 girls on girls night out.

## **HOPE KATOLO NURSERY SCHOOL-ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

We this year decided to order its Entertainment Books through Hope Katolo Nursery School. We have supported this wonderful enterprise for a number of years and they will receive our commission directly.

Please contact Stuart Williams directly if you wish to order or go directly to Leanne, and say you are from Forest Hill Rotary.

## **STAMPS**

Please keep cutting out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving about a 1cm margin and give them to me. Carol Farmer and her team are ready to snip and sort them. They are looking for work to do.

## **FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF**

So far, the Rotary clubs of Boronia, MASH, Waverley, Sandringham and Nunawading have supplied us with foreign coins to join with ours. The 3kgs of Australian pennies are only worth \$8/kg compared with an estimated \$35/kg of other foreign coins. So, the 97.7kgs we have collected for UNICEF could be worth about \$3,500.

## OUT AND ABOUT IN GLORIOUS MELBOURNE

The NGV has three exhibitions worth looking at. There is a free **English Embroidery** display of work from 1700s onwards. Amazing samplers done by 7 year olds etc 300 years before computers robbed this modern generation on the time to produce such quality. **A Golden Age of China: Qianlong Emperor (1736-1795)** is just an awe inspiring \$12 (NGV or RACV card) magic array of artwork which will take about an hour to wander through. The third show is at the NGV Ian Potter Centre, **Shifting Gear: Design, Innovation and the Australian Car**. An \$11, one hour display (depends on whether you are a petrol head-Glenys may need to take in some sandwiches) of Australian cars which changed our ideas about design. Drool over some racing red sports cars, cast your mind back to the 70s “muscle cars”, muse about the Valiant Charger wedge shape.

Then, if you started the day in town early enough (10am museum opening), wander up to the State Library. All their exhibitions are free and you get to see the magnificent dome. **Mirror of the world: books and ideas** is just a fabulous display of many rare books in our State collection (illustrations of plants in some large books are incredible), **The Changing Face of Victoria** tells stories of people, places, events of your own glorious Melbourne, and the newly opened **Inspiration by Design** from the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Each exhibition will take about an hour to wander through while you peek over the edge of the 6<sup>th</sup> floor balcony to see the dome and the hexagonal floor down below. <http://www.slv.vic.gov.au>



## REASONS FOR JOINING ROTARY

Jenny Coburn gave me 41 reasons. Have you got others you can tell us about? I am putting in a different one every week - **think about them when you talk to prospective members**

### Lifelong Friendships are formed

With the passage of time, true lifelong friendships are formed within Rotary clubs and districts. The similarity of interests and connections made through the Rotary journey make for very real and meaningful friendships

## PARKMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY FAIR Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April

From noon til 5pm come along with your grand children and support Parkmore Primary in Jolimont Road, Forest Hill. mini Farmers Market, Cake sale, Art Expo, Silent Auction, Rides & Games, Face Painting, Animal Farm

## ANZAC DAWN SERVICES, SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> April

BLACKBURN 5:50am War Memorial in Morton Park, Centre Rd  
 CROYDON 5:45am War Memorial in Anzac Square, Kent Ave/Croydon Rd  
 MITCHAM 5:50am War Memorial in Halliday Park, Mitcham Rd  
 RINGWOOD 5:30am Memorial Clock Tower, Maroondah Hwy

## STAN HARPER

Stan is still in Knox hospital, bed 15 in the Ambleside wing, with the official visiting hours 4 to 5 pm and again 6-30 to 8. He would love to see you for a chat. Please go and see him. You can visit him anytime really.

## DISTRICT CHANGEOVER DINNER Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June

Details have been circulated.

Venue: Karralyka Centre, Mines Rd, Ringwood Mel 50A6

7pm for 7:30pm

Cost: \$60

RSVP: 12<sup>th</sup> June

Please tell Sec Ron if you are going.

Pres Bill & Judy, PE Bob & Barb, and Ron & Robbie have booked so far.

## WEBINARS

You can find Rotary webinars on the webinar page at:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/webinars/upcoming> These webinars are a great way to learn more from the comfort of your own armchair....bed?

## MEMBERSHIP WEBINAR

To register for the remaining webinars in the **Membership Matters!** webinar series please visit <http://www.rotary.org/webinars>

View the recording of the **Simple Steps to Innovate Your Club** webinar:

<https://vimeo.com/118740192>

View and download the **PowerPoint presentation**:

<http://slidesha.re/1yIVDYT>

Join the conversation in the **Membership Best Practices discussion group**:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/exchange-ideas/groups/membership-best-practices>

View a recording of **Parts 1 and 2 in the Membership Matters!** series:

<http://vimeo.com/103365589> (Part 1)

<http://vimeo.com/108381769> (Part 2)

## CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES 2014-15

<b>President</b>	Bill Marsh
<b>Vice President</b>	John Donaghey
<b>Secretary</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Treasurer</b>	Warwick Stott
<b>President Elect</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Sergeant</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Foundation &amp; International</b>	Chris Tuck
<b>Youth Service</b>	Members: John Donaghey, Stan Harper, Glenys Grant
<b>Community &amp; Vocation</b>	Members: Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman Bob Laslett
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity</b>	Members: Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks Doug Berwick
<b>Fellowship</b>	Members: John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn
<b>Primary Schools Speech Night Programme</b>	John McPhee
<b>Bulletin Editor</b>	John McPhee
<b>Web page &amp; Facebook</b>	Ray Smith & Gary Baltissen
<b>On to Conference</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Historian</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Almoner</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Public Officer</b>	Stan Harper
	Graham Sharman
	Bill Marsh

Newsletter articles to the editor at [ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au) by 5 pm Wed.  
If you do not wish to receive this publication please contact the editor. He will be sad..... but understanding and cooperative.

## BLACKBURN MARKET PHOTOS- THANKS GLENYS



Ron & Bill checking the sausage temperature while “management material” Stuart supervises



Manager Ray supervising “new recruit” Don to see he is following procedures correctly



CEO John and CFO Bob W do the important thing COLLECT MONEY