

# Rotary

Club of Forest Hill



## The Flyer 2016-2017



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Meeting time:

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22 May 2017

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

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

### CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
22 May	Apprentice Awards	Chris Tuck	Glenys Grant
29 May	Bucatini with partners		
5 June	YCA	Bill Marsh	Martine Macleod-Craig
12 June	No meeting- Queen's birthday		
19 June	Rotary -Get your message out <i>Jeff Steele</i>	Mike Finke	Ray Smith
26 June	LAARF Singers <i>Leon Moore/Liz Oli</i>	Stuart Williams	Warwick Stott

### CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Chris and Warwick Stott for their wedding anniversary on 28 May

### 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

Last night was our club forum as we wind up my year and prepare for President Bill's event.

Normally club forums can be a pretty dry night. I am pleased to say it was anything but dry as we enjoyed the fellowship of our fellow Rotarians plus a great meal dished up by Bucatini.

Thanks Bob for your reflection and Sergeant session which maintained the high standard you have set throughout the year. The session raised \$33.90. The raffle raised \$54.00 and once again was won by John D who has failed to deliver a fresh supply of wine prizes. Bad luck John, you were presented with a sachet of sugar as the alternative prize.

12 members were present but it sounded like a lot more. Great going.

Major up-coming events from club chairpersons, were

Glenys- Youth citizenship awards. Enquiries still coming in for the Summer Science experience which are being turned away as we have completed our interviews, and the recent MUNA session has made it into Hansard for State Parliament.

Community/ Vocational Up-coming Apprenticeship awards next week when 3 awards will be made to awardees and they will be supported by 4 members of Box Hill Institute. The Davis Brothers will also be represented and an invitation to Marg Taylor to also attend.

Berengarra School, final quotes are currently being obtained and finalisation is expected in the next couple of weeks.

Membership - with 14 guests having attended during the past 2 weeks, follow up to maximise membership possibilities is the go.

Reports by all chairpersons for the year are sought to enable completion before changeover is sought as Bob L will be away for all but a few days between now and June 30.

Fund Raising- Peridot theatre how are your ticket sales going? This is a good income producer provided we all get behind it.

Following the fines session. Bill outlined the challenges that lie ahead into the next Rotary Year.

Insurance requirements is forcing us to take action which we would prefer not to do. However, Working with Children certification is not- negotiable. Risk assessment for all activities along with the new 5-page new member application forms are now with us and whilst both are a humbug, it is becoming a fact of life in the world in which we now live.

Up to date member committee allocations for next year were also handed to everyone.

John

## Meeting report May 15

12 members in attendance to hear Sergeant Bob's reflection on our farmers market and its significance.

President John highlighted the proposed re-opening of our Blackburn market site and a positive meeting of the Whitehorse farmer's market thanks to research by our evening's chairman Bill. John showed the club's Rotary Health certificate and commended this worthy cause. He also commended our special fundraiser at Peridot

Chris spoke enthusiastically of our major event next week when we present toolkits to our apprentice awardees from Box Hill Institute. Martine indicated that Berengarra are looking to have 20 attendees at our Peridot evening.

The raffle was a real Surprise (Bill forgot). John Donaghey drew his own ticket despite being warned not to. It was the extra ticket Bob L handed to him when Bob absent-mindedly took 4 tickets instead of 3. The raffle raised \$54 and the red wine will flow in due course.

Glenys advised that all is in order for the citizenship night. Two students have been commended for district interviews for the NYSF program. The MUNA program was mentioned in Hansard and in many school facebook pages and blogs. The Whitehorse school venue for the primary school speech contest looks super.

Warwick made encouraging remarks about membership and President John thanked him for his long-standing and continuing efforts.

Bob L requested annual reports from recalcitrants, asked for volunteers who have suffered from malaria for a Rotary project and told of the new procedure for registering at Forest Hill college for the breakfast roster.

Blackburn market resulted in \$520 and \$58 from railway raffle. The worthy winner of the latter was Bob Hoskins from Nunawading club. The farmers' market raised \$5713.

Sergeant Bob was in his usual great form targeting market misbehaviours, footy losers, banks, egg allergies, and not lost coffee cups. Good news for Mike re his hip op (not sure about his hip-hop) and happy people (Rotarians) tend to live longer as happiness affects your biochemistry.

The main part of the meeting involved incoming President Bill outlining expectations for next year. He pointed out the implications of red tape for working with children, risk assessment and membership forms. He thanked Martine for taking on two important roles and joining the Board next year and indicated where members will serve in the year ahead. Issues relating to the new application for the Whitehorse farmers market were highlighted. Bill outlined the possibilities for grants to raise extra money. He particularly mentioned using district grants for international/global grants. He encouraged us all to think beyond the square. Warwick requested info about ebay sales (see later) and commented on designation for electronic transfers to the Rotary Foundation. District is offering \$1000 for matching the first 20 clubs to give funds for Polio Plus. Questions were raised re First Aid and food handling.

President John closed the meeting with his customary apt quote and presented John with a sweetener until he receives his raffle prize.

Bob L

## Sergeant Reflection 15 May 2017

The Whitehorse Farmers' Market which we ran yesterday was started in 2006 with a tender put out by the Council which the Whitehorse Rotary clubs were successful in winning. The clubs wanted to include Whitehorse Rotaract to be a full partner and so all the net proceeds are equally divided between the seven clubs.

The market provides the whole community with a range of fresh produce at their door and also provides the producers with a ready source of direct income. As members from that time know, the value of this income was really brought home during the Victorian drought some years ago when a number of the farmer stallholders told us that the income from this market and others meant they could feed their families. It also brought the clubs closer together and at the same time several cluster clubs including us, wanted to help out more and the advice was to purchase and stock a large fridge in a local country community centre to help feed hungry locals plus we arranged for hairdresser and beautician students from Box Hill TAFE to be bussed to a country centre for a day to pamper the ladies to improve the spirits in the community. We also arranged several bus trips bringing farming children to the MCG for an AFL game, again to give them a lift. Stuart and I have indelible memories

of meeting the bus outside the MCG and walking with dozens of noisy, happy kids into the MCG with many of them telling us they had never been to Melbourne before and for some they had never been more than 50 kms from home. Several mums accompanied them and I remember sitting with one at the game who told me that her husband hides her car keys so she can't drive her car as they can't afford petrol and another who accompanied her husband when he went to the farther out parts of their farm as she was afraid he may kill himself. Simple pleasures we "City folk" took for granted meant so much to our country cousins.

The Leader once described our market as a small village happening once a month where everybody is happy and everybody wins.

Last year the seven clubs received a share of nearly \$60,000 net proceeds so approximately \$8,500 per club with all these proceeds going back into the Whitehorse community so local organisations plus the Council are also happy.

A great community project we should be very proud of.

Bob

## **Breakfast roster**

Pancakes were the order of the day although disorder was more what Robbie and Barb had to cope with.

They are on their toes again next week.

## **District Assembly**

Happy hunting to all attending this important event on Sunday

## **Fundraising**

eBay

Between my own efforts and Warwick's we seem to have devised a reasonably streamlined system for the acquisition, promotion, selling, and accounting of unwanted goods on RCFH's eBay site. While eBay's cut is a rather onerous ten per cent of both the final sale price and the shipping costs, the total maximum fee is about thirteen percent between eBay and PayPal. Some sales and costs stretch across two months, but if we look at the spreadsheet for the April eBay invoice, with financial fees incorporated, it appears to be doing well as an extra stream of funding available for projects.

If we can maintain a steady flow of items for sale and raise \$150 per month, we stand to improve our financial situation by \$1800 per year. This avenue of funding is genuinely intended ONLY to raise funds through the sale of unwanted items which are of no use or value to their owners.

## **Social Media and Podcasting**

The podcast is on a temporary hiatus until the beginning of June, but it may be worthwhile to contact the community radio show with a weekly Rotary program to see if there's any interest for them.

RCFH's Facebook page is performing reasonably well. Page likes are up slightly, and engagement with posts seems to have improved markedly, though average posts per week have dropped to two from three. Any additional engagement by club members would be greatly appreciated. Very early unscientific analysis would seem to indicate people are more engaged and likely to promote posts which feature the specific *successes* of projects that Rotary broadly, and RCFH specifically, seem to perform somewhat better than non-specific posts about the nature of Rotary.

Use of the paid Meetup service will end at the end of this month, but use of the Nabo platform will continue. This is at a very early stage, but I believe that future social engagement and publicity activities will be greatly enhanced and assisted with the use of this service.

Mike



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:**

When booking, please use the online service I've contracted with for the purpose.

[www.trybooking.com/POCQ](http://www.trybooking.com/POCQ)

My schedule is very tight currently, emails go missing, and people have preferences for their seating arrangements I may not be aware of.

Mistakes will be made, I will feel bad, and everybody will be disappointed.

If you use the link, far fewer problems will occur.

The upcoming charity event is, thankfully, progressing better than was at one point expected. No effort has yet gone into catering on the night, but I believe this will be simple enough to accomplish, and a few people have offered their assistance to ensure the night goes well. I believe the best plan is to keep it simple. A final menu

will be posted shortly. There is also a plan to showcase and sell raffle tickets to the second Level Crossing Authority hamper on the night, but to continue to sell tickets and hold the raffle itself at the Blackburn Market on the weekend after. Some of these funds from the Peridot night will be distributed to other clubs where the tickets have been driven by those clubs.

Mike

## DIARY DATES

Sun 21 May	District Assembly
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Thu 8 June	Peridot
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## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

May	Youth Service
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June	Fellowship
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## ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to Ron [ronbrooks1942@gmail.com](mailto:ronbrooks1942@gmail.com) by 5 pm Wednesday please. If by chance you need to try and contact me in the next few weeks please use [rlaslett76@gmail.com](mailto:rlaslett76@gmail.com).