



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No3

President: Stuart Williams

17 July 2019

## STU'S SCRIPT

### *Reflection*

*I looked up quotes on refugees. Many brought tears to my eyes. We are so fortunate to live in Australia. Most of us take safety for granted.*

*Alwyn Evans – in "Walk in my Shoes" said: "Taking mum's hand, I whispered "Are we really safe, here?"*

*And another from Warsan Shire—No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark.*

*I am looking forward to what our guest speaker has to say tonight.*

Being a Rotarian is a privilege. Our guest speaker, David Spitteler, is truly a selfless man and his no nonsense work with asylum seekers is awesome. Work that gives people hope, work that had most of us listening in amazement. Thanks Ron for getting David along.

I was a bit flat coming to Rotary on a cold, damp winter's night but such a wonderful guest speaker certainly sparked me up. I was also delighted with the buzz in the room. Rotarians swapping stories about whose toes were colder Sunday morning, how footy tipping has not got any easier and what fantastic sport we had Sunday night. After the meeting the buzz continued. Members participated in Committee meetings and set out some plans for the year.

Bill Marsh now has a Paul Harris Fellow with two sapphires. Well done Bill. Donations to the Rotary Foundation of US\$1,000 earn a PHF. Many of us contribute a couple of dollars each week and it certainly adds up. It was my pleasure to present the badge to Bill.

We now have a full team to assist at the RYDA day on July 30. Thanks John McPhee for volunteering. We wish John well with his eye operation next week. Also wishes go to Graham Sharman for a speedy recovery from his illness.

Let's hope we get a good return from the Bake Sale at Bunnings Vermont South on Saturday. Thanks also to those supporting the Hope Katolo Fund-raising movie night on Saturday.

Enjoy your week, keep warm and dry.

Stuart

## MEETING REPORT

President Stuart opened the meeting with a reflection. This introduced the theme of asylum seeker treatment with the quote “nobody leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark”.

There were 18 people attending including guest speaker David, his wife Yvonne, Rotarian Peter McPhee and Jafrin. Apologies were Glenys Grant, John Donaghey and Barbara Searle.

A nice surprise came in the mail. Stuart presented Bill Marsh with the second sapphire for his Paul Harris. Everybody cheered.



### Reports-

Stuart reported on World President's visit to Ballarat on 24 Sep and that 1 more volunteer was required for RYDA day on July 30.

Mike reported on progress with the photo competition. He requested that items for the bake sale be delivered to him on Friday.

Sue reported on progress for the PSSC and the Apprentice awards and requested a meeting of the Youth committee.

Ian spoke about the Interplast Christmas cabaret, a RAWCS meeting on 18 August and a Taste of Africa at the end of October.

John McPhee elicited support for a sausage sizzle at Box Hill Institute on 25 August.

Ron updated the program for the next 2 weeks and encouraged involvement with the plastic bottle tops project.

Stuart's new segment—**unknown elements of members**, will start next week. Members will be requested to talk about no more than 6 items that are on their walls or in the home, that tell us something about the member that we might not know. It can be a “show and tell”, or a powerpoint – no more than 5 minutes. Stuart will be first cab off the rank.

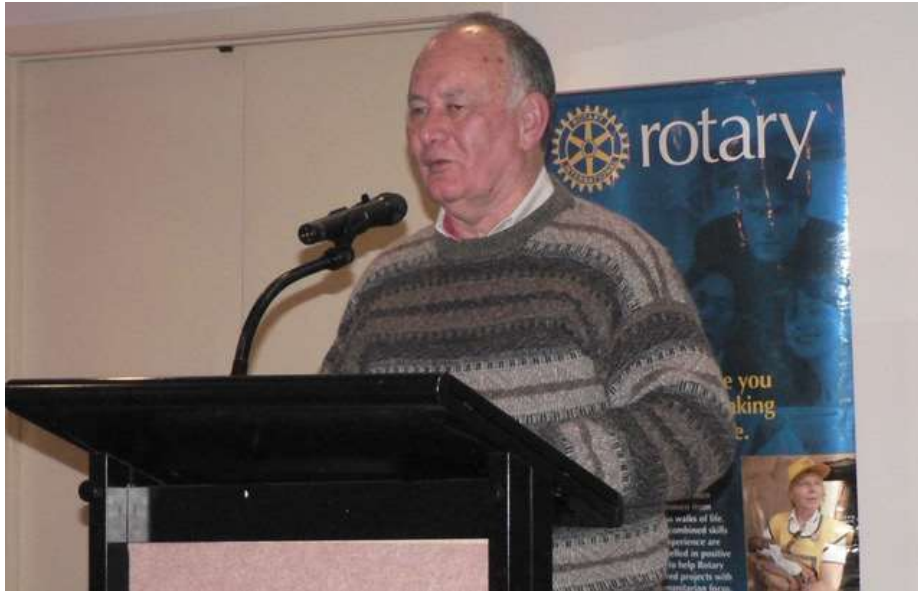
Bob conducted a good fines session and raised \$34.70.

The raffle raised over \$70– Prizes Stuart, Chris and Barb Williams.

### Speaker-

Our speaker David Spitteler described himself as an Anglo-Indian queue-jumping boat person. He, assisted by Yvonne, described his dedicated years of service to asylum seekers since his retirement from Telstra. He clearly distinguished asylum seekers (already in Australia) from refugees (apply from outside Australia) and differentiated boat and plane treatments of the latter. Rather than lecturing David elicited questions from the audience and then answered them. After a slow start he was bombarded. Their work is largely with mostly Muslim families in the Dandenong area and involves practical help in terms of food and goods that can be carried in a trolley as well as guidance. They encourage independence of those in need in a no-nonsense manner. He described some Rotary projects but does not actively seek their involvement. They have distributed 4000 computers and are backed with volunteers from a variety of Christian backgrounds. David is in great demand as a speaker and now we know why.

A worthwhile meeting was closed by President Stuart and service club meetings followed.



**Guest Speaker – David Spitteler**

## COMING UP

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Report
20 July	Bunnings Bake Sale		
22 July	District Community Chair – Trish Smyth	Sue Ballard	Bob Williams
29 July	Apprenticeship Awards – Indi Hangan	Stuart Williams	Chris Tuck
5 Aug.	Club Forum	Stuart Williams	Ray Smith
9 Aug.	Peridot Theatre “The Diary of Anne Frank” – 8.00pm		
12 Aug	Club Meeting		

## CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

Bill Marsh celebrates his 9th Rotary Birthday on the 19<sup>th</sup> July.

## DUTY ROSTER

	<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>
Recorder	Glenys Grant	Sue Ballard
Greeter	John Bindon	Ron Brooks
Emergency	Bob Williams	Mike Finke
Cashier	Barbara Williams	Ian Teese

## ATTENDANCE

If you are not coming to the meeting or if you wish to bring a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00am Monday on 0412 807 585 or [rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au)

Please ensure Ray is aware of any special dietary needs.

If you need to cancel after 10.00am please contact Bucatini Restaurant directly on 9873 0268.

## PHOTO COMPETITION



Thank you to all who entered the photo competition. For those who missed the entry deadline there will be another chance in next year's competition.

The winner will be announced next week and their photo will be on display in the library foyer during August.

Thanks to our sponsors, Bendigo Bank (Blackburn South) and Officeworks (Vermont South).

## PERIDOT THEATRE

**The Diary of Anne Frank**

by Frances Goodrich & Albert Hackett

Directed by Kellie Tweeddale

Two Jewish families are forced to hide from the Nazis in a secret annexe in Amsterdam. In her tiny room, Anne Frank keeps a diary, detailing the claustrophobic realities of daily existence experienced by the families. She also records her own coming of age, battling low spirits and loneliness, fighting with her mother, and falling in love for the first time. Despite her oppressive circumstances, her spirit shines through as she voices her belief that 'people are really good at heart'.

AUGUST 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24 AT 8PM  
MATINEE SUNDAY 11 AT 2.15PM, TWILIGHT SUNDAY 18 AT 4PM

By arrangement with Origin Theatrical on behalf of Samuel French Inc

Bookings: 0429 115 334 tickets@peridot.com.au  
www.peridot.com.au/index.php/bookings

Our next performance at the Peridot Theatre is set for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August starting at 8.00pm.

Pre performance drinks and socialising from 7.30pm.

If you are able to join us please contact Bill (0417 369 343) to reserve your seats.

I currently have 10 seats reserved but can add additional seats if required.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast club is back on deck on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Manning the ship for the second week in a row are trusty Captain Barb with first mate Mike.

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEME

Let's celebrate "Bring a friend to Rotary" month.

## ARTICLES

Articles, notices and photos for inclusion in **FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS** to [bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au) no later than 10.00am on Wednesday each week.

## WEBSITE

Keep up-to-date by checking our website at [www.foresthillrotary.com](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)

## CONTACT DETAILS

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Facebook: ForestHill Rotary

Meetings: 6.30pm, Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

## FOR SALE

My all carbon fibre Scott CR1 road bike with full Shimano Ultegra gears, ratios chosen for touring not racing. Cost \$3,500 new. Will take \$600 or nearest offer and give 10% to Rotary Foundation in the name of whoever the buyer chooses. Size 52. Suit a person up to 170 cms tall.

Ron Brooks





## HOPE KATOLO NURSERY SCHOOL

Support a very special cause = book your seats now!



The poster features a large image of Simba's face on the right and a smaller image of Mufasa's face on the left. The text is as follows:

**SATURDAY  
JULY  
20**

**HOPE KATOLO  
MOVIE NIGHT**

**SATURDAY  
20/07/2019** | **PALACE  
BALWYN  
CINEMA** | **START  
6:30 PM**

**TICKETS \$25 EACH  
and \$20 FOR KIDS**

Tickets can be paid for prior to the night by directly transferring money to:  
Hope Katolo Nursery School bank account BSB 033349 Acct: 411858

Please RSVP how many tickets you would like to Leanne on 0402114877  
or Melanie on 0412187353 or email hopekatolo@hotmail.com

If you have any queries please send a message via Facebook or email

## COLLECTING BOTTLE TOPS – A NEW FOREST HILL PROJECT



Turn soft drink, water & milk bottle tops to THESE

At last week's club meeting I got the club go ahead to start a project collecting plastic tops including from long life containers. The tops should be numbered either No 2 or No 4 in the recycled triangle but not all are marked so just collect all of these tops, any colour will do. Not those with metal attached or if they are marked 5 or 7. Please rinse them. There will be a box to drop them in at the desk when you front up to pay. Get your family and friends involved. They will go to a Melbourne not for profit company using unemployed people who remelt the plastic to make things they then give away including artificial arms and hands. To see more go to their website [www.envision.org.au](http://www.envision.org.au)

Ron Brooks

## BUNNINGS CAKE STALL

If you can make a cake or slice your help is wanted!



The basics:

- Saturday, July 20, Vermont South Bunnings
- The Roster

10 am	Bob Laslett	Barbara Williams	Mike F
11 am	Bob Laslett	Barbara Williams	Mike F
12 pm	Bill Marsh	Stuart Williams	Mike F
1 pm	Bill Marsh	Stuart Williams	Mike F

- All ingredients listed on label.
- All baked goods packaged so that no cutting is required.
- Price points are \$3 and \$4. (If you're game to aim higher, let me know).
- Aim for 100 – 200 g of your product per package.
- Nothing that needs to be refrigerated/no high-risk foods. (No fresh cream/dairy et cetera).
- Sue has some packaging available for members' use. I do also.
- I will be available on Friday to receive baked goods and answer questions.
- Thank you all in advance.

Any questions please contact Mike Finke – 0407 553 856

Below are the details for the “Mid-Winter Christmas Cabaret” hosted by the Rotary Club of Nunawading. Always a terrific night and all money raised goes to a great cause – Interplast.

Make up a table and have a fun night out.



# OUR MID WINTER CHRISTMAS CABARET



**Saturday, 17th August 2019 6:30 for 7:00pm**

Upstairs with lift access, at “The Coach” 33 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood

**Join us for a fun night with a festive, 3 Course Xmas Dinner,  
Auctions, Raffle and Lucky Door Prize**



**Special Live Entertainment from  
singer, Jodi Barry**

If you like Diana Krall / Eva Cassidy / Fleetwood Mac and more, you will enjoy Jodi’s renditions.

**Dress in your Xmas best and  
put together a table of 8.**

Rotary members, friends and relatives are all welcome.  
Join us for a fun night and please **BOOK EARLY!**

**In support of Rotary’s Annual Interplast Program  
“Repairing Bodies and Rebuilding Lives” in the Asia Pacific**

**Tickets: \$50 /head**

(Alcohol at bar prices)

**RSVP: Wed 7th August 2019**

**Harvey: 0411 180 643**

