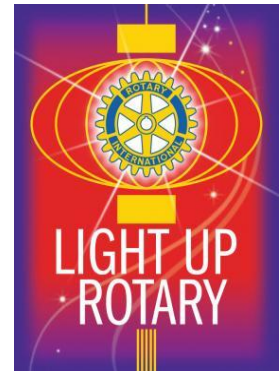




Weekly Newsletter

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CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
27 th April	Ron Brooks, <i>European travels</i>	John Donaghey	Chris Tuck
4 th May	Mario Anders <i>Grief Counselling</i>	Ray Smith	Warwick Stott
11 th May	Catherine Smith <i>Road Safety Education Program</i>	Chris Tuck	Bob Williams
18 th May	Box Hill Apprentice Awards	Bob Laslett	Ron Brooks

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

28th April Robbie & Ron Brooks Wedding anniversary



DUTY ROSTER

	April	May
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 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 (see page 9) on Monday 27th April at 8pm following the club meeting. *****

BILL'S BLURB

In the coming weeks we have an Incoming Board meeting on the 27 April, a Cluster Presidents' Breakfast on 1 May, MUNA presentations on the 2 & 3 May, a District Presidents' Dinner on the 8 May, Markets on the 9 & 10 May, Apprentice Awards 18 May, Youth Community Service Award evening on 25 May and the Hand Brake Turn Award evening on the 1 June. A very busy program with a number of really interesting evenings.

Our three major committees, Youth Service, Community & Vocational and International & Foundation have all completed or committed 100% of their proposed projects with all coming in on target or a little over their allocated budgets. A fantastic result and all of the members are to be congratulated for their planning, hard work and attention to detail.

I have been in touch with Jenny Coburn during the week and she is really enjoying her new job as Manager: Club & District Support. Jenny is heading for Evanston next week for 4 days of training. So far their townhouse has not been washed away in the horrendous weather Sydney has been experiencing but the RI staff are working from home because they cannot get through the floods to the office!

Our updated Constitution, Bylaws and Change of Locality have been submitted to RI. We have to wait awhile to send them to Consumer Affairs. They are going digital and cannot handle paper copies anymore! They expect to be online within two weeks.

I have completed the paper work for the Cluster District Grant for our Hand Brake Turn project and so we should have the money in the bank shortly and then be able to refund around \$320 to each of the six clubs.

During the week we received news from Ken Wall that the last of the problems with the Nasavusavu Primary School, ABCD project, had been sorted and the rebuild will go into full swing. Well done to Ken and his team. Our club will be contributing a total of \$3,400 to this project. This fantastic total comes from club funds, individual members and supporters of the club.

DIARY DATES

27 th April	MEETING OF 2015/2016 BOARD
2-3 rd May	MUNA PRESENTATION
9-10 th May	BLACKBURN MARKET & WFM
17 th May	DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
18 th May	APPRENTICE AWARDS
25 th May	YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS
1 st June	HAND BRAKE TURN PRESENTATION
27 th June	DISTRICT CHANGEOVER
29th June	CLUB CHANGEOVER (Pres Bill hands over to PE Bob W)
14 th Sept	DG VISIT

Little Known Fact:

A greetings card that can play 'Happy Birthday' has more computing power than existed in the whole world in 1950.

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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Former member Roger Coates gave an excellent presentation on the ANZAC story and one participant in it. He had researched the history of the world politics which led to Turkey becoming at war with Britain, France and Russia and the decision to try to open the Dardanelles for Allied shipping. After a shipping expedition failed it was decided to make a landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula with the use of British, Australian and New Zealand troops. Roger has made two trips to the site and showed photos of the difficult conditions which would have confronted the invaders and why a withdrawal had to be made.

Sir Albert Coates, a cousin of Roger's father, at the age of nineteen served as a medic for the 7th Battalion and was one of the last to leave in the withdrawal from Gallipoli. Roger described some of Sir Albert's achievements ; gaining a merit certificate by the age of 11, learning French and German before going to Gallipoli, serving on the Western Front in France, returning after the war and working while he gained a medical degree, serving in World War 2, being captured by the Japanese, being a doctor to captured Australians working on the Thailand Burma railway, working with "Weary" Dunlop, returning to Australia and becoming a well known surgeon. It is worth looking up Sir Albert's achievements by going on the internet.

Members expressed their opinion that it was the best talk on the meaning of Anzac Day they had heard.

Heather Neilson was a welcome visitor. She as a nurse had worked at the same Hospital as Sir Albert.

Notes by Ray Smith

When Sergeant Stuart opened the meeting with his moment of reflection, he asked us to think about what can come from disasters, bad things and adversity like the Gallipoli landing. Perhaps we learn more from our mistakes than our successes. The slaughter of all those young men may have been the catalyst for Australia and New Zealand to bond as one. Perhaps it was the basis for Australia to realise that as a nation it could stand on it's own two feet. Will this saturation ANZAC Day coverage make us a smarter and stronger community. What have we learned about the futility of war?

Sergeant Stuart must have been feeling benevolent due to his imminent departure overseas (I note he did not pay any "departure tax"). He only extracted \$36.15 from the 13 of us present. Was it because our money went into the weekly raffle that raised another \$49? But what hope is there of winning when Pres Bill won yet again and surprise, surprise he took the French Chardonnay rather than the chocolates. Is it for others in the family over in Adelaide? We are looking forward to you coming back on 29th April for a more extended stay this time Bill. The place really isn't the same without your smiley face.

ABCDREAMING PROJECT RCFH 2015

The following is a summary of our ABCD project for 2015 following the presentation by Ken Wall to our Club in the last month and subsequent discussions and emails I have had with Ken Wall. The project we will be a part sponsor is the Nasavusavu District School –Fiji.

Currently the Rotary Clubs of Sandringham, Nunawading, Box Hill and individuals are sponsoring children at this school. Ken Wall has identified a need to rebuild the toilet block at the school which is in urgent need of repair (see attached photos). A review of the existing facility has found that the concrete floor and septic tank can be utilized in the new facility but the rest of the building and services will have to be rebuilt. The new facility will therefore be a new building with separate facilities for males and females, new floor and wall tiling and new plumbing, toilets and hand washing facilities. It is important to note that our donation will make it possible to complete this work following donations from other Rotary Clubs (see below). Note our donations are being made through the RAWCS website so individual donations will be listed and tax deductible receipts will be issued to each donor.

RCFH Contribution in 2015

\$1500 in the RAWCS National Account held over from 2014.

\$400 Contribution from RCFH budget 2014-15, cheque provided by Treasurer.

\$1500 from Club members how provided donations to RAWCS last year, cheques held over and donation this year.

\$3400 Total

Other Donations

\$1500 from RC Sandringham

\$1750 via Ken Sharpe from possibly from Rotaract

Total donations including RCFH \$6650

I received a copy of an email from Delia Rothnie-Jones President RC Savusavu .

'It is indeed, as Ken says, a great job all round and really does make a difference. I remember from the days of my kids at primary school how they hated it when the toilets were badly kept, and although Fijian kids often have to put up with it, I can't imagine it's any different for them. And this is quite apart from the hygiene benefits.

I'll be back in touch shortly with an update.'

Notes by Chris Tuck



Old run down toilet block (more photos on the web)

MUNA 2015 CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Saturday 2nd May & Sunday 3rd May from 9am – 5pm with catered lunch provided at Victorian Parliament Lower House, Spring Street Melbourne. Contact: John Warren 0421 716 982

Year 11 Students from District 9810 engage in a UN-style debate at the Victorian Parliament House. Students represent specific countries and debate in teams against students from rival schools. The intensive forum is daunting, engaging, inspiring and exceptionally fun.

Volunteers are required to 'courier' messages between the teams as they organise voting and pass messages. 4-6 volunteers are required each shift, with two shift each day. Volunteering is open to ex-Muna participants, Rotaractors and other Rotary youth program participants.

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill initiated this project for DG Ian Riseborough 1998-99 and ran it for the first two years. So, it is now running its 17th MUNA. Please help if you can. We have sponsored a team this year.



Notes by Ron Brooks

Dear Colleagues,

You are invited to attend the Model United Nations Assembly - MUNA - on Sat 2nd and Sun 3rd May, 2015.

We have 4 students participating: two students from Forest Hill College are representing Brazil and the two from Kingswood College are representing Australia. Please help us support them.

The venue is Parliament House, Melbourne, and the program runs from 9-00am to 4.00pm each day. To attend, just go to the main registration desk, say you you are from RCFH and receive a pass.

email from Glenys Grant

FELLOWSHIP CINEMA NIGHT & PERIDOT THEATRE

Last Friday was our monthly cinema night visit. We all met at the Melba to variously indulge in meals, snacks, coffee, wine. Then as it turned out we had all chosen the same film out of the six on offer. We all decided Cinderella was a delightful entertaining movie. At \$8 each we can't complain about the price. It was a great pleasure to have Marg Taylor join us.

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

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. Picked up another 3 kg of foreign coins and some notes from RC of Sandringham. The total now is 100.7 kgs plus the wad of notes is getting larger.

D9810 DGND MALCOLM CHIVERTON 2017-18

As announced at our meeting on Monday night, Box Hill Central's Malcolm Chiverton has been chosen as the DG Nominee Designate and if there are no objections, he will be the next DG Nominee.

OUT AND ABOUT IN GLORIOUS MELBOURNE

Your fearless reporter visited St Mary Star of the Sea last week. This magnificent church was designed by William Wardell in 1873 and built between 1891- 1900 to replace the original building of 1854. The restoration of the church to its original splendor, began in 2002 and finished this year. This Melbourne treasure is described as the largest parish church in Australia. Robbie and I were on a guided tour by Tom Hazell AO, coordinator of the \$10 million restoration project of St Mary's, who told us about the history of St. Mary's and its new life post-refurbishment. It is described as French Gothic. It has always had a large ethnic community starting with Chinese and Irish back in the 1900s and continuing with Italian, Lithuanian, Maltese and Philipino. Some of the interior statues were donated by these various communities and the plaques explain. The Sunday 10:30am mass attracts about 600 worshippers every week.

In the 40s it was all repainted inside in dull green but this restoration has revealed all the magnificent bright internal colours and patterns. The main stained glass windows behind the altar are imported but the other stained glass is local. Most of the windows are 50% glass mixed with 50% silver foil giving a translucent bright effect.

The building looks like it is made of granite but it is brick and clad in granite. Inside, however there is extensive use of white Italian marble (main altar) and brown Swedish marble pillars.



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**

International Convention with Amazing Speakers

Amazing Speakers at the Rotary International Annual Convention—Bill Gates Jnr, Bill Gates Snr, Muhammad Yunus, Ted Turner, Dolly Parton have all spoken at recent International Conventions—and in 2015, it is in Sao Paolo!

ANZAC DAWN SERVICES, SATURDAY 25TH 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 & NORM DURHAM

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 though you can visit him anytime really . He would love to see you for a chat. Please go and see him. He is getting lots of visitors but as you can imagine, time drags slowly, so he could easily handle more visits. . His right leg is slowly getting better with his “motorised” drain humming away.

While you are at Knox, why don't you also call in and see Norm Durham who is in Ferndale 32. Don't know how long he will be there. I'm sure we all hope not for long. He has got a bad case of gastroenteritis.

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER DINNER Sat 27th June

Details have been circulated.

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

7pm for 7:30pm

Cost: \$60

RSVP: 12th June

Please tell Sec Ron if you are going.

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

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

	2014-15	2015-16
President	Bill Marsh	Bob Williams
Vice President	John Donaghey	Stuart Williams
Secretary	Ron Brooks	Ron Brooks
Treasurer	Warwick Stott	Warwick Stott
President Elect	Bob Williams	
Sergeant	Stuart Williams	Stuart Williams
Foundation/International	Chris Tuck	Chris Tuck
Members	John Donaghey, Stan Harper,	John Donaghey, Stan Harper,
Youth Service	Glenys Grant	Glenys Grant
Members	Ray Smith, Bob Williams, Graham Sharman	Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman
Community & Vocation	Bob Laslett	Bob Laslett
Members	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks	
Membership & Publicity	Doug Berwick	John McPhee
Members	John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn	Warwick Stott, Bob Williams,
Fellowship	John McPhee	John Donaghey
Primary Schools Speech Night	John McPhee	Bob Williams
Programme	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen
Bulletin Editor	Ron Brooks	Ron Brooks
Web page & Facebook	Ron Brooks	Ron Brooks
On to Conference	Stuart Williams	Stuart Williams
Historian	Stan Harper	Stan Harper
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Newsletter articles to the editor at ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au by 5 pm Wed