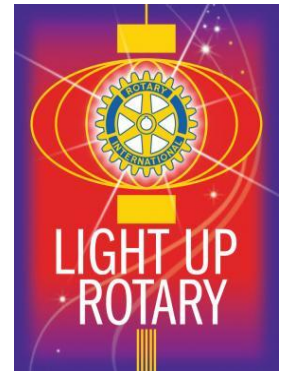




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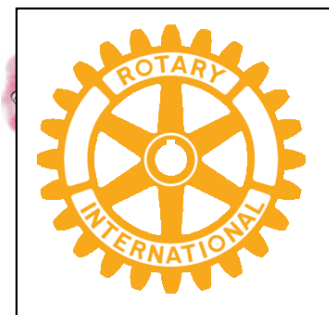
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 Meeting time: Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm
 Facebook: ForestHill Rotary

CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
4 th May	Mario Anders <i>Grief Counselling</i>	Chris Tuck	Warwick Stott
11 th May	Catherine Smith <i>Road Safety Education Program</i>	Ray Smith	Bob Williams
18 th May	Box Hill Apprentice Awards	Bob Laslett	Ron Brooks
25 th May	Secondary Schools Citizen Award	Bob Williams	Glenys Grant

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

No celebrations this week but who needs a reason to celebrate. Go out and help someone be happier



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

BILL'S BLURB

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

DIARY DATES

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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The speaker for the evening was Ron Brooks. Ron spoke on the trip Robbie and Ron took last year. As usual it was a great presentation by one of our Club members. The talk was of particular interest to many Club members who had visited the region in Europe Ron described. In summary their trip involved visiting Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary in June 2014.

But their trip had a difference. Instead of catching a bus Robbie and Ron rode bikes for one week around Lake Constance (crossing Swiss-Austrian-German borders) and three weeks riding from Passau in Germany to Budapest in Hungary following the Danube River. In addition they had time to visit Bavaria and spent some time around Garmisch. What was of particular interest was the places they were able to visit would be places that would not have been accessible by bus.

Ron passed around some information on the organization they used to help plan their trip. This organization assisted with maps, hotel accommodation and luggage transport as well as bikes. I am sure if anyone is interested in this type of holiday Robbie and Ron would be only too happy to advise you. (see photos at end of Newsletter)

Notes by Chris Tuck

There was no Sergeants session so we donated \$21.15 in sheer relief that we didn't have to endure Sergeant Stuart's jokes..... then along came John D as chairman who felt it was his duty to take over where Sergeant Stu left off, and inflict even worse jokes on us. A good chairman obviously doesn't make a good comedian, John! But then a good Sergeant doesn't make a good comedian either. Bob L very kindly returned the chocolates he won in last week's raffle (thank you Bob) then he promptly won again!! This time he decided to take the bottle of white. Perhaps we may only get the empty bottle back this time. The weekly raffle raised \$42. A great result from 9 members and 4 partners. Bob W asked each of us to talk about their Dawn Service experience this year. Ray gave a good description of attending the largest gathering in Australia, in Canberra where 130,000 congregated. It seemed like our taxes were put to good use providing free breakfast and lunch. Ron spoke of attending the local Blackburn RSL event at Morton Park where record crowds (500?) spilled onto Central Rd. Not quite the Canberra event!

Great to see Warwick back after his time in hospital. But I think he should really have been resting at home, especially as he has got professional nursing care looking after him. We also heard that Norm Durham is out of Knox hospital which is great news for us and I'm sure for Mary. Stan is still in Knox and they have still not decided whether to do a skin graft on his leg or not. Perhaps he could get a donor skin graft from somebody who is having a tattoo removed. What do you think Joan?

NEXT YEARS CLUB BOARD IS "ON THE BALL"

PE Bob W held his first Board meeting last Monday evening to get input on filling out the "Club Planner" and the "Generic Club Plan 2015-2017" which District would like prior to District Assembly. Bob W has plans to spice up our offerings with a couple of different projects to fit along many of our old favourites, conscious of the fact that we mustn't spread ourselves to more than we can manage.

MUNA 2015 Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd May

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. Come along between 9am and 5pm to the Victorian Parliament Lower House.

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill initiated this project in D9810 for DG Ian Riseborough 1998-99 and ran it for the first two years. So, it is now running its 17th MUNA.

Notes by Ron Brooks

THE MOST VALUABLE ASSET ON EARTH

Be grateful for your ration of the ultimate commodity: TIME. The next time someone turns up on your doorstep. Say "Thanks for coming"..... and mean it! Time is the most valuable asset on earth and the most generous of gifts. Give it, waste it, use it, or lose it. So, in Rotary, when we look at our financial contribution to society, remember that we are all giving a much more valuable contribution as well. The TIME we give voluntarily.

FELLOWSHIP at PERIDOT THEATRE

The next production is **SHUSH** a funny and insightful glimpse into the power of female friendship : 5 women 5 different stories on a girls night in .It's Brenda's birthday and she is in no mood to celebrate. However her friends have other ideas and after cake and a few bacardis- it turns out Brenda is not the only one with problems

Suggested date is opening night, Friday **12th June 2015** , cost seniors \$23.00. Early booking secures the best seats. Folder will go around next Monday. **Honorary Members**, please ring 98419535 or email j_mcphee@optusnet.com.au to secure your bookings. Thank you. John

YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

On 25 May, 6.00pm at Bucatini Restaurant the RCFH is holding their Youth Community Service Awards night. Four schools have agreed to participate and are in the process of nominating students. They are Forest Hill College, Kingswood College, Vermont Secondary College and Box Hill High. It is possible a fifth school will be involved. Awards will be given to one Secondary school student from Yrs 8 to 9 in each school. Criteria for the nominees will be in a number of areas with heavy emphasis being placed on community and school volunteering. We hope for two RYPEN speakers for the evening who are being sourced by RYPEN Director, Diane Fisher

Rotarians, Partners and friends are all invited to attend. We need support in hosting and to make this a really memorable night for the parents and Award winners.

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. You must all get some snail mail. A no cost project.

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.

ANZAC DAY 2015 CENTENARY DAWN SERVICE

I'm sure many of you were at a Dawn Service somewhere in Australia. Robbie and I have always gone to the Dawn Service at the Shrine but this year for the first time we opted to stay in our local community. We were one of the early birds at Morton Park, Blackburn. By the start at 5:50am there would have been 500 people spilling across Central Road when Blackburn RSL president Athol Wells opened proceedings. It was unfortunate that flat batteries meant the sound system didn't work but luckily we were on the front row only a few metres from him. The scouts formed a locally flavoured guard of honour for all the dignitaries and the bugler was spot on.



Memorial at Morton Park, Blackburn after the crowds had gone

Roger Coates ANZAC TALK on April 20th

There are two further items of interest from Roger's talk. Firstly, below is a link to the books about Albert Coates (thanks Glenys)

<http://albertcoates.com/index.php/publications>

Secondly, Heather Neilson spent her time caring for the hospital's typing and filing as a receptionist in the X-ray department, not caring directly for the patients. So, Bob N was lucky because married to a nurse gets you very little sympathy (first hand experience!)

ROTARY PUBLICITY

Perhaps we are seeing the signs of the push by Rotary to improve their publicity. Usually, when The Age has an insert on Voluntary Organisations, Rotary doesn't get a mention. OK, so we didn't get a mention in any of the four editorials on the "The Gift" special report insert in Friday's The Age (24th April) but we had a ad in for ShelterBox Australia with a prominent Rotary Wheel. This all helps to reinforce our brand.

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**

Learning New Real World Skills: Take up opportunities when they present and who knows what skills you will learn. Cooking for "Large Groups", Project Management, Developing New Projects, Public Speaking, Radio Presenter and many more

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. If he is not there he .

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER DINNER Sat 27th June

Details have been circulated.

Venue: Karrayka 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.



Hainburg, Germany still 800kms to go



Korneuburg, Austria (Pied Piper home)

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	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
Almoner	Graham Sharman	Graham Sharman
Public Officer	Bill Marsh	Bill Marsh

Newsletter articles to the editor at ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au by 5 pm Wed



Looks like we are in Hungary



Bratislava, Slovakia - our lunch stop