



## Weekly Newsletter

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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

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### CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Bronwyn Williams "Insights into Nauru" <b>Committee Meetings</b>	Warwick Stott	Bob Williams
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Hans Eecen "Rotarian behind the Badge" <b>Board Meeting</b>	Ron Brooks	Chris Tuck
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Peter Carter Blackburn Village Resident's Group	Bill Marsh	Glenys Grant
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Partners Restaurant night		

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

6<sup>th</sup> May Glenys and Rob Grant wedding anniversary



### DUTY ROSTER

<u>ROSTER</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Cashier	Glenys Grant	Mike Finke
Recorder	Ray Smith	Hans Eecen
Greeter	Chris Tuck	Bill Marsh
Emergency	Gary Baltissen	Graham Sharman

### 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

## BOB'S BANTER

Last Monday night was another of our club's special occasions.

The evening gave us the opportunity to remember the late Graham Taylor and Ford Davis and present awards in their names to outstanding Box Hill Institute apprentices which fits in perfectly with the forward thinking, community minded men Graham and Ford were.

Marg Taylor unfortunately couldn't make it but we had great representation from the Davis family with Gary and Cobie and Peter and Pam once again giving us their time. Thank you. Gary, we all loved your story about your mum, Eve and her driving licence. We heard about why our awardees, Jerome, Kayne and Clare were selected by their lecturers which along with the award of \$1,500 of tools each should give them even greater opportunity and confidence to succeed in their chosen fields.

Stuart gave a brief sergeant's session which raised \$33-35 and our raffle raised \$56. We asked our three awardees to each draw a ticket so our three prizes all were welcomed by the winners.

Glenys worked at Model United Nations Assembly at Parliament House all weekend. Well done Glenys!

The cluster President's meeting last Friday at Beau Monde restaurant was combined with the incoming Whitehorse Presidents and Bill Marsh also attended to update us on Hand Brake Turn advising the cluster to wait and see what develops there as the organisation is undergoing major changes.

We discussed that three of our clubs, Box Hill, MASH and Forest Hill individually support Box Hill Institute in different areas so we thought it best to continue as we are. Sarah from Rotaract reported on the recent successful Giant Monopoly night which raised \$3,000 for ABCD. We agreed to support a new club in Timor Leste to the tune of \$100 each per club with proposals to go to the board of each club with response to AG Paul. We all agreed at just how valuable are the quarterly cluster meetings.

We will have our Committee meetings follow our dinner meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May and our board meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> May.

We had a request from Peter Carter of the Blackburn Village Resident's group to speak to us about the Blackburn Rail Crossing issue and so Ray slotted him into the 23<sup>rd</sup> May meeting which was to be our club forum so that has been deferred to the 20<sup>th</sup> June. This retains our partners' night in the restaurant on the 30<sup>th</sup> May. Ray, you're a marvel the way you quietly organise our program and bookings, market trailer, photos, etc Remember we have our District Assembly on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May and John Mc will be organising our attendees.

Barbara, Anna, Hans and I attended the Saturday morning session of Model United Nations Assembly and were amazed at the work that must have been put in by the MUNA committee (including our Glenys) to make such a massive event run so smoothly. We watched Glenys on the chamber floor, hard at work taking notes of every speaker from each of the 41 schools. We could see our team from Forest Hill Secondary College representing Sweden in their Viking outfits, complete with helmet and horns and later found out the reason we couldn't see our Kingswood College team representing Afghanistan, and it was that they pulled out the night before. This was unfortunate as if they had given the committee sufficient notice there were two other schools in reserve, one of whom would have jumped at the chance to take part in a once in a lifetime experience for their students.

Great work MUNA committee!

Next week we will have Bronwyn Williams telling us about her "Insights from Nauru" as she spent time there as religious liaison officer for the Salvation Army.

**Remember "Be a Gift to the World".**

**President Bob**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Apprentice Awards Night 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

Meeting opened by Sergeant Stuart linking the forthcoming Federal election with education and in particular TAFE training for trades, and the importance of this training to the future of this country and the youth who will lead in the years ahead. A toast to Country and Rotary followed before handing over to chairman for the evening, Bob Laslett

Bob welcomed our guests for the evening (17) who outnumbered us Rotarians then handed over to the other Bob (B2) to give the President update of goings on in the club. B1 then assumed his spot at the Podium, calling for reports with the major event MUNA having been presented over the past weekend. Glenys gave a comprehensive report on the event, its preparation and the confidence gained by the 2 representatives from Forest Hill College, who overcame their 1<sup>st</sup> day nerves, to fully bloom on the second day as they represented Sweden as good little armed Vikings despite tighter security at Parliament. To get proceedings underway, B1 spoke to the Graham Taylor award before presenting to the awardee Jerome Marie, and then invited Mamdouh Abd El-Migid the head of that Department to speak.

Mamdouth then gave some background both to himself and the direction Box Hill Institute is taking with the establishment again of campuses outside their main base. Mamdouth then spoke to the talents of the awardee Jerome.

Gary Davis then was introduced to speak of his father, Ford Davis, and as usual he immediately put the awardees and all at ease with his laid back approach.

Gary presented to the awardees Kayne Ottosen (Furniture & Building) and to Clare Coyle (Automotive) and then we had a response from their respective teachers Martin Los and Frank Marinelli

Kayne is working for a stair making business, and is looking forward to the challenges this industry will face in the years ahead. His lecturer went on to talk of changes in the building industry in particular with laminated timbers use in high rise developments and environmental low carbon benefits.

Frank spoke on Clare and her progress in the Automotive industry, and the rapid changes occurring along with the place for women within the Industry on the floor and in customer service.

The students this year chose to receive tools of trade, and with this the Institute transported the impressive collection of tools of trade by ute for display.

Following responses from the students and their thanks to Rotary for their awards, B2 then closed the meeting Raffle proceeds amounted to \$56.00 and all 3 prizes were won by visitors. Fines raised about \$33.00.

John McPhee

Reflection May2, 2016

Most people believe we will be facing an election very soon. It is likely to be called at the end of this week. An eight week campaign—I can see you are thrilled.

We'll be bombarded with all manner of ideas and promises in all manner of areas. Will the party we vote for make a big difference to our future and our country's prosperity.

Part of our country's future is in the room here tonight. Young people who have taken the route to the future, by committing to skill training. How can we become innovative and high skilled if we don't value education and training. Successive governments have mangled and "ripped the guts out of" the training system. I wonder who cares about TAFE?

Please take some time to seriously consider the ideas floated about reviving and restructuring TAFE. Should our hard earned be easily siphoned off so someone can buy a new "Beemer" or a "Merc" and have thousands of people with pieces of paper that are worth "diddlyquat". Please take an interest in the interests of a skilled workforce.

Sgt Stuart



**Peter, Jerome, Clare, Kayne and Gary**



**Our three smiling awardees, Clare (Automotive), Kayne (Furniture and Building) and Jerome (Electrical).**

In response to Bill's email thanking the Davis family for their ongoing support, Gary replied

"Hi Bill and all our family at FHRC,  
How good was last night? We were blown away by the numbers of lecturers and staff from Box Hill Institute; it really brought home how much this has become such an important part of their year. Just brilliant  
It's everything we had hoped to achieve with the FDEA's  
Great outcome, terrific night, a privilege to be part of it and I mean that from the heart!

Warmest

Gary"

### **WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET**

Warwick advises that we have Stuart doing the 7-30am to 9am shift, then Bob Laslett (B1) doing the 9am to 11am and finally Bob Williams (B2) on the late shift 11am to 1pm. We are on the gate nearest Whitehorse Road.  
Good that Stuart has the early shift as that gives him plenty of time to afterwards enjoy his coffee and egg and bacon sandwich.

## **MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY**

Well, what a wonderful weekend at MUNA.

So busy, and so rewarding! All who attended obviously loved it!

As a newcomer to the MUNA committee I was not sure what to expect but the event ran efficiently, was excellent in venue, value and timing.

Our Whitehorse Cluster group had eight teams sponsored by five of our six Rotary clubs. These teams were from Blackburn High School, two teams from our Lady of Sion. two from PLC and one from Box Hill High School, Koonung Secondary College and Forest Hill College.

The 41 teams who competed were committed, well researched participants, who knew so much about their allocated countries and argued the resolutions put forward with vigour, intelligence and skill. No one represented their birthplace and cultural country so it was a learning curve for all.

By Sunday inhibitions were gone and it was into magnificent verbal battle.

Our second participant from Forest Hill was ill on Saturday and sat quietly all day (but had the resilience to BE there and stay, which was tremendous, I thought).

By Sunday she spoke with fervour and passion, making her points very well.

Her team partner was excellent and enthusiastic in her statements and participation for the whole weekend.

Our FHC team was a striking sight – two year 11 girls, with the culturally diverse backgrounds of Vietnam and Ethiopia, representing Sweden. They were dressed in Viking costumes with horned helmets and brandishing swords.

It was actually a surprise they got the weapon replicas through Security!

I have congratulated this team for their MUNA commitment and participation.

The official report is enclosed and says it all. Suffice to say that Blackburn High students won the Best Team, that everyone seemed to relish the MUNA experience, and that the Spirit of MUNA, which is to promote peace, goodwill and understanding between Nations, lives on and yes, triumphs.

Glenys Grant

## **2016 MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY – OFFICIAL REPORT**

2016 MUNA took place at the magnificent Victorian Parliament House over the weekend of 30 April and 1 May. 41 teams took part representing 41 countries from all parts of the world. Throughout the weekend the discussion and debate of eight resolutions was fairly well balanced with no team able to dominate. Costumes were fantastic, with almost all teams dressing up to showcase the culture and history of their country. The Legislative Assembly chamber was full of colour and action, with the diplomatic couriers (Rotaractors and past MUNA participants all dressed in bright red t-shirts) struggling to keep up with the traffic of diplomatic messages. As usual, catering for the event by Parliament House Catering was generous and hit the right mark with the hard working and excited youngsters.



The team from Blackburn High School representing Malaysia was judged the best team overall, with the team from Sacred Heart Girl's College representing Germany finishing up as the runners-up. The students voted for the team from Sandringham Secondary College representing Turkey as the best contributor to colourful debate as well as to the comedy and hilarity of the weekend. The team of delegates for Ukraine – from Bentleigh Secondary College – won the prize for best costume. The team from Avila College who dressed up in bright colours for Brazil got an honourable mention for the work they had done in designing and making their own beautiful hats (full fruit salad hats in the style of Carmen Miranda) and outfits. That team also took away the prize for submitting the student resolution selected for inclusion in the debate. The District Governor's prize went to the team from Noble Park Secondary College representing Italy. We understand the two students were both Afghan refugees who have been in Australia for just over two years and handled the high pressure event with aplomb arguing their case with well prepared speeches.

The D9810 MUNA Committee would like to thank all participating clubs for their support and for the relationship they have established with their local schools. We are also grateful to President Chris Prior of RC Waverley for his extraordinary work in securing additional funding for MUNA that enabled us to proceed with the event.



**FHC students Elsa and Noorizan with Rotary District 9810 DG Elect Carol Lawton and MUNA members Gill and Joe Somers.**



**Glenys hard at work**



**Three interested bystanders!**

## **STOP PRESS! SPORTING NEWS!**

Star utility Glenys Grant has been rested from the Rotary Forest Hill Breakfast Club team for their 3<sup>rd</sup> May away game at Forest Hill Secondary College ground, due to extreme exhaustion from her weekend match at the Parliament House ground when she played for the Model United Nations Assembly team. I understand that the chair of the match committee was concerned about her health when he spoke to her at the recent Box Hill Apprentices Awards match at their Bucatini home ground and reluctantly Glenys agreed she needed to rest up. She starred in the midfield in the MUNA match being involved with all the action from end to end on the weekend and all WITHOUT TALKING!

## **FELLOWSHIP – DINNER/MOVIE OPPORTUNITY – KATHY AND JOHN**

The monthly movie night is on this coming Friday, 6th May.

A few interesting choices, hope some of you are able to join in.

Let Bob Williams know if you would like a ticket and meet him at the time and place he suggests.

FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS ---3 stars. 6:40pm Released today.

Meryl Streep plays the lead role in this comedy/ drama and is convinced her voice is beautiful while everyone else thinks it's hilarious and awful. Her manager and husband, Hugh Grant, tries to protect her from the truth. Her Carnegie Hall concert is his greatest challenge.

CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR ---5 stars. 6:15 pm rated M

Two factions side with Iron Man or Captain America causing an epic battle between former allies. Full of action and violence.

JUNGLE BOOK. ---- 5 stars. 6:30pm

Action epic adventure telling of this traditional story.

EDDIE THE EAGLE---4 stars 6:20pm

This movie details the inspiring exploits of Michael Edwards and portrays his never-say-die approach to the sport of ski jumping, celebrating the human spirit and resilience in the face of major challenges.

MOTHER'S DAY--- 4 stars. 8:50pm

This heartwarming film follows the different relationships between mothers and their children. Timely film!

BAD NEIGHBOURS 2---- 6:45pm

Follow up to 2014 most popular comedy. It tells of what happens when the will of parenthood goes against the bonds of sisterhood .

Kathy Donaghey

Let me know by Friday midday if you require any tickets and I'll get them and meet you at Melbas 5-30 as several movies start soon after 6pm

Pres Bob

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

16<sup>th</sup> May Hans Eecen "Rotarian behind the badge."

23<sup>rd</sup> May Peter Carter

30<sup>th</sup> May Partners in restaurant

6<sup>th</sup> June Citizenship Awards

13<sup>th</sup> June No Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> June Club Forum

27<sup>th</sup> June Club Changeover



## NEWS FROM OUR WHITEHORSE ROTARACT CLUB

John Williams from Rotary Club of Noble Park will be attending our next club meeting to talk as Rotaractors are interested in finding out more information about the **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** project. This is a literacy project Whitehorse Rotaract is considering setting up and running.

We would like to extend an invitation to our sponsor Rotary Clubs to attend our meeting if you are interested in hearing John talk about the D9810 pilot program by Noble Park RC.

Meeting:

**Wednesday 11th May**

**7:15pm for 7:30pm start**

**Melbourne Baseball Club, Surrey Drive, Box Hill.**

Regards,

Naomi Ferguson

Club Service Director

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We are again taking orders for the ENTERTAINMENT BOOK. The cost is \$65 and the commission will be paid to Hope Katolo Nursery School in Kenya. We have supported this wonderful project for many years and recently provided them with water tanks so they can grow vegetables for school lunches,

The book is great value. Many vouchers - Buy one, get one free meals. You only need to use it 4 times and you have covered the book cost.

A great excuse to eat out in different places.

Contact Stuart Williams if you would like to purchase a book this year.

## FOREST HILL ROTARY FELLOWSHIP

A further suggestion is from Stuart's and my mate, Peter from our Apex days as his wife, Merrilyn is a singer with the Maroondah singers.

"The details of our next concert are - May 15th 2pm at the Uniting Church Hall, corner East Doncaster Road and Maroondah Highway.

Cost is \$20 concession or \$25 adult"

Acting editor Bob

## DIARY DATES

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> May Girls Night Out – Rowville – Lysterfield club

28<sup>th</sup> May/1<sup>st</sup> June RI CONVENTION, SEOUL, KOREA

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> June Multi District function to farewell Ian Riseley (RI Pres '17-'18)

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June District Governor's Changeover at Karralyka Theatre.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June Our Changeover

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

May Youth Services

June Rotary Fellowships

## ROBBIE AND RON'S TRAVELS

28<sup>th</sup> April - Just finished our first late breakfast. Did not get up til 8am! Now tidying the suitcase as we fly this arvo to Dubai. It is 6deg and has been hail stoning for past hour and is very dull outside. It was clear and sunny at 8am. I don't wonder now that DUTCH people emigrate to Australia!

Final tally was 1,050kms in 21 days of riding out of 32 days in Netherlands. Found a few short 10% hills in the dune areas and certainly some 2-3% slopes but otherwise it was flat and always WINDY!! Westerlies and North Westerlies mainly but so often landscapes were exposed so the wind was vicious. Last five days of riding were so cold. 0 to 8 degC according to the garmin and daily hailstone storms. They sting your face. But it has been fun, enjoyable, different, worthwhile, friendly. Maybe it's only the argumentative Dutch people who emigrate! We flew into Dubai last night (28<sup>th</sup> April) just after midnight on an A380 (they upgraded us to business class! They upgraded us on the Dubai into Amsterdam as well. Amazed. )

It was 33deg. We left Amsterdam in rainy 3deg. Had a sleep in this Friday morning. Nicholas went to bed at 2:30am after picking us up at the airport and was up at 4:30am for his usual bike ride. Poor guy. Now have 10 days here before we are back in good old Melbourne. See you all soon.

## FOREST HILL SECONDARY COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

10/5/16 Bob L and Barb  
 17/5/16 Robbie and Bob W  
 24/5/16 Robbie and Bob L  
 31/5/16 Kevin and Robbie  
 7/6/16 Robbie and Barb  
 14/6/16 Robbie and Bob W  
 21/6/16 Robbie and Kevin

Thanks to Barbara and Bob last Tuesday for cooking and serving up pancakes (again, as Ben said they had a lot of ingredients over from pancakes last week, hence the repeat.) Bob took over from Glenys as she was exhausted from her full weekend as secretary for the Model United Nations weekend.

The team made over 40 pancakes and although I was in the "back room" kitchen mixing ingredients whilst chef Barbara did the cooking and serving, I did hear a comment from one boy saying how good his pancake was, so that was nice to hear.

Ben told me that the teacher who took their MUNA team to Parliament House told the staff meeting how wonderful it all went

Ben had to go and receive his flu shot so left the key for us to clean up and lock up.

Great to see so many smiling youngsters with their tummies full!

Bob

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