



## The Flyer 2017-2018



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

### CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Meeting Report
4 June	Youth Citizenship awards	Bill Marsh	Mike Finke
11 June	No Meeting		
18 June	ROMAC <i>Graeme Chester</i>	Sue Ballard	Glenys Grant
25 June	Holiday Talk <i>Ron Brooks</i>	Mike Finke	Bill Marsh

### CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to Bob Laslett (4 June). Congratulations to Ron Brooks on club anniversary (5 June) and wedding anniversary celebrations for Bob and Barbara Williams (6 June).

### DUTY ROSTER

	JUNE	JULY
Recorder	Barbara Williams	Chris Tuck
Greeter	Sue Ballard	John McPhee
Emergency	Barbara Searle	John Donaghey
Cashier	Ray Smith	Glenys Grant

### 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

## BILL's BYLINES

A special night at the club on Monday – our Apprentice Awards Night.

We were thrilled to be able to welcome Roger Davis to take part in the presentation of two of the awards named in honour of his father, Ford Davis, a past District Governor.

The three apprentices represented Electrical/Refrigeration, Carpentry/Cabinet Making and Automotive. As well as the apprentices and their family & friends we had representatives from Box Hill Institute in each of the trades and Cheryl Cruse the Senior Administrator in the area. A terrific show of support from the Institute for three great young men at the beginning of their careers.

Next week we will be holding our Youth Citizenship Awards which are given to students from Year 8-9 nominated by five local secondary schools. These are amazing young people who are already making their mark in their school and broader community and one can only wonder at their maturity, drive and initiative at such an early stage in their lives.

Three of our members (still counting you Martine!!) are helping out at a RYDA program for Vermont Secondary College to be held at Lilydale on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June. This is a great program aimed at better preparing our young people for the task of becoming skilled and considerate drivers in the future.

The Peridot Theatre night is moving on well and the noise you can hear is coming from the rattling of pots & pans as members, partners & friends start preparing the food. I hope that all of our guests on the night leave plenty of time after the show to meet the cast and enjoy the food & drink. Sort of tops off a great night.

The end of the year is nigh (well at least the Rotary Year) and reports, except for the President, have been flooding in to the Secretary to allow for the preparation of the Annual Report. Once the stress has passed it is a great time to sit back and reflect on all that has been achieved.

Our Film Night will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> June and I hope that as many as possible can attend. As usual we will be meeting for dinner before the films. Please get back to me by Friday morning if you are attending.

### **Dates for your calendar**

- 1<sup>st</sup> June - Film Night
- 4<sup>th</sup> June - Youth Achievement Awards
- 7<sup>th</sup> June - Peridot Theatre – sell tickets!!
- 18<sup>th</sup> June - Combined Board Meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Tree Planting at Blackburn Lake
- 16<sup>th</sup> July - Official Changeover Dinner

### **Did You Know?**

When Rameses II's mummified body was shipped to France in 1974 it was issued with a passport. The mummy's occupation was given as King (Deceased).

**Remember - Rotary: Making a Difference - is not just a theme it is what we do.**

## Meeting report 28 May

The program for the night was the Box Hill Institute(BHI) apprentice awards covering the Ford Davis Encouragement awards (2) and the Graham Taylor award. The meeting opened with a reflection by Stuart and the toasts to Country and Rotary International.

Chairman Ron welcomed 14 guests and 12 members.

Roger Davis to present awards, and Club guest Kathy

Cheryl Cruse                BHI Senior Administration Officer

Mark Whitehead,        Electrical

Michael Cope,            Automotive

Ross Bardon              Cabinet Making and

Magdalena Ojeda        BHI Alumni Officer and Rotarian.

The awardees Tom McMeikin-Evans, Bawi Cinzah, and James Park , and their guests.

To keep the meeting from dragging on, no reports or Sergeant session were held, only the raffle was alluded to by President Bill.



Following the main course, the meeting proceeded to the award presentations, and chairman Ron spoke briefly about the man behind the award and Graham's commitment to development of young peoples' life skills and work commitment. Mark Whitehead operations Manager Electrical then introduced his awardee Tom McMeikin-Evans outlining Tom's commitment and role modelling to his trade learning. President Bill then presented the award (tools of trade) to Tom.



Roger then came forward to present the Davis encouragement awards and outlined his father's commitment to encouragement for youth to achieve to the best of their ability in all that they do. Ross Bardon then introduced the awardee James Park and in doing so outlined the difficulties that James has had to confront and overcome in fulfilling the level of competency and commitment to his chosen trade. James was presented with a selection of his tools in trade. Finally, Michael Cope spoke on the selection process for the Automotive award and introduced the awardee Bawi Cinzah. Bawi is a refugee from Burma who has exhibited commitment to his employment and learning as he seeks to establish his life in Australia. Bawi in his acknowledgement of the award stated how much this means to him and his family obligations, and to his Burmese community as a whole. In fact, all three recipients were most impressive in acknowledging their awards.





Raffles were drawn prior to closing of the meeting and raised \$90.00. Bill closed the meeting and good fellowship followed.

### **Sergeant's Reflection 28 May**

This Rotary Club has valued and rewarded excellence in vocational training and education for the last 30 years. There are varied types of intelligence and they are of equal value. When I heard a senior Federal minister equate TAFE education with basket weaving, I wept.

This Rotary club has continued to support TAFE students while successive governments have run-down and starved TAFE of funding. Covering skill shortages in our economy with 457 visas was a low cost and short-sighted approach of little long-term benefit to our country. The lack of will and desire to build and sustain a viable vocational education sector lead to appalling outcomes and millions of dollars being syphoned off into private bank accounts.

Just recently, there have appeared signs that our politicians might be starting to value vocational education by giving adequate financial support and a level of prestige. I won't attempt to guess at their motives.

We need to develop excellence across all occupations for the social and economic health of our society.

Rotarians, it is said, are like a candle. They give of themselves and light up others. Tonight we are delighted to shine our light on a couple of young achievers and hope that together we can light up the world.

### **MUNA Presentations**



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### **FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST**

This week it is Judy M and Robbie and they will be followed by Robbie and Barbara.

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee chairs are kindly asked to have their reports to me by the end of June.

### **ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES**

June	Fellowships
July	Rotary Awareness

### **ARTICLES**

Next week please forward your prize-winning articles to [ronbrooks1942@gmail.com](mailto:ronbrooks1942@gmail.com) by 5pm Wednesday. A big thank you once again to Ron- unfortunately he never gets to go away like me!