



**The Flyer
2016-2017**



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26 June 2017

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Rotary Club Forest Hill

CLUB PROGRAM

| Date | Event | Chair | Thanks & Meeting Report |
|-------------|--|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 26 June | LAARF Singers <i>Leon Moore/Liz Oli</i> | Stuart Williams | Warwick Stott |
| 3 July | CLUB CHANGEOVER | Ron Brooks | Mike Finke |
| 10 July | Active Living for a Healthy Heart <i>Christine Rees</i> | Bob Laslett | Barbara Searle |
| 17 July | Story Telling and Poetry reading <i>Annie Wisham</i> | Glenys Grant | John McPhee |
| 24 July | Depression- How to reclaim your life <i>Wim Ooms</i> | | |
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CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Chris Tuck for his club anniversary on 29 June

DUTY ROSTER

| | JUNE | JULY |
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| Recorder | Chris Tuck | Ron Brooks |
| Greeter | Mike Finke | Bob Williams |
| Emergency | Barbara Searle | Glenys Grant |
| Cashier | Bill Marsh | 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 0412 807 585 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

DON HULLAND

Don is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409**

530 435. Please give him a call or phone the office 5770-2100 and ask for Don.

PRESIDENT JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Monday night June 19 we welcomed Stuart back from his visit to Rotary's Atlanta Conference. We will hear more on his participation at Atlanta and also on his adventures to "the wild west Colorado" at future meetings.

Stuart spoke on 2 highlights of the conference being the pledging of \$1.2 billion for End Polio over the next 3 years to tackle this disease. To-date there have been only 5 reported cases of Polio this year but the WHO is looking now for 3 clear years before it considers the job done.

Once again Bill & Melinda Gates have undertaken to match \$2 for \$1 raised by Rotary, and so our target is again set at \$250million.

Stu also spoke of the "Aussie girl from Sandringham" now studying in Germany who represented Rotaract as a keynote speaker.

Our guest speaker was 9810 District Public Relations Officer Jeff Steel talking about "getting your message across" giving helpful comment on what should and what should not be done when seeking print media support.

Our next meeting LAARF singers and their work in Audio Rehabilitation.

From the Board the major discussion was on the success of the Peridot theatre night, and distribution of funds to supporters.

The cash return offered to other clubs and organisations in the future should be no more than 50% of the charge. We then have an option to increase the return to supporters in the light of the experience. The amount distributed to Berengarra School today to support their Drama room improvements was \$960.00

John

Meeting report June 19

President John:

congratulated the organizers of the Peridot theatre night

presented Mike with a Centurion Pin

announced the Blackburn market raised \$801

and the Club was presented with a cheque for \$478.60 being a donation from the Railway Crossing workers.

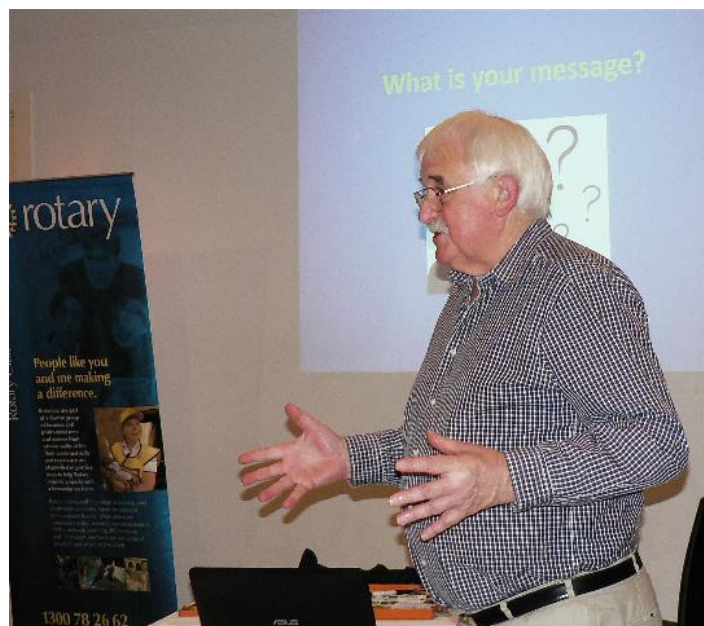
A former member, John Stanford passed away a few days ago.

Stuart Williams gave a short report on the Rotary World Conference in Atlanta. There were at least 35000 attendees at the conference which meant there were two opening ceremonies.

At the Conference Bill Gates announced he would give a further \$250 million to complete the Polio eradication project. Golfer Jack Nicklaus spoke of the effects polio had on him. Stuart was delighted to hear from a Sandringham Rotaractor who was a key note speaker.

Chris Tuck announced that the toolbox deal done for the Box Hill Institute apprentices meant each would have an extra \$550 worth of tools.

Warwick announced that because of the holiday weekend the Farmers Market was not attended as well as usual but the proceeds would be approx. \$5200.



Guest Speaker

Rotary District Public Relations Officer Jeff Steel spoke about getting out the message of Rotary. This is very important for membership. He spoke about the need to decide on the message the Club wanted to portray. This could then be made known with the Club's Bulletin, local papers, the Club's website, facebook and radio. The web sites needed to be kept up to date with photos and only a small amount of print. Photos needed to be action shots of a Club's activities which could make people wish to join.

Ray Smith

Report on the Blackburn Market Saturday 10th June.



The Blackburn Craft Market on Saturday 10th June was back in its traditional place. A number of stall holders came up to us and said how pleased they were with the new set up. It was a cold but sunny, dry day. There

were loads of people. We sold out of sausages. John then bought the last of the sausages at the local butcher and we sold them. Marg McPhee then drove off to buy two bulk packs of sausages (she was asked to only buy



one). No matter, we sold all the two packs as well.

The Level Crossing Authority had organised and paid for a clown, an electric train to transport kids around, music, face painting, two footy players, and manned (womaned!!) a stall giving away pastries, biscuits, muffins, chocolate money, oh and leaflets about the level crossing. Of course, they also provided us with two hampers to raffle. One winner was drawn at the market. It was Bruce Rutter a friend of the Berengarra school, so probably an attendee of the Peridot theatre on Thursday evening. This raffle raised \$116. Socially it was a great success as we chatted with Norm & Mary Durham, Bruce & Connie Millott, Kira, Morgan & Spencer, and PDG Brian Martin (Morgan & Spencer provided music in the rotunda – a big THANK YOU).

We started at 8am and finished at 1:30pm. A big thank you to Ray, John Mc, Chris, Ron, Mike, Bill and Marg Mc for working hard all day.

A financially rewarding day. The workers on the Level Crossing job raised a total of \$487 and gave us a cheque for that amount. Well done those workers! We collected \$240 from stall holders and raised \$561 from the sausages (which included \$30 from selling left over items from Peridot to a couple of our members, thank you). A total of \$1,288.

Ron Brooks

Report on RYDA, Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Tuesday 13th June.





Robbie, Martine and Ron volunteered to help RYDA, Rotary Youth Driver Awareness, out at Box Hill Institute Lilydale Lakeside Campus last Tuesday 13th June on a warm and sunny day. This programme is branded by the Rotary wheel all around Australia showing Rotary in Action. Over 170 students from Vermont Secondary College participated in six interactive workshops and demonstrations to make better, safer choices when getting into a vehicle. We sat in on all the sessions (and learned lots!) plus our job was to help set up at 8:30am, guide students around to the classrooms and carpark, generally help facilitators, and clear up at the end promptly by 2:30pm. A big thank you to RC of Lilydale in providing the other 3 volunteers. A great example of combining with another club for the community good.

Catherine, the RYDA organiser will surely be missed when she takes time out to double her family. She is so enthusiastic and organised. A great day all around. Learned lots. Thanks to Bob Williams for organising us to be part of this Australia wide community service to youth.

Ron Brooks

Breakfast roster

The school children survived pancakes from Judy and President John one week and toasties from Bob L and Robbie the next. Numbers were down due to upper school exams not the Forest Hill helpers.

Peridot Fund Raising Project Thursday 8th June

On Thursday 8th June, 122 Rotary friends and Friends of Rotary gathered together to socialize and watch "Female of the Species" by Joanna Murray-Smith. This was a wickedly funny one act play put on by Peridot theatre. They had been generous enough to give our club this preview night free (opening night was Fri 11th June) and allow us to use it as a fund raiser. The initial idea was instigated by Ron, then fund raising chairman Mike professionalised it by organising a way of attendees to book on line and tell us which club they were from. Normally, Peridot charge \$24 a ticket. We charged \$20 and returned \$12 of each ticket to the Rotary club or fund raising entity that bought the tickets. Let's face it, does it matter whether it goes into our fund raising budget or any other charity as the money goes back into our community.

The play was a great success. The night was a fabulous success grossing \$2,400.

Our club provided sherry, various slices and biscuits at the start of the evening. We then had a supper of chicken sandwiches, onion tarts, various cakes, biscuits red & white wine plus tea / coffee / soft drinks afterwards.

Despite people staying on later than is usual after a Peridot play, we did not run out of anything. A number of people from other clubs came up to us afterwards and congratulated us on a job well done including the cast from the play. They enjoyed the opportunity to put on the play before a live audience prior to the opening night. Wilf was a friendly and easy Peridot liaison and Adam was exceptional as Peridot Front of House coordinator. All the Peridot cast enjoyed the refreshments we supplied. Adam thought we were so good that he asked if we would like to do it again. I said we'd be thrilled to have this as an annual fund raising opportunity, but of course it is really up to next year's Board to say yea or nay.

Thanks go to Robbie, Mike, Chris S, Martine, Jenny, Marg Mc, and Judy M for providing the food for the evening. Others just lent a hand as and where needed. It is good to have a club that will just start helping without being asked.

It is now up to our club to support Peridot by going along to as many of their productions as you possibly can. They only put on 4 plays each year plus their One Act Play season over a weekend in April and another in September. Please support them and this will encourage them to support Rotary.

Ron Brooks

Fundraising

e-bay

No items were sold in the months of May/June, but two items will be available soon.

Social Media and Podcasting

Podcasts have not yet resumed, but the Facebook page is performing well, and additional page likes have been positive.

Mike

Peridot:

Ron Brooks picked up this item from Peridot's advertising

Peridot Theatre, Doing Great Things for the Community.

Every season, Peridot Theatre hosts a Charity Night for leading organisations in our community. This is a fantastic endeavour, creating a fun night out for the selected charities and benefiting the community in many ways; through the sale of tickets, the charities are able to raise funds for important projects, but it also means an entertaining night out for those who wouldn't necessarily come to the theatre.

This season, the Forest Hill Rotary club hosted the Charity Night, selling almost every single ticket and raising approximately \$2400.

"This money doesn't just go to Forest Hill Rotary," Ron Brooks, a representative of the Club explained. "We invited Rotary Clubs from all over the area to participate."

So not only will Forest Hill benefit, but they were joined by six other Clubs who will gain valuable resources from the night. 100% of the profits will go to charities and otherwise underfunded organisations, such as the Berengarra School which works with students who have social and emotional disabilities, offering a dedicated and effective therapeutic program. According to Ron, who has been an audience member of Peridot's for over thirty years, this school also teaches its students through theatre and role-play, a program which Peridot is only too proud to support.



Ron Brooks, of Forest Hill Rotary

DIARY DATES

June 24 District Changeover

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

June Fellowship

ARTICLES

Newsletter articles to rlaslett76@gmail.com.au by 5 pm Wednesday please. A big thankyou to Ron for his sterling efforts and To Bill for getting the flyer out while I am interstate