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Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

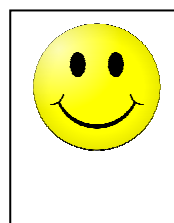
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CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
23 rd May	Blackburn Village Resident's Group <i>Peter Carter</i>	John McPhee	Ron Brooks
30 th May	Partners' Night Bucatini Restaurant		
6 th June	Citizenship awards	Bill Marsh	Glenys Grant
13 th June	No meeting Queens Birthday		

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

None. But you can still give everyone a **SMILE**



DUTY ROSTER

	May	June
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 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

Great to have Anna and Barbara come along to hear the "Hans Eecen This is Your Life" Good to have John D make the trip from lovely Ocean Grove to hear Hans. It was a good idea to give the sergeant's bell to Anna to remind Hans to keep to time. Well done Hans with your presentation of photos and stories which we all enjoyed, even those of you and me together at school at Norwood High. I can't believe we were ever that young!

As Chris said when thanking Hans, some of our most interesting presentations are from our own members and you and Mike who presented his story to us in December, certainly have kept up that standard.

Merle Smith had a successful cataract operation Monday and Ray (her temporary eyes) reported that all went well so that is really wonderful. Our thoughts are with you Merle for a speedy recovery as we have seen Ray's cooking at the market.

Kevin Grigsbey's father passed away last week so our resident card maker created a card which we all signed and Barbara dropped it into Kevin and Lynne. Our sympathies to Kevin and Lynne.

We had a full market Saturday with stallholders, both political parties and sundry non profit groups.

Kerilyn Wyatt from the Railway Crossing Authority accompanied John and me visiting all the stallholders as she had a letter explaining the impact of the construction that she handed to all stallholders. John decided that we won't have a market in July which was accepted by all as necessary. Thanks to all who gave their time Saturday, Ray, John, Bob L, Chris, Stuart, Bill, Glenys, Hans, Anna, Barbara and Bob W. We were trying a new sausage supplier and Hans even was able to pass onto our two cooks, Bill and Ray that he received a compliment from a professional chef as to how well cooked the snagger was that he devoured. Well done men!

At the market Michael Sukkar, our federal member for Deakin confirmed that even with the election coming up, he will still be able to attend our Citizenship Awards on the 6th June. We will also have two representatives from our award sponsors, the Bendigo Bank, plus our Assistant Governor Paul Mee and Adele, so a big night coming up.

Thanks to Robbie and Pres Bob for making pancakes this week at Forest Hill College. Our District Assembly is on the 22nd May and John Mc has organised our attendees. Stuart is off next week to his 6th World Rotary Conference, this time in Seoul, Korea so we wish you a safe and enjoyable time and look forward to hearing all about it on your return. Stuart also invited me to tour the Healey factory in Mitcham with his Probus club seeing restorations of many classic cars, then to the Marilyn Monroe exhibition in Bendigo, so he certainly gets around.

I received a letter from our honorary member, Reg Morkham thanking us for mailing him our weekly newsletters which he thoroughly enjoys reading. One paragraph read "My heartiest congratulations to you and all in the Club for your wonderful efforts. I am simply staggered that you are achieving such a lot with so little members. I recall when I was President those 17 years ago when we had over 40 members; we didn't seem to do all the great work that you are now doing."

Thanks for your encouraging words Reg and I can fondly recall the good work that you initiated as part of the great tradition that Forest Hill club follows.

Next week we will have Peter Carter from the Blackburn Village Resident's Group to talk about their ideas regarding the Blackburn rail area redevelopment.

President Bob

"Be a Gift to the World".

DIARY DATES

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

Sun 19th June Multi District lunch to farewell Ian Riseley (RI Pres '17-'18)

Sat 25th June District Governor's Changeover at Karralyka Theatre.

Mon 27th June Forest Hill Club Changeover

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Sergeant Stuart Williams opened the meeting with his reflections. Stuart spoke of the importance of immigration to Australia and the opportunities it creates. (see below in full) Ron Brooks was the Chairman for the night with 12 Rotarians present and 2 partners. President Bob Williams reported:

1. District Changeover is the 25th of June (RSVP by June 10) the incoming DG is Carol Lawton (partner Frank).
2. Monday May 30 is partner's night in the restaurant.
3. For our Club there will be a joint Board Meeting June 20 and our Club Changeover Night is June 27.
4. Stuart Williams is about to leave for The World Rotary Conference. This will be the 6th World Conference Stuart has attended which we think is a record for our Club.
5. A note has been received from PP Reg Morkham acknowledging the work the Club continues to do in the community although we have less than 20 members (when Reg was President we had over 40 members).

Reports from other Club members:

1. Kevin Williams from the Ballarat Historical Society has requested a copy of our book 'Go for Gold'. Bill Marsh will provide the book (to be replaced by Bob L).
2. Chris Tuck reported that he visited the NADRASCA Farm and it is still providing for a growing need for the community with 100 people attending the farm each week.
3. John McPhee reported that last week we had a good Blackburn Market.
4. District Assembly is this Sunday commencing at 9 am.
5. 18 people are in our Footy Tipping Competition which has raised \$126 for Hope Katolo.
6. Bill Marsh is in contact with Hard Brake Turn as there appears to be some change in the direction of the organization. Bill will keep us posted.
7. Glenys Grant reported we have 5 candidates for NYSF and positive feedback has been received from the MUNA students.
8. June 6 will be the Youth Citizenship Awards night.



Guest speaker Hans with the woman behind the Rotarian behind the badge and a picture of the traditional weekly cheese market at Alkmaar where he was born.

The speaker for the night was Hans Eecen as our Rotarian Behind the Badge. As is often the case, some of our best speakers are Rotarians Behind The Badge, and this was no exception.

Hans was borne in the Netherlands in the town of Alkmaar. In 1953 he immigrated (by ship) to Australia with his parents when he was about 8 years old. Initially life was not easy for the family.

Hans attended state schools in the Rosanna - Watsonia area and then attended Norwood High School where he met President Bob Williams.

Hans played baseball at High School and was a Prefect.

After school he moved to Sydney and was trained as a retail executive and in 1966 was called up for National Service in the Army where he was trained in artillery.

Besides a short stint, where he returned to The Netherlands and worked in a steel foundry, Hans has spent most of his career in retail in the area of photography.

In 1970 Hans was one of the original members of Ted's camera store in the city. Then Hans has been involved in camera stores in a number of locations including Little Bourke Street, Warrnambool and Kirks in Ringwood.

Throughout his presentation Hans showed his enthusiasm for his work and willingness to 'have a go' which was great to hear. Our politicians are currently reminding us of the importance of small business and creating employment which is what Hans demonstrated during his presentation.

Four years ago Hans and his wife Anna moved to Chirnside Park. They have 2 sons and 4 grandchildren.

Hans completed his presentation with this poem.

*We and ourselves were thinking, about things awhile today
And we and ourselves decided, there's something we would like to say
That life's been a whole lot brighter, and worthwhile living too
Since we and ourselves had the pleasure, in knowing a bunch like you!*

President Bob closed the meeting, wished Stuart the best for his visit to the World Conference and welcomed back our Secretary Ron Brooks from overseas.

The Sergeant raised \$37.30 and the raffle \$27.00, won by Bill who chose the red wine.

Chris Tuck

SERGEANT'S REFLECTIONS

Tonight might be a night to reflect on migration to Australia. Hans has been in Australia for many years. The Dutch seem to have been one of the national groups that have settled seamlessly into the Australian landscape. Thousands of people are streaming into Australia every year: 457 visa holders, refugees, family reunion people and wealthy business migrants. These people are growing our country.

There is a lot of hysteria about migration. Those born here can never hope to understand the challenges faced by the courageous decision makers to up-root themselves from home/ family/ work and culture. The desire to better yourself is almost a primeval desire. Migration has for centuries provided that opportunity. What checks and balances are needed? How should we decide how much immigration we as a country can sustain? Is multi-cultural Australia a better place than Australia was when we insisted on assimilation?

We seem to have bi-partisan support for continued migration. As an island continent can we continue to sit outside the immigration pressures that many countries are grappling with? Let's hope the race card, or the illegal migrant card, is not played during our election campaign

BOARD REPORT OF MEETING 16TH MAY

A full roll up of members and the next board meeting will be a joint one on the 20th June. Letter of thanks received from Mitcham Community House for the \$800 donation we made to enable a Cultural Awareness training day to go ahead, particularly for the

benefit of their Family Violence program as undergoing this training retains their status for Government funding.

The board agreed to commit to \$1,000 towards the "Lighting for Literacy in Timor Leste" project led by Doncaster club so that they can apply for a Global Grant. Pat Armstrong, Chair of their Sustainable Communities committee replied thanking us for the exciting news and that our commitment equates to being able to make solar energy available to three homes in the village. They will keep us informed as to progress of their application for a Global Grant as if that is not successful then the project can't proceed.

John has invited our incoming AG to our Changeover night and Ron will send out invites to all our usual honorary and past members.

Bob asked for any suggestions for PHF's to come to him ASAP.

The chairs reported that all projects are keeping fairly well to plan with a major exception being Hand Brake Turn. As part of the Community Service report, Bill advised that HBT have undergone a total staff turnover with even our previous scholarship donations over the years, now largely unknown by Management there. The type and length of their programs have dramatically changed and so Bill suggests that we suspend our assistance (and that of the whole cluster to which he has reported the same message) for the time being. The board thanked Bill for his work and agreed to suspend payments. Bill also has continued his discussion with the Principal of Forest Hill College to provide scholarships to students at the College in the name of Stan Harper. It is envisaged that these will be in the form of \$400 payments to a student to be controlled by the school and this may be used for MYKI cards, or anything the school thinks will assist to keep the student at school. Bill will let the school know of our approval with the details to be worked out and Bill will keep us informed.

Further to the Community Service report, Bob L advised of a possible candidate for our Pride of Workmanship award and several suggestions (Box Hill TAFE, KIOSC) for an industry visit next year.

For Foundation and International Chris advised that ABCD assistance to be held over until next year as is the Rumbek school assistance (until a Rumbek speaker is available).

Glenys in her Youth report advised that NYSF Interviews to be undertaken next week and our next Primary School Public Speaking contest date to be ascertained and passed onto Toastmasters. MUNA reports provided also by Glenys and we were thanked as one of the participating clubs for the relationship we have with our schools. Great event and although not part of our meeting, we later saw that MUNA was a feature article in the Leader Newspaper this week.

Pres Bob

FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

Robbie & Pres Bob made pancakes last Tuesday at Forest Hill

24/05/2016	Robbie	Bob L
31/05/2016	Robbie	Kevin
07/06/2016	Robbie	Barb
14/06/2016	Robbie	Bob W
21/06/2016	Robbie	Kevin

Contact Bob Laslett to volunteer or if you can't do one of your dates

WHITEHORSE ROTARACT

Now that winter is settling in, Whitehorse Rotaract is organising a crocheting and knitting session to make blankets for those in need. What is made on the day will be donated to Kogo (<http://www.kogo.org.au/?page=aboutus>).

In addition, they will also be making paper stars as part of the One Million Stars to End Violence (<http://www.onemillionstars.net/>), this is an interesting project to raise awareness and will eventually be displayed at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

No experience necessary, they can teach you on the day. However if you're proficient at either knitting, crocheting or paper weaving, some people may be keen to pick your brains so they can learn the basics. Event details

May 29th 12pm - 4pm at 23 Bristow Drive, Forest Hill

If you know anyone who is a mad passionate knitter or good at crocheting get them onto this idea at once. Skilled experts will be needed to mentor those who want to learn more about this fine art, and as a social event. What a great cause too.

Contact **Michelle** at this email address: michelle_worsley93@outlook.com to express your interest, to book a seat (you might want to take your own, just in case theirs are not quite as comfortable).

BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET

Saturday was again a glorious sunny day and great for our market.

A full compliment of stall holders and with an election called the political parties were out in force. Liberal Party, Labour Party. Plus single issue parties, I give a Gonski and Baby Boomers for Climate Change, both of which were claimed by the Labour Party as being theirs. We also had Amnesty International set up by arrangement along with local support group for redevelopment of the Blackburn Station also seeking signatures. However an unwelcomed and unarranged by a gate crashing Union political support group arrived and sought to set up in the market area before I moved them on, but unfortunately only to the other side of the road.

Sonia Downie who spoke to us late last year on support for her Nepal Hospital project also had a stall. In all 6 freeby sites for the day.

By arrangement Kerilyn from the Railway Crossing authority joined Bob and I to deliver a letter to all stall holders giving them an update on the works activity, and also to advise that the July market would not proceed due to the commencement of the drainage work which will effect all sites, but also assure them that all being well, the Market will run again in August.

Whilst the market started off quietly numbers did build up well towards the end of the day and enabled a reasonable return for the day to be achieved.



Michael Sukkar- great supporter



Queue forming for our great sausages

FOOTY TIPPING

The league table at the moment is as follows

1. Barbara Williams.
 2. Bob Williams & John McPhee
- Wooden Spoon Chris "Friar" Tuck

But I have it on good authority that its not over "til the fat lady sings".



So don't start spending your winnings yet.

The editor

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 as he misses our fellowship. I spoke with him during the week. He has had his gall bladder out.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR LATEST HOLIDAY?

Our President Bob has come up with yet another idea! Tell us about your holiday
Stuart Williams 23rd May to end of June South Korea & Thailand]

So let's hear from you. Tell us where you are going and tell us how the holiday went when you come back..... then give Ron your foreign coins when you return !! EASY.

OUT AND ABOUT

[I would love to receive reports from any readers of visits to exhibitions, cinema, theatre, ballet, days out in the country – I promise they will be published to give ideas where others might like to go].

The Bendigo Gallery Marilyn Monroe Exhibition



Last week President Bob, Barbara and I headed off to see this wonderful exhibition Little did we know that many “car enthusiasts” were also heading to Bendigo to display their Rolls Royces and Bentleys. Our silver chariot didn’t have a “flying spirit” at the front but our vehicle of choice had a president at the wheel. Seated, in the rear, with an elevated view, so she could observe the masses, was lady Barbara, the president’s wife. She perfected the wristy royal wave and was “shocked” how many drivers were checking their mobile phones.

The silver Prado, went around a gorgeous mid-sixties Roller, and was about to turn up View street, when we observed the LARGEST Marilyn Monroe statue ever. Yes, you can imagine the pose. The white dress billowing up as she stood over that air vent. Quite a sight, even if some thought her thighs and calves were too thick.

It is an excellent exhibition. Many spectacular and gorgeous gowns, great photographs, film and TV clips, letters, contracts, and her personal clothes from her own wardrobe. On the wall are quotes from this person who embodied the stereotypical persona of the “dumb blonde”, but Marilyn was no dummy.

“It’s not true that I had nothing on, I had the radio on”. “I’ve been on a calendar, but I’ve never been on time”. She also commented, “A career is a wonderful thing, but you can’t snuggle up to it on a cold night.” Another reflection, “Wanting to be someone else is a waste of the person you are.” It is also interesting how far we have come on nudity, sex and censorship. The censors cut many scenes of Marilyn in “spectacular” dresses and gowns due to the laws of the time.

Why did I want to see the exhibition? Mmm, yes I love beautiful women. But it is not just a male thing. Probably 80% of the people in the gallery, looking at the exhibition, were women. Women of all ages. Marilyn had a luminous quality which was a combination of wistfulness, radiance and yearning. A timeless beauty who was vibrant, poetic, intellectually curious, bright and vulnerable and surely a troubled soul.

The exhibition is on until July. It is worth the drive. Lee Strasberg in his eulogy said, “Marilyn was a legend. In her lifetime she created a myth of what a poor girl from a deprived background could attain. For the entire world she became a symbol of the eternal feminine.”

I wonder, will one of today’s “stars” live on like MM has?

Stuart Williams

The Melbourne Theatre production of “Miss Julie”

This has just finished at the Southbank Theatre, The Sumner. Miss Julie is wild again tonight. Midsummer’s Eve is a night when rules are broken, when class barriers are set



aside, and the young mistress of the manor can dance with whom she pleases. She chooses Jean, her father’s valet and for a few hours they play a game of What if ? with each other. Who is playing a game and who is serious?

But.....the enchantment cannot last, soon dawn will break. This shocked audiences in 1888 by presenting social class as fragile and female sexuality as a dangerous force when it was first

performed. This scandalous relationship takes place in the lord’s kitchen (and off stage in the valet’s bedroom – now do you get the plot) Through a modern lens we see the freedom that his audacious lovers yearn for yet never possess.

ROMAC UPDATE

Following Anton’s echocardiogram last week and MRI on Tue we met with his oncologist, Dr Peter Downie, today to be updated on Anton’s condition. It was good news but his treatment will need to continue for potentially another 3/4 months.



The MRI scans (lungs and tumour site) are clear and his heart is now back to normal. Nevertheless, if Anton was to return home now there would be a 50/50 risk of relapse within 12 months. Given that his heart is now strong enough to tolerate the more powerful (preferred) chemo drug, Dr Downie has prescribed another 4 cycles of chemotherapy which will reduce the risk of relapse in 12 months to 20%. Depending on how Anton handles the side effects of this more powerful drug,

it could take up to 4 months for the cycles to be completed. After each cycle an echocardiogram will be taken and, if his heart is being adversely affected, the treatment will be stopped. Anton will start his next chemotherapy cycle on Mon and, whilst we have received some good news today, Anton is not out of the woods yet.

In summary, Dr Downie is 'amazed' at where Anton is today given that when he arrived in December he was on death's door with poor physical condition, compromised heart and lung function and a very aggressive clear cell sarcoma. He has tolerated and responded well to his treatment with no indication of a relapse at this time and his heart is back to normal. He is robust, alert and inquisitive and is eating and sleeping well. He topped the scales today at 12kg and is now not taking any food by tube at night. Overall, a better than anticipated outcome at this stage.

Of some concern is Claudina. She is worried for the welfare and health of her family in Timor Leste and had hoped that they would be heading home after today. Juliana, the interpreter has explained to her all that transpired today and, whilst she understands it, the prospect of another 4 months in Melbourne has had an effect upon Claudina. Thankfully, both she and Anton are in good hands with Dianne and Bill Sides and I am sure that their continued love, care and attention will get Anton and Claudina through this next 4 months. Where we are at today is in no small way due to how Dianne and Bill have taken Anton and Claudina into their family and their wider circle of friends. A great ROMAC, and Rotary, story. Let's all get involved to support them.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Days for Girls is a grass roots charity that has a network of Teams and Chapters around the world that make and raise funds to provide sanitary hygiene kits. (You may remember the talk on providing toilets for school children at the annual conference in which one added benefit was that if teenage girls have a toilet to go to they don't miss one week a month). Over 100,000 kits have been given out in over 75 countries. These kits are washable and reusable lasting up to three years.

How can you help?

- you can sew
- you can do non sewing tasks,
- you can donate fabric,
- you can contact margaretdccunningham@gmail.com
- you can visit www.daysforgirls.org

Connie Millott and Chris Stott have been in touch with Robbie to say they want to help. If there are any others of you interested in helping please contact Robbie.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

May Youth Services
June Rotary Fellowships

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

	2015-16
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