



Weekly Newsletter

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Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132

Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm

ForestHill Rotary

CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
6 th June	Citizenship awards	Bill Marsh	Glenys Grant
13 th June	No meeting Queens Birthday		
20 th June	Club Forum	Pres Bob Williams	Pres Bob Williams
	Combined Board meeting	PE John McPhee	PE John McPhee
27 th June	Changeover Night	Stuart Williams	Ron Brooks

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

6th June Barb & Bob Williams Wedding Anniversary
8th June Anna Eecen Birthday



DUTY ROSTER

	June	July
Cashier	Mike Finke	Ron Brooks
Recorder	Hans Eecen	Bob Williams
Greeter	Bill Marsh	Glenys Grant
Emergency	Graham Sharman	Stuart 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

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.

BOB'S BANTER

What a great social event we enjoyed Monday night with our partners eating from the a la carte menu and our lovely hosts, Bucatini even provided us with tables in a quieter corner part of the restaurant. It wasn't quieter once we all got together and so wonderful that Heather Bremner and Glenys and Roger Coates could join us along with most of our partners.

We had a visitor, Nancy Notman also join us as she has only a few months ago come from Queensland where she was President of the Rotary club of Ipswich in 2014/15 and is looking for a club to join here as she works at Bay Audio in Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre. What a lovely lady as I was fortunate to be seated opposite her so got to know a little about her and hopefully she got to know a bit about us. I'm sure she quickly realised that we enjoy each other's company and like to have some fun whilst helping the community. Nancy will also join us for our Citizenship night next week where we will have 50 or so in attendance so an opportunity to see one of our very many award events.

Ray read out a Pam Ayres poem which had us increasing the laughter level even more.

Thanks to Robbie and Kevin for making the breakfast at the Forest Hill College breakfast club this week.

Following on from our National Youth Science Forum interviews last week where we selected Thanushi Peiris as our preferred candidate, our other candidate was also very good, so as MASH were looking for a suitable candidate we referred her to them and they have selected her as their candidate so a good outcome for both.

Barbara and I enjoyed a concert in Geelong on Sunday night and a report appears later in this edition. Ron so great to have you back doing the newsletters even though your new computer has given you so many problems that you must have been pulling your hair out (hmmmm?)

Again, later in this edition there is a Fellowship notice that our usual 1st Friday monthly opportunity for movies and dinner at Forest Hill Chase is deferred due to most of us still getting over the boisterous fellowship night we have already had this week on Monday night. So, with the following Friday, the 10th June being the start of the long weekend, we trust that the movies will be up to standard for the planned 17th June night.

Mainly through the hard work of Joady Barnes from Manningham club, the committee of which I'm one were successful in gaining a District Grant of \$5,000 to assist with constructing a water bore in a village in Rumbek South Sudan. This is the first part of building a school in Rumbek, which is the village of Samuel Manhom whom I met when I selected him to work in the administration team at my previous workplace. Our club is a regular contributor to the fund raising efforts towards the school construction and we plan to meet with Manningham early in the new Rotary year to hear an update from Samuel. Sam is one of the "lost boys of South Sudan" which alone is an amazing story as is his being awarded the Young Achiever of the Year at Victoria University where he gained his accountancy qualifications. I am so proud of this young man.

Next week is our Citizenship night and thanks to Glenys and her team for again organising this as from the responses from the schools, they too realise the importance for their students and school in participating. This year through the work of Diane Fisher we have the Bendigo Bank making five x \$100 bank accounts available for the five awardees and will have two from the Bank attending. Diane also organised our speaker, Rebecca Martyn who is a RYPEN student, so very appropriate for the awardees to hear more of another of the wonderful opportunities Rotary has for youngsters. We will also

have our local Deakin MP and friend, Michael Sukkar attending along with our Assistant Governor Paul Mee and Adele plus District Governor Nominee Malcolm Chiverton, so a cast of thousands.

President Bob

"Be a Gift to the World".

DIARY DATES

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

As is usual when there are 5 Mondays in the month, we have that 5th meeting with partners in the main Bucatini restaurant and eat off the a la carte menu. By pre ordering before the meeting starts the staff do a mighty job in serving us all quickly. We had a short 15 minute club members' meeting first to deal with any urgent stuff. There were 11 members and guest Nancy Notman at the club meeting where we heard the great news that the Rumbek school had received a \$5,000 grant for drilling a bore hole to provide water (see detail in Bob's Banter).

While we were having our meeting, the partners together with Roger & Glenys Coates and Heather Bremner were chatting over a convivial drink in the main dining area. Altogether, we had 25 at dinner. Very pleasing to see Kira Finke and Anna Eecen taking part. They have already been making a positive contribution to the club.

A few of those present took advantage of the newly reinstalled pizza oven to check out any changes to flavour etc. From what I heard, they are better than ever. No Stuart Williams, so I saw no desserts ordered but lots of coffee was drunk as people wanted to hang around and chat. It was great to see Merle and no doubt Merle thought it was good to see us, after her recent eye operation. There is no doubt that these nights are popular because it gives everyone a good chance to catch up and natter. I was lucky enough to sit next to Mike and opposite Hans so we learned a bit more about each other. I heard Hans volunteering to be included in the next roster to help cook breakfast for the Forest Hill College while Mike was discussing a new fund raising idea he has had which he will be discussing at the next Board meeting. At club meetings there is not much opportunity to talk at length about such things. Perhaps we should try a few fellowship home hostings again.

In lieu of the Sergeant's "Reflections" this week I have reproduced Ray's contribution at Bucatini last Monday night.

A poem by Pam Ayres

*I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car
 A Satnav is a driver's friend, it tells you where you are.
 I have a little Satnav, I've had it most my life
 It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.
 It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive,
 "It's sixty miles an hour" it says, "You're doing sixty-five".
 It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake
 And tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.
 It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green
 It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene.
 It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear
 And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.
 I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device
 For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.
 It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught*

*So why don't I exchange it and get a quieter sort?
 Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed
 It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!
 Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff
 I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off.*

STUART'S REFLECTIONS- from Korea

On Facebook I found the following posted by Stuart. He is sure getting **reflective** in his old age.



Today at the RI convention 107 in Korea I was challenged and inspired. There is hope for the future when you see thousands of people from over 160 countries together in one place, all with a shared purpose on planet earth. Now I challenge my friends and my family. We will all be given a history test in the future. The test will be administered by our grandchildren. But not a question about what happened. But...."What did you do when.....?" Apartheid, Polio tc. On the big issues of

our time, will YOU be able to say..... "we did our part. We just did what was right." Not everyone passes the test of history. Rotarians, I believe, can say in regards to the scourge of polio – We did our part, often at great cost. We just did what was right.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

We have been very supportive over many years so I thought a quick run down of ARH would be useful, especially for our newer members.

In 1981, Ian Scott from the RC of Mornington envisioned a fund raised by Australian Rotarians to finance health research, initially into Cot Death. This idea took hold by his club then district and then all Australian districts. This national community service program has now allocated about \$35 million to research, awareness and education. The fund focuses for a number of years in one area as research takes time. For a number of years now, the focus has been Mental Health and we have listened to speakers at district conferences over many years now about the results being achieved. Currently the focus is

Mental Health of Young Australians. It provides research grants for up to three years per project. Also, funding is available for PhD studies in general mental health and there are four Fellowships of three years for postdoctoral research in the prevention of mental health disorders. But there are other health projects. If an individual or a club wants to provide funds to a PhD in any particular area of health research ie heart disease, then ARH will also contribute and arrange for contributions from the scholar's university. There are Indigenous Health Scholarships of \$5,000 and for ones for Rural Medical and Rural Nursing.

National Hat Day www.hatday.com.au raises annual funds for ARH. This year it is on Fri 7th Oct 2016.

Australian Rotary Health is governed by an honorary Board of Directors and advised by an honorary Research Committee of eminent medical research professionals most of whom are not Rotarians.

www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au

FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

Robbie & Kevin made toasties last Tuesday at Forest Hill College. She was telling me they went through 10 loaves of bread! More than they have ever used before. She also said how amazed she was on such a cold morning (that was the 3degC morning), how many turned up with no coats, no jackets, just a shirt.

ROSTER

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

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.

There is no more **out and about** person at the moment than our Stuart. He is at the World RI Convention in Seoul, Korea.



Here are three of the numerous photos Stuart has posted. There seem to be many different types of Korean traditional dress. So, here is the man with a couple of ladies in one style. He was taken by the system of parking when space is at a premium. Will it ever come to Melbourne? The third photo has something to do with pushing the two halves of Korea back into a united one again..... I think? Come to his talk on his Convention experiences and you may find out.

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].

IN GEELONG

Last Sunday Barbara and I ventured to Highton in Geelong to stay with our friends Gill and Paul Burgess. Gill and Paul and Hans Eecen and I all went to Norwood High together.



We went to the APIA concert at Costa Hall whom we well know from the District conferences we have had there. As the name implies, the audience were all mainly

our age group of old rock n' rollers with some there in their rollers (walkers and wheelchairs).

Terrific six piece band although as per most concerts, the band was too loud for the voices in my opinion. We were in the stalls, fifth row from the front, so great seats and John Paul Young opened the night with a selection of his songs which got all of us clapping our hands and tapping our feet. Kate Ceberano followed with her amazing voice and vocal range and at 50 years of age was by far the youngest of the performers. After interval, Daryl Braithwaite came on and rocked us with his hits and "The Horses" proved to be a crowd favourite. We were close enough to almost have his perspiration drip on us as he wound us all up with his well experienced performance, coming to the very front of the stage urging us to sing along with him. Jon Stevens was the final act and as Kate had said during her gig, she and Jon were both in Jesus Christ Superstar (which Barbara and I saw and she still remembers Jon in his very tight leather pants) so Kate sang a song from the show in her bit as did Jon, with Kate accompanying him which again drew loud applause.

The four of them finally came together to sing at the end with all of us standing and "dancing" while they performed songs such as Sherbet's "Howzat" and John Paul Young's "Love is in the Air" to end a great night of nostalgia and to prove that us oldies may have slowed somewhat but we can still rock along with the best of them (as far as our stiff joints, arthritis, blood pressure, heart issues and failing memory, will allow.)

Bob Williams

Melbourne Theatre Company production of *Straight White Men* is on The Fairfax at present. It runs for 90 mins with no interval.



Brothers Matt, Jake & Drew gather at their widowed father's house for the usual observances of Christmas time, adding a few rituals of their own, such as playing politically correct board games. It all seems to be going alright until something happens to one of them at the dinner table tha sends the others spiralling into confusion. Between the brotherly trash talk and the Chinese takeout, they wonder , if being straight,

white males brings so much privilege, how come things are not working out? Ultimately we are left wondering, as Matt asks his family, how can one really be useful in the world as a straight, white man?

Why don't you visit www.mtc.com.au/backstage for articles, interviews, information about our MTC.

Ron Brooks

DAYS FOR GIRLS

At long last something is happening. Robbie has had great difficulty and a few false leads but finally has managed to organise to go along to one of their sewing days on 10th June where she will also be able to find out more about how the charity works and what is involved.

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

I was reading on the RI webpage that the themes have been changed somewhat so reproduced below is what we should concentrate on month by month through the year. So, committees, look at what your special month is and perhaps do something extra that month.

July	New year of Service (Rotary Awareness)
August	Membership
September	Basic Education & Literacy
October	Economic & Community Development (Community)
November	Rotary Foundation
December	Disease Prevention & Treatment
January	Vocational Service
February	Peace & Conflict Resolution (International)
March	Water & Sanitation
April	Maternal & Child Health
May	Youth Service
June	Rotary Fellowship

Not long to go to the end of the year and you can take a rest from your duties below..... then..... take up your new job in the club. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

	2015-16
President	Bob Williams
Vice President	Stuart Williams
Secretary	Ron Brooks
Treasurer	Warwick Stott
President Elect	John McPhee
Sergeant	Stuart Williams
Foundation/International	Chris Tuck
Members	John Donaghey, Mike Finke,
Youth Service	Glenys Grant
Members	Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman
Community & Vocation	Bob Laslett
Members	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
Membership & Publicity	John McPhee
Members	Warwick Stott, Bob Williams,
Fellowship	John Donaghey
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