

**Rotary**  
Club of Forest Hill



## Weekly Newsletter

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### CLUB PROGRAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Thanks/meeting report</u>
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Changeover Night	Stuart Williams	Bill Marsh
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Nederlands Holiday <i>Ron Brooks</i>	Ray Smith	Hans Eecen
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Hearing impairment & it's effects <i>Dr Kartik Iyer</i>	Glenys Grant	Chris Tuck
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Seoul World Convention 2016 <i>Stuart Williams</i>	Chris Tuck	Bob Williams

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

29<sup>th</sup> June Chris Tuck Club anniversary (20 years)  
A milestone Chris, well done



### 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](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

**Thank you to all the Newsletter readers. I can now retire and hand over the reins (well, the keyboard) to Bob Laslett. Have fun Bob!!**

## BOB'S BANTER

We welcomed Jenny Coburn to our meeting and also welcomed back our globetrotting sergeant, Stuart. (It was noted by me that in his absence his Cats jumped to the top of the ladder)

We decided to pursue the Rail Authority's offer of running two bbqs for them as freebies to the public on 29<sup>th</sup> June and 8<sup>th</sup> July, subject to their satisfactory reply to various questions (where to park trailer, how much will they donate to us etc) are covered. We have sufficient volunteers for both. I will liaise with them and advise club members involved of their reply.

We also asked for and were given some dates from Burwood Heights primary as to their available nights for the next Public Speaking contest as they are the host and the club suggested we offer the September dates of 14 or 15 September to Toastmasters and see if either suits them, then lock it into our programme with Burwood Heights.

Further to the brief Interplast video I ran, from the Interplast meeting I attended, the District clubs have raised \$62,000 this year plus a further \$36,000 raised by Wandin club as they try to fund a team by themselves. Terrific result.

Great that Nancy Notman sought us out as the club she wants to transfer to from Ipswich so she will be inducted at Changeover so long as she is able to get over her current illness.

Bob and Judy Laslett, Ron, Glenys, Jenny and Roger Coburn and I attended the farewell lunch for Ian and Juliet Riseley along with about 300 others. They leave for Evanston mid July and will take over the condo currently being used by Ravi Ravindran and his wife. Ian spoke of several things he wants to promote such as reinstating GSE teams and asking all clubs to total up the funds they donate and the hours they volunteer per club, per District and per world wide as this would be a powerful message to the world of what we do.

I suggest we start from 1<sup>st</sup> July to keep track of our volunteer hours as it will be interesting for our club records and any publicity we gain in any case.

Thank you all for your involvement with our Club Forum as it proved just how busy are we all, the importance of our efforts and how good are our program chairs in keeping us working. Some good new ideas raised and thank you Mike for the LAN Old School games night suggestion that you had researched so well and that we want to check out more closely via your efforts.

We need to come up with a good alternative to the Hand Brake Turn project that has been wonderful but with so many changes is now not something we want to continue with. Also Bill is pursuing the scholarship idea for needy students at Forest Hill Secondary for our new year.

Glenys raised a new Youth program called STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics- equipping young people with appropriate skills) she wants us to check out.

We certainly don't rest on our laurels!

Ron and I will make a time with Joan Harper to call and collect all the records Stan has been keeping and check through them at my place at a later date with the invite open to anyone who wants to assist in the checking through. As an adjunct to this, at our board meeting, Ron urged us to commence the electronic keeping of our historical records, with the suggestion that each couple of members who spoke on a decade at our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary night, be responsible for adding the appropriate photos held by Bob W and

Ray (and maybe Stan's records) to the detail for each year in that decade, that Ray produced so well for our celebration. Once Glenys has completed the Best Chance historical electronic record she showed us partly done some time ago, she will bring us the completed copy as a guide for us with our work on this.

Next week is of course our Changeover night so another big event for our club

As this is my last official "Banter" I'd like to thank all members and partners for working so hard to make this year so memorable for Barbara and me.

Thanks Ron for producing a great newsletter to record it all.

***President Bob***

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

#### **DIARY DATES**

None left for this Rotary year

#### **LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

Great to see Jenny Coburn come along to our Club Forum and to have Stuart back safe and sound from his exploits in Korea and Thailand.

We spoke of Warwick's forthcoming knee replacement operation and also Graham Sharman's similar operation due a bit later on. Chris Tuck has offered to help out with the Treasurer's role in conjunction with Bob W.

Pres Bob chaired the first part and showed a brief Interplast video.

We had been offered to run two bbqs for the Railway Authority, the first to be egg and bacon sandwiches at Heatherdale Station 6-30am to 9-30am on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The second to be a sausage sizzle at Blackburn station 3-30pm to 6-30pm on the Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Bob sought volunteers (John Mc, Stuart, Mike, Bob and Barbara for the 29<sup>th</sup> and John Mc, Stuart, Hans, Glenys, Ron and Bob for the 8<sup>th</sup>). He will liaise with the Authority to see if all is suitable to us and advise.

We were given a couple of sets of dates from Burwood Heights Primary for our next Primary Schools Public Speaking contest as they will be hosting and it was decided to offer to Toastmasters 14/15 September so Bob to liaise with Marlene of Toastmasters to decide.

Nancy Notman to be inducted by Bob at Changeover.

Forum session commenced with John Mc seeking a new member per quarter for the year.

Chris told us that we have donated nearly \$40,000 this year with \$9,200 for International which works out at \$600 per member. Includes \$1,800 to Foundation. and \$1,000 to Polio Plus. The preference is to donate to causes we have a link with such as Hope Katolo, Interplast, Rumbek School and as Mike ascertained more about Disasteraid from the seminar he attended, we have given \$1,600 to them. Always interesting to see just how much we have done when the year is totalled.

Glenys spoke about us helping 40 students through our many and varied programs, Youth Achievement, Citizenship, Public Speaking, RLYA, RYPEN, MUNA, Conoco Phillips and NYSF being the main ones. A very busy year and again when totalled, it is amazing how much we do.

Bob L advised that the GYSI Davis funds have helped us to do so much (Box Hill High scholarships/TAFE Apprentices/Hand Brake Turn). All except HBT have worked well and we will need to decide where to direct our effort and funds as an alternative. Our FH College breakfast club is ongoing, Ray this year took care of bowel scan kits, two visits to Jazz Museum and Walter and Eliza Hall, Apprentice Awards and again it was interesting to total up all we have done in this area as well.

Ron spoke of the importance of including the secretary in all outgoing emails for filing purposes. He asked for someone else to take on our Face Book updating and Stuart has agreed to do this. Ron will continue the website and seeks more input from chairs and members and has made a big start to the year with programmes.

Our Pres elect, John took over as chair and advised that the new theme for next year is "Rotary Serving Humanity."

Mike spoke of a possible new fund raising idea of LAN – OLD School games night and produced a detailed booklet he produced on it. It is a games night with computers linked to a hub and kids can come with their parents and play for a fee, say \$10 and that gives us an opportunity to liaise with these parents as possible new members. Mike said that as we already have such a great association and credibility with the schools in our area that he thinks it is worth pursuing with say Vermont High as a start with experts available from games centres to assist. We could then split the proceeds with the school. Mike asked to check out and keep us informed of findings.

Glenys spoke of a new program called STEM she would like us to consider in the new year.

John Mc said that the cluster has suggested we donate \$150 per member to Foundation but we decided to keep our commitment as is.

Cluster suggests we fund the costs of the conference magician "The Amazing Jonathon" to come from his home in NZ and entertain at a fund raiser for say "Safe Families". To be progressed.

Apprentice Awards to not be a cluster program as suggested, but for clubs who support now individually to continue as they see fit.

Chris in his new role as Community and Vocational chair spoke of the need to keep the Harper family involved with any decisions we make with the use of funds generated from the family and to invite members to any relevant events as we do with the Davis family (through Ray.). Bill is working on the idea for scholarships at Forest Hill Secondary to help needy students stay at school.

We need to involve the Davis family with whatever we suggest as an alternative for Hand Brake Turn funds.

Stuart advised it is the 100 years of Rotary Foundation and he wants to include this in the International program he will chair as well as utilising the funds held over this year for ABCD and Rumbek school.

In general discussion John spoke of the need for publicity to promote what we do in the community as we run so many noteworthy programs.

Jenny Coburn told us a little of her 15 months in Sydney and that she returned to Melbourne with Roger mainly for family reasons and now is working for the Deafness Foundation as their Executive Officer. She offered some crockery and cutlery from the

shop they have sold to anyone who knows of a need. (Robbie later offered to take it off her hands and pass it on to a women's refuge).

Sergeant raised \$26-15 and Raffle \$32. Bob L took home the red wine and Chris the white wine.

*Bob Williams.*

## **SUNDAY LUNCH for RIPN IAN RISELEY**

Last Sunday 300 Rotarians, partners, and friends met for lunch at the Whitehorse Club to wish RI President Nominee Ian well in his next two years living in Evanston [on the 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> floor of a building near the office]. Next year as the RIPE (I guess) and then



2017-2018 as the RI President (evidently not called the World president). All 5 Districts that are part of Victoria were represented. He is learning (as we are!) more acronyms. We found out that RITS organise his travel so it is not all luxury (RI Travel Service). Ian explained that the theme and logo had to be chosen within 3 months of him being nominated as RIPN. Interestingly he gave us an insight into how an RIP is chosen. For the last 20 years a committee has just chosen somebody. [From the outside looking in it seems to revolve from northern to southern hemisphere, east to west etc so each corner of the globe gets a Guernsey.] In Ian's case they chose 6 names and then

interviewed them to choose a person (Juliette was not interviewed). At the end of his talk he was asked when a female will be chosen. He started by saying that at present in the world females represent about 23% of the Rotarians. He said there would be a female among the names put forward both this year and next year and perhaps in 2020/21 there is likely to be a female RI president.

He said that RIPs are either figure head presidents or ones that want to make a difference. He wants to make a difference. He mentioned a number of things he wants to do differently.

1. Most large charities know both how much they contribute to charity and how many hours their people give to charity in a year, and put it in their annual report. He wants Rotary to do the same. It can't be too hard to estimate if every club in the world is asked to put in the numbers for their club.
2. VTT replaced GSE but he feels GSE is missed and played a vital role. He wants to resurrect GSE though he did say it would have to be funded by each district that wanted to run a team as no funds could come from RI
3. He believes most new ideas come from individual clubs. He wants to set aside 2hrs in each day of the Board meeting for **"Why don't we"** where there will be an assessment of suggestions put up by clubs. The best of these will be put forward at the next Council on Legislation 2019. [Could that be his theme, I wonder?]
4. Encourage an informal club code – business comfortable
5. Get incoming DGs to get their own jacket made, with a colour swatch being sent out to all DGEs, rather than the present system of jackets made by RI and then a "bunfight" to get one that fits at the Convention.
6. The tie for his year will be obviously Aussie (though no kangaroos or boomerangs!).

Ian Riseley (2017/18) will host the World Convention in Toronto, Canada, 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Start saving your pennies (and when you come back to Oz, given all left over coins and notes to the district UNICEF foreign coin collection).

John Barnes organised this lunch and Greg Ross D9800 was a fantastic MC. The Riseleys were given 6 mounted photos of the Mornington peninsula as a going away present. All in all, a once in a lifetime experience for all who attended, though perhaps there were one or two that farewelled the last Australian RIPE.

Ian Riseley will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Australian RI president, the 3<sup>rd</sup> from Victoria and the 1<sup>st</sup> from D9810.

Ron Brooks

*Editor's note: With the World Convention 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 ie 2 or 4 weeks later than most years, one wonders how that will affect district and club changeover dates and post conference holiday stay overs. Next year, John Germ, USA will host the Convention in Atlanta 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017.*

## EMAIL FROM MEXICO

Hello Ron and Robbie, and everyone at Forest Hill Rotary Club! I love to hear from you all, and see your names and what are you doing, I show everyone the letters here to my family and tell them all about you!! Wonderful year I had there, fantastic I can say!!!

This year, in my family the things are going great too, My husband Juan is making a lot of business with china, he is buying machines for his small candy factory , now he has 2 products; wafer cookies sticks and chocolate in different figures, he is doing well, and just starting to grow; Carmina Maria, my oldest daughter, this year is having her 15th birthday and here in Mexico it's a big deal, so we are going to Italy so she can see the cities from our families, (my husband has Italian backgrounds as well) and we are going with my family in law and the 3 children, we are expecting the trip and preparing everything for it, I will send you photos, and of course she will have her party in September, it's the month of her birthday; she is nearly getting to the her year for the exchange program, she also is in a ballet school and has really excellent grades at school; Juan Jr is doing swimming, karate, and tennis, a sport boy ha!! just like her mother, he is sensible and wonderful with his sisters, they all day give him jokes and picking on him, this year will be 12 years old and going for the last year at primary school, he is my boy; and Isabel she is the youngest but a terrible one, she is the kind of girl that does everything for her one and she is quicker than their brother and sister, she is funny and she is waiting for her sister's party of course, she is a fashionista, but still too young that needs lots of guide, and with me, my husband and I just came back for another trip to Germany, Austria and Moscow, wonderful places and great history ones, I just love history, fantastic!!, my kids stayed at home with my aunty, she helped me, she is great; I'm a church teacher, I'm also a child party planner, here is very common to make parties all the time, and if it is for our children better, I'm a full time mum and great cook, surprise!!!! yes I'm a great cook, I have my cooking book form I was there and trying to make those recipes but I can find some ingredients here, I remember the time I cooked in your house, oH! my God how you let me, jajajaja, you didn't eat well at all!!! sorry, but hope you can come someday to Mexico and I will cook you a great meal, and this invitation is for the club as well.

Any how my day is starting here, now is 8:15 in the morning and getting ready for the house work, send you a big big hug and for Robbie too, send her all my love and a big kiss and hug; to Nick and his wife too, I just saw the photos of their wedding and he is really big, and she is really beautiful, I wish them the best of the best, and well, for you Ron send you a Big hug my first host dad!!!!

P.S. keep in contact!!!

And Hello to the forest hill club.

CARMINA ROSSANO INTRIAGO

LAS PALMAS 129,



CLUB CAMPESTRE CORDOBES  
CORDOBA VERACRUZ, MEXICO, CP 94530



Carmina's birthday with family



Juan & paella



Carmina of course!



Isabel as Mako mermaid



Juan Jr & cat



Carmina 15<sup>th</sup> birthday

### EMAIL FROM BOB LASLETT

Hi Ron

*I am shaking in my boots following on from this year's illustrious editor in a couple of weeks. To maintain this year's gold logie standard Members are asked to please submit articles, ideas, suggestions, brainwaves to [rlaslett76@gmail.com](mailto:rlaslett76@gmail.com) as soon as you like. We will be disappearing up north for the first two issues so give me some material as soon as you like.*

Cheers

Bob

### FOREST HILL COLLEGE BREAKFAST ROSTER

Robbie and Kevin Grigsbey were on duty making pancakes last Tues 21<sup>st</sup> June. They had a very large turn up of students, about 50 for the last week before school holidays. The students put on their own maple syrup!!! Many had seconds and some had thirds.

### TELL US ABOUT YOUR LATEST HOLIDAY?

List of members on holiday:

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 –give ideas where others might like to go].

### AUSTRALIAN BALLET: “BEHIND THE SCENES”



There are about three opportunities through the year to go and watch a 45min class of all the ballet dancers (about 40 of them) training and warming up on stage then we were treated to 15mins of rehearsal by Adam Bull and Amber Scott preparing for the Swan Lake tour to London. Cost is \$23.

### WHISTLER'S MOTHER at the NGV, St Kilda Rd

For \$9 you can go and see this exhibition which gives a rare insight into James McNeill Whistler the artist, his times and his importance. The first American to be exhibited at the Louvre. Evidently he was a bit of a dandy and very aggressive and moody as a child. He enrolled in the Academy of Fine Arts in St Petersburg, Russia when he was 11 (his father had gone there to do an engineering job). The famous “Portrait of the artist's mother” was painted in 1871 on the rough back side of the canvas.



### 200 YEARS OF AUSTRALIAN FASHION

Robbie was really looking forward to seeing this. It's at the Ian Potter, Federation Square costing \$15.

Australia is this cotton gown was



The oldest dress made in exhibited. Made in 1803, hand stitched as it predates the sewing machine. Robbie was transported back to her younger days looking at dresses from La Petite.

*1803 evening gown      Who had legs to wear this fashion?*

She saved up her nurses training wage for months to buy just one dress from La Petite at the “Paris End” of Collins St to go to the Nurses Ball. She reminisced about Lucy Secor in Block Arcade, Norma Tullo, House of Stripes, Le Louvre, House of Merrivale & Mr John, Prue Acton, Magg (Zara Holt), Hall Ludlow, and the millinery houses of Thomas Harrison and William Beale. She even knew Beril Jents although it was a famous Sydney name.



## HENRY TALBOT PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

This is a free exhibition at the Ian Potter, Federation Square. Showing 80 pictures from the 60s. His work was regularly published in Vogue. Janice Wakely, Joan Crellin, Jill Copner, Margot McKendry, and Maggie Tabberer were the models and Robbie knew all their names before reading the fine print. Do you remember them when you were growing up? One thing that struck me about these models was that they all looked healthy and normal not emaciated, gaunt, weirdly made up like today's freak show on the catwalk.

*Ron Brooks*

## DAYS FOR GIRLS

**At long last something is happening.** Robbie went along to one of their sewing days on Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June where she was able to find out more about how the charity works and what is involved. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month from 9:30am to 2:30pm



**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 or money** for them to buy appropriate fabric,
- you can **contact** [margaretdccunningham@gmail.com](mailto:margaretdccunningham@gmail.com)
- you can **visit** [www.daysforgirls.org](http://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 in any way please contact Robbie. Joan Harper has also offered help, Thankyou Joan. Carol Fricke was very clever in giving Robbie a birthday present of knickers and soap ..... Yes! So it can be re presented to Days for Girls. Smart idea Carol.

So, it is now happening and Robbie would love to hear from any of you that can help this cause. We have been told that this is one of the things holding back girls from education because they miss so much schooling. (see brochure at end of newsletter)

## 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.

## SPEAKERS FOR 2016/17

If you have any names of speakers for the programme from July onwards, please send them to Ron. You can volunteer yourself, you know. Thanks Hans and Bob L for speaker suggestions.

## UNICEF FOREIGN COIN COLLECTION- UPDATE

I have 17.4kg of coins towards the next 60kgs plus a wad of notes. In the last week, the Rotary clubs of Monash, Warrandyte Donvale and Mordialloc have donated coins and I've had phone calls from Cheltenham and Knox saying they had coins and notes to give me. I even got a contribution from DG David. So, please ask your friends.

## ROTARACT'S ROTARY RED FACES

Donate items for the raffle and silent auction. Raise money for Beyond Blue.

16<sup>th</sup> July Contact Rotaract on [knoxrotaract@gmail.com](mailto:knoxrotaract@gmail.com) or 0433 702 100

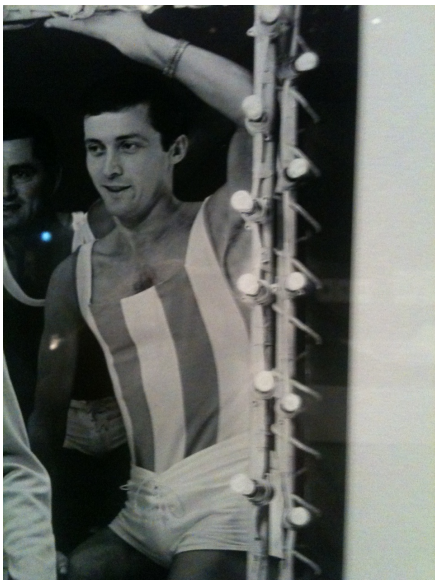
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## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

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

## STOP PRESS !!!



Your intrepid reporter has been out and about with his infra red camera after dark and came across this best kept secret. I understand **the D's** may have a new strip for next season. Rumour has it that they are going to base their first pick on how the talls walk on the catwalk. Remember, you read it here first

**Give them all a big THANKYOU for the effort the following team has put in for the year. You can now have a well earned rest. That is, until tomorrow when you will be diving into your new roles in the club!**

## **CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES**

	<b>2015-16</b>
<b>President</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Vice President</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Secretary</b>	Ron Brooks
<b>Treasurer</b>	Warwick Stott
<b>President Elect</b>	John McPhee
<b>Sergeant</b>	Stuart Williams
<b>Foundation/International</b>	Chris Tuck
Members	John Donaghey, Mike Finke,
<b>Youth Service</b>	Glenys Grant
Members	Ray Smith, Bill Marsh, Graham Sharman
<b>Community &amp; Vocation</b>	Bob Laslett
Members	Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks
<b>Membership &amp; Publicity</b>	John McPhee
Members	Warwick Stott, Bob Williams,
<b>Fellowship</b>	John Donaghey
<b>Primary Schools Speech Night</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Programme</b>	Ray Smith, Gary Baltissen
<b>Bulletin Editor</b>	Ron Brooks
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<b>Historian</b>	
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