



**Rotary**  
Club of Forest Hill



## Weekly Newsletter

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Meeting time:

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>
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Primary School Speech Contest, Burwood Heights</b>		<b>John McPhee</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Palliative Care <i>Margaret Young</i>	Bob Laslett	Chris Tuck
17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Crossway Projects <i>Sonali Wijesinghe</i>	Glenys Grant	Warwick Stott
24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	RYLA, <i>Richard Worsley</i>	Chris Tuck	John McPhee

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

4<sup>th</sup> Aug Rob Grant Birthday  
10<sup>th</sup> Aug Jenny Tuck Birthday  
10<sup>th</sup> Aug Jennv & Chris Tuck Wedding Anniversary



### DUTY ROSTER

	August	September
Cashier	Glenys Grant	Stuart Williams
Recorder	Chris Tuck	Ray Smith
Greeter	Bill Marsh	Chris Tuck
Emergency	Ray Smith	John McPhee

### 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

**NO RECIPES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SO FAR FOR OUR PLANNED COOK OFF AT THE END OF THE YEAR. SEEMS LIKE THERE ARE ARE NO COOKS AMONGST OUR READERS WHO FANCY A CHALLENGE. – see PAGE 5 for details**

## BOB'S BANTER

Bob Laslett's terrific photo pictorial of their recent trip to Morocco and Spain accompanied by Glenys and Roger Coates and their travel agent Jenni Marr gave all of us an insight into the history, culture, foods (we could almost smell them – the foods not Bob and Judy!) and scenery of the countries. Well done Bob and very brave of you to have your travelling companions also at our meeting to keep you on track.

John McPhee's chairing kept us ahead of time and also whipped \$13-30 from us with his "Private's" session. Good effort John.

The raffle raised \$42 and again the bottle of red was favoured by the winner, John Mc who said that with all his unsuccessful attempts it must be the most expensive wine he has.

Remember we have been offered spots on the Rotary Radio and Community Show on 3WBC FM to publicize our club's activities with these spots being 25/9, 6/11 and 1/1/2016 so please if anyone feels they could do this let either Ron or me know.

A reminder for all those who haven't as yet replied, to please email Barbara as to if and what you are able to provide for supper for our Primary Schools Speech night on the 6<sup>th</sup> August and also let her know if you are able to come and assist on the night. The start time is 6-45pm so assistance will be needed from 6pm on the night.

Also let Kathy and John Donaghey know if you want to join them at the brass band concert on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August at the Nunawading Centre and they will purchase your tickets at \$15 concessional.

Ron has some of his cycling companions to ride the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge on the 14<sup>th</sup> November in aid of RYDA so that's great.

Barbara and I drove up a section of the 85 km and 121km rides course called Mount Misery and can report that it is aptly named with the summit being just after the tent with the oxygen cylinders and Sherpa porters.

Robbie and I did the breakfast shift today (Tuesday) at Forest Hill Secondary College and my thanks to Robbie for patiently guiding me to finally making a reasonably good, lump free pancake mix.

To all who are on Stuart's email list receiving his brief and largely undecipherable messages from Beijing, you may, like me, think he must have his keypad upside down and be typing blindfolded in trying to keep us informed of his travels. Perhaps they are in "Chinglish?"

John Mc reminds us of the need for volunteers at the Blackburn market on the 8<sup>th</sup> August and the Farmers' market on the 9<sup>th</sup> is ok for help.

The main highlight of the night was Bill's wonderful news on his daughter's health. Fantastic!

John Mc and I will be attending the Membership seminar on the 31<sup>st</sup> July so will report on our findings.

With no meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August our next dinner meeting will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> August with Margaret Young speaking on Palliative Care.

Remember to call in and visit Stan as he appreciates a chat.

***President Bob***

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

## DIARY DATES

14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	DG visit
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	RC of Glen Waverley Phil Ruddick as guest speaker (RSVP 30 <sup>th</sup> July)
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Primary Schools Speaking Contest at Burwood Heights

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

### Good News

- Joan Harper has had the plaster removed from her right wrist.
- Stan Harper hopes to have a skin graft on his right leg this week.
- Bill Marsh reported that tests indicated that his daughter was now free of cancer.

Bob Laslett last showed photos and spoke about the recent trip of himself, Judy, Roger



and Glenys Coates to Morocco and Spain. In Morocco the places explored included Rabat, Marrakesh, Fez, Volubilis. They were fascinated by the kasbahs, mosques, medieval shops and houses, and buildings hundreds of years old. The food included things mentioned in ancient literature and different from ours. In Spain their visit included Seville, Granada, Toledo and Madrid where on show are the magnificent ancient buildings, hundreds of years old, many of

which were associated with the Islam, Jewish and Christian religions.

Many members had their preconceived ideas of all of these places changed.

***Report by Ray Smith***

Private John Mc took over from Sergeant Stuart his jokes were even worse than Stu. Please come back Serg Stu, all is forgiven. However, he did organise us to toast RC of Hout Bay, South Africa who have 30 members and meet on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the Atlantic Boat Club on the beach. Great idea. We could do this weekly and perhaps the publish a small write up in the Newsletter.

Private John Mc's fine session raised \$13.30 and a 10 cent NZ coin. The raffle raised \$42.00 which was won by John McPhee who took home the bottle of red wine after Glenys had already planned when she was going to drink it.

***Report by Ron Brooks***

## DON HULLAND - UPDATE

Don is now permanently in a nursing home and Vic Roads have taken his driving licence off him because he is a diabetic and so he cannot drive. He was telling me it is his 50<sup>th</sup> year since joining Rotary and he is 80. He is in Kellock Lodge, 15 Bon Street, Alexandra 3714, and his mobile number is **0409 530 435**. Please give him a call. He is really fed up that he cannot get down to the Blackburn Market and really wanted to come to Changeover. He misses the fellowship and wants to be remembered to everyone. As I say, give him a call.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Our President Bob has come up with yet another idea! The Newsletter would love to tell it's readers about your latest holiday and holiday plans. His hope is that we can have a regular weekly segment words & photo or two plus a list of what dates you will be away. So whether it's a week in

Williamstown, a month in Manila, a trip to Tamworth, a holiday in Hanoi, or a cruise to Crete – let's hear about it.

Stuart	16 <sup>th</sup> July to 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Bangkok and Beijing
Warwick & Christine	26 <sup>th</sup> July to 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Broome to Darwin cruise
Ron & Robbie	12 <sup>th</sup> Aug to 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Dubai, then Austria & Slovenia bike riding
Ron & Robbie	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec to 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	South Africa [Cape Town – East London]

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

### **Stuart Williams in Beijing**

I can't copy and paste any of the daily email reports that Stu is sending from Beijing as I think he is using a chinese keyboard 'cos many of his words are VERY misspelt. However, he is clearly having very full days. He has lunched at the famous Peking Duck restaurant, travelled by local bus, metro, taxi, rickshaw, had lunch with 4 middle aged operatic singing ladies at a karaoke lunch, been drownd by tropical downpours, been saddened at the lack of boy/girls compared to Bangkok, couldn't see Mao's tomb as it was closed, barely scratched the surface of the National Museum of China, was disappointed at his latest visit to the silk market (how many pairs of silk Bondies do you want Stu?), enjoyed (?) 37degC days, thought the pollution caused by hazy air not as bad as it used to be ..... Get the message..... he is coming home to have a rest!!!

### **R.C. of FOREST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST**

**When:** Thursday 6 August, 6.40pm

**Where:** Burwood Heights Primary School, Hawthorn Rd, East Burwood

**RSVP:** Friday 24 July, 2015

#### **Detail:**

12 children, aged about eleven, will compete for the trophy. They are from six local primary schools ie Burwood Heights, Mt Pleasant Road, Whitehorse, Weeden Heights, Parkmore, & Blackburn Lake

Each child will speak for 3 minutes. Toastmasters will judge the competition.

About 100 people are expected to attend.

*Notes by Glenys Grant*

### **FOREIGN COINS for UNICEF**



A BIG THANK YOU to the Rotary clubs of

- Boronia,
- MASH,
- Waverley,
- Sandringham,
- Emerald & District,
- Hampton,
- Doncaster,
- Donvale-Warrandyte,
- Oakleigh
- Nunawading

for collecting 120kgs of foreign coins as well as  
Fantastic effort !!!

these notes.

*Report by Ron Brooks*



## STAMPS



Even if you only get a few stamps a week, collect them and give them to me. John McPhee, Bill Marsh, Joan Harper do. Please collect your stamps. It's a no cost project, easy to do. Just cut around the stamp by about 1 cm and pop it in a spare used envelope and bring them along to me on club night then Robbie drops them off at Carol Farmers when I have a large batch..... Easy!!

## FOREST HILL'S FELLOWSHIP COOK OFF !!

This is the plan. Each month I will be looking to publish a recipe with photograph of an entrée, or main course, or dessert. They can be submitted from the Newsletter readership of members, honorary members, and friends of Rotary. I am asking for 4 entrees, 4 mains and 4 desserts. Then next June we will choose one of each by vote. The winning three will then be prepared by the cooks who submitted them at a combined dinner and **the invitees will be those people who submitted recipes that appeared in print and a partner of their choice.** Costs for the night will be shared by attendees.

## SO IT IS OVER TO YOU. THE FIRST 12 RECIPES ARE THE WINNERS.

(The photo can be scanned from a recipe book if you like)

## OUT AND ABOUT IN MELBOURNE

**[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].**

## MOVIE REVIEW-“MR HOLMES”

**We joined with a few others to go to the monthly RC of Boronia meal & Knox City cinema night last Friday. [It was the fact that we regularly joined them over the last 5 or more years that persuaded me to start the cinema idea at our club.]**

Most people went to see Mr Holmes.

Facts are more reliable than fiction, thinks the great Sherlock Holmes in his dotage, unaware that he is himself a fiction, on the verge of erasure. It is 1947 and Holmes (Ian McKellen) is 93, living in obscurity on the Sussex coast. Dr Watson has long since left to marry. The stout housekeeper, Mrs Munro (Laura Linney) takes care of his daily needs, while nursing her own bereavement. Two wars have left their marks. Her 10-year-old son Roger (Milo Parker) is all she has – and he thinks she's a bit thick. Part of the film is the love story between man and boy, but it is not steeped in treacle. Roger is clever and fascinated by the fame and secrets of Mr Holmes, whose attic study is off-limits. The gruff Holmes likes his boldness, and his hard edge of intellect. He reminds Sherlock of himself. Both he and the boy are capable of being beastly towards "Mrs M". She worries about their friendship, which forms around Sherlock's beehives. Roger helps him to

make royal jelly, from the secretions that worker bees use to create queens. The second layer is about the great man's attempt to write the true story of his last case, before he loses his faculties. The royal jelly is supposed to slow the loss of memory. Sherlock is disappearing. His mind is fogging, and that is all he had ever been able to rely on. He wants to record the case that made him retire – but the facts have become unreliable. Could irony be any more cruel?

Read more: <http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/movies/mr-holmes-review-ian-mckellen-magnificent-as-sherlock-in-close-to-perfect-story-20150722-gihpuw.html#ixzz3hBgr6lvR>

**Ron Brooks**

### **THEATRE REVIEW – “DEATH AND THE MAIDEN” at the MTC**

Military rule is over and a new democracy looks to a brighter future. But for the victims of the old regime such as Paulina, memories are a prison. She never saw her tormentors face but heard his voice, calm yet menacing in her ear.... A voice she will never forget. This night, her husband, a lawyer who is on the government panel investigating deaths and missing people from the old regime, invites a stranger back to their isolated beach house..... She hears his voice again. What follows is a gripping, harrowing, psychological thriller and ethical teaser.

The frightening and sad thing about this play is that at the present time in a few places in the world, this type of scenario is real not a one act play where everyone can switch off the stage lights and go home to their safe, comfortable existence.

**Ron Brooks**

### **ANNUAL SUBS FOR 2015/2016**

At the board meeting last week, it was decided that the annual subs will be **\$270** for this year. Due to the treasurer skipping off to warmer climes for about 2 weeks he won't be able to send out formal invoices until he returns, so Acting Treasurer Ron would love to see a flood of cheques from members in the next two meetings. If you wish you can direct credit the amount to our Bendigo Bank account at BSB 633108, account number 1418 41288. Please note that a formal invoice will be sent to members in due course.

*Note from Warwick Stott*

### **Henry Ford's Birthday**

To celebrate Henry Ford's Birthday, the Ford and Prefect Vintage Car Clubs had a rally at Caribbean Gardens last Saturday. My mate Russell Medhurst, who is a past club speaker, showed off his 1923 Model T Ford Huckster. (below) The delivery truck has featured in several TV shows including Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries and the occasional movie. Russ has an on screen part driving another of his vintage cars in the soon to be released movie "The Dressmaker". Russ is a stand in driver for Hugo Weaving as Weaving suffers from epilepsy and isn't able to drive.



The movie's other stars are Kate Winslett and Judy Davis so we'll go and see it and watch out for our mate.

The photo of me is beside a 1953 Prefect which was the first car I owned (mine was green) and as it didn't have a working fuel gauge I kept a piece of dowel on the back floor to shove down the fuel tank to see how much fuel was left. One memory I have of it was being booked, supposedly doing 50 miles per hour going up hill so I thanked the lovely policeman for even thinking the Prefect could do 50 miles per hour. The fine was five pounds.



The below photos are of another Ford vintage car enthusiast whom we chatted to and he custom built the caravan in the photos as he and his wife got tired of tenting and wanted some more comfort. The van sported an airconditioner and double bed in the cabin plus a pull up rear kitchen and fold down table.

Russell pointed out a little known feature below the single rear light on the car which was an outside switch to work the light as that was the law in the U.S.A. in prohibition times because if you were being pursued by the police you then couldn't turn off your rear light to help you get away!



*Submitted by Bob W*

## CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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