



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No 7

President: Stuart Williams

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## STU'S SCRIPT

*I have mentioned before how much the Thais respect and adore our two cave divers Craig Challen and Dr Richard Harris (our joint 'Australians of the Year')*

*I happened to see an article in The Age this morning, in an unusual spot, by Craig Challen. It was titled, "It's our duty to support the next generation." His sentiments fit nicely with tonight's guest speaker's charity.*

*He says, "In society today, many consider the onus to be on the individual to develop resilience and create their own opportunities. But it is a mistake to rely on young people to do this alone, and those of us who have met with success are being self-deceptive if we maintain we did it without help. We are all of us much better when we can draw on our collective strength and can help each other. We can all achieve so much more when we do."*

We only heard on Monday night that past member Graham Sharman had been moved into palliative care. What a shock it was to log into Facebook and see that Graham had passed away earlier in the day. Joan has been battling Parkinson's disease for many years and Graham did not get to as many meetings as he would have wished because he was caring for Joan. We send our prayers, thoughts and love to Joan and Graham's family. Death of a friend rocks you.

It was lovely to see, Whitehorse Rotoract President, Sarah Power at our meeting. What a meeting she saw. Two partners and a valued friend of Rotary, Glen Coates, along to hear the inspiring Tracey Farnsworth. The human spirit continues to amaze. Tracey has battled major ill health for over ten years but to keep herself going she created Progress Pikinini- a school and young children's charity in Vanuatu.

Thanks Bob Laslett for chairing, Ian, vote of thanks and Bob Williams for his Sergeant session which raised \$37.15. Our raffle raised \$79. Thanks also to those who worked at the Whitehorse Farmers' Market on a very cool winter's day.

Items from District President's meeting:

- Plan for District conference in Echuca 21-22 March. Highlight- A paddle-steamer flotilla on Saturday afternoon.
- Current District membership 1110... of which 31.7% are female. World-wide female membership is 23.1%.
- 8 Sept – Maroondah is running a big Billy-Cart marathon.
- A donate button on a web-site might attract funds.
- McKeon Park are now charging \$450 to up-date our constitutions.

We have Approx. 5,500 items of skin care products. Please suggest organizations or people who could benefit from these.

A big thank you to John Donaghey who has donated 5 bottles of Rose to go into our raffle.

Our next meeting should be fun. The delightful Cheryl Webster will present –Knitted Knockers.

Keep an eye out for Graham's funeral details.

Stuart

## MEETING REPORT

A good attendance (19 plus guest speaker Tracey Farnsworth) enjoyed the warm embrace of Bucatinis on Monday night. Judy L and Judy M, Glenys Coates, our Rotoract colleague, Sarah Power and Tracey's mother in law joined the members.

President Stuart had a long list club updates and reminders (covered in his notes). Chairman Bob L led the meeting and reports leading up to a "challenging" Sergeant at Arms session from the refreshed and invigorated Bob, back from his and Barb's travels to the West.

Chairman Bob then introduced Tracey to speak about her NGO. Her personal back story with her links to Vanuatu and recent membership of the Rotary Club of Malvern East and Chadstone showed how she had been motivated to establish her NGO to support children in Vanuatu, including the outer islands. It is always daunting to hear how a single person has the drive and energy, even more so in Tracey's case, to identify the need and then mobilise resources in Australia to assist others. The challenge of developing the in-country support network and identifying needs has been handled very well with local resources. It was pleasing to hear of her efforts to include local unemployed youth in the distribution process so they developed skills which would help them become part of the Seasonal Workers Program that brings Ni Van workers to Australia for six month periods to work in the horticultural and orchard industries.

More details on the Progress Pikinini activities and ways to contribute can be found on the website: <https://progresspikinini.org>. Ian T moved the vote of thanks.

Hopefully, Tracey's presentation will help members start thinking about what are the most appropriate and cost-effective ways to support identified needs overseas (and in Australia). Currently, there are 4-5 different mechanisms for delivering services to identified target groups in Australia and overseas. These include RI activities through club, District and Global grant funding, very small single activity NGOs such as Hope Katolo, larger more diverse individual driven NGOs such as Progress Pikinini and the specialist international NGOs of varying sizes but with proven management capacity and the ability to leverage additional government funding. One of these larger, but local NGOs, International Needs Australia, will provide the guest speaker for our meeting at the end of October.

Ian Teese



Guest Speaker Tracey Farnsworth

## VALE GRAHAM SHARMAN

One of God's skilled hunter and gatherers, Graham Sharman, left to meet Jesus at 3.30pm on Monday, August 12, 2019. We will miss seeing Graham's leather jacket, his broad welcoming smile, his genuine encouraging words and his strong hand-shake. The snapper and whiting in Western Port Bay, out from Coronet Bay, will live longer. Graham was known to fish for fish and fish for souls. Many of us enjoyed some of the fish he caught... and the photos of four generations of Sharmans on a boat, successfully fishing.

Graham, a past president, joined the Rotary Club of Forest Hill in 1997 and due to the declining health of Graham and Joan, resigned in 2018. Graham's classification was- Financial Services, and he came to us from the Rotary Club of Warragul. His son-in law, an ex-General Motors senior executive, was guest speaker at our club twice. The club recognised his Rotary contribution by awarding him a Paul Harris Fellow in 2010.

Graham had a strong faith in The Lord. He enjoyed time with his large family and was very proud when his 16<sup>th</sup> grand child was born in January, 2019. He played a piano accordion and enjoyed singing. He became a TV star in 2016 when the ABC showed a segment on the benefits of dance therapy for Parkinson sufferers. Graham devoted hours to caring for his beloved Joan and Joan seemed to benefit from the Tango.

Graham only recently moved into palliative care. A passionate Essendon supporter he would have been shattered by their insipid performance on Saturday night. Family members read passages of scripture to Graham in his final minutes. We send our condolences to his wife Joan and his family. The world has lost a fine gentleman.

President Stuart Williams,

## DUTY ROSTER

Recorder Greeter Emergency Cashier	<b>AUGUST</b> Sue Ballard Ron Brooks Mike Finke Ian Teese	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> Chris Tuck Barbara Searle John Donaghey John McPhee
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## COMING UP

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Report
19 Aug	Cheryl Webster "Knitted Knockers"	Chris Tuck	Mike Finke
26 Aug	No Meeting		
28 Aug	PSSC at Mt Pleasant Road Primary School	Bill Marsh	
2 Sept	Committee Meetings		
9 Sept	DG Shia Smart & Club Birthday	Stuart Williams	Bob Williams
19 Sept	Sean Teer "Envision Hands"	Mike Finke	Ron Brooks

## CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

To all who read this newsletter - we hope that your week exceeds all of your expectations.

## ATTENDANCE

If you are not coming to the meeting or if you wish to bring a guest please contact Ray Smith by 10.00am Monday on 0412 807 585 or [rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au)

Please ensure Ray is aware of any special dietary needs.

If you need to cancel after 10.00am please contact Bucatini Restaurant directly on 9873 0268.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club on the 20<sup>th</sup> has Mike Finke & Chris Tuck preparing food fit for a king while on the 27<sup>th</sup> Barb and Ian take up the stirring sticks.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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Facebook: ForestHill Rotary

Meetings: 6.30pm, Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132 (Melways 48H9)

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS' SPEECH CONTEST

The 7th Primary Schools' Speech Contest will be on Wednesday August 28 at Mount Pleasant Road Primary, the host school.

The event will be held in their spacious, comfortable and heated hall. The contest begins at 6.45pm sharp.

All are welcome and we are hoping for a great crowd.

Our seven Primary schools competing are: Blackburn, Burwood Heights, Mount Pleasant Road, Orchard Grove, Parkmore, Weeden Heights and Whitehorse.

Two students from grades 4-6 are chosen to compete in this contest after they have been through preliminary heats in their schools. They choose their topics for their three minute speeches from a list of very interesting, varied subjects including "I was terrified" "The most special part of Australia is", " Recycling should be compulsory," etc. The speeches given by these talented youngsters are amazing and inspirational.

Four Toastmaster Judges adjudicate, picking a winner, runner up and third place getter. They are headed up by Rotarian Marlene Sinclair, who shares the MC role with our own club maestro, Bill Marsh.

District 9810 Assistant Governor Geoff Logi-Smith will present prizes and certificates to the students and a perpetual trophy to the school. He will be aided by President Stuart Williams.

After the presentations of prizes, photographs will be taken and a delicious light supper will be served.

We invite you to come along and support these wonderful youngsters and, in doing so, help us ensure it's a great night for all!

Glenys Grant Youth Director, Ian Teese Co-ordinator

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEME

Time to celebrate Membership month. Talk to your friends and workmates and let's get at least one new member in August.

## COLLECTING BOTTLE TOPS – A NEW FOREST HILL PROJECT



Turn soft drink, water & milk bottle tops to THESE

Our collection has got off to a good start. I'm sure all of you will have 1 or 2 a week at least. Please bring them along The tops should be numbered either No 2 or No 4 in the recycled triangle but not all are marked so just collect all of these tops, any colour will do. Not those with metal attached or if they are marked 5 or 7. Please rinse them. There will be a box to drop them in at the desk when you front up to pay. Get your family and friends involved. They will go to a Melbourne not-for-profit company using unemployed people who remelt the plastic to make things they then give away including artificial arms and hands. To see more go to their website ([www.envision.org.au](http://www.envision.org.au)) and hear what their CEO Sean has to say. He is our guest speaker on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Ron Brooks

## UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

**RC Albert Park - Winds of Hope (WOH) fundraising event.** WOH is a charity based in Uganda that provides healthcare and education to young women in need. The Club is holding a fundraising event in October showcasing African culture, food and lifestyles, with a view to creating more community awareness of Rotary. Live music, entertainment and dancing - Brief presentation by community leaders - Brief presentation by Clubs about their Africa projects - Buffet dinner with a wide range of African cuisines - Door Prizes and a charity auction - Showcase of Rotary Club projects in Africa. D9810 Clubs are invited to showcase any African projects and all are invited to attend.

Contact is Matthew Proctor: Founder - Winds of Hope International

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6pm to Late - Friday 25th October 2019 - Lifesaving Victoria, 200 The Boulevard Port Melbourne <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=496602&>

## ARTICLES

Articles, notices and photos for inclusion in **FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS** to [bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bjmarsh@bigpond.net.au) no later than 10.00am on Wednesday each week.



## WEBSITE

Keep up-to-date by checking our website at [www.foreshillrotary.com](http://www.foreshillrotary.com)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 1-3hrs PACKING

# DAYS FOR GIRLS PACKING DAY

**Days for Girls** helps girls to go to school and women to go to work in over **100 countries**, through providing sustainable feminine **hygiene solutions** and **health education**



Every Girl.  
Everywhere.  
Period.

**August 17th, 10am - 1pm**  
Templestowe Baptist Church Youth Room  
103-105 Anderson Creek Rd. Doncaster East  
Lower Ground Floor

**\$5 Donation towards cost of a kit - Morning tea provided**

Help pack **Days for Girls** kits. Come when you can.  
Pack one or multiple kits.  
**Our goal, 600 kits!**

For more information contact:  
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# IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Below are the details for the "Mid-Winter Christmas Cabaret" hosted by the Rotary Club of Nunawading. Always a terrific night and all money raised goes to a great cause – Interplast.

Make up a table and have a fun night out.



## OUR MID WINTER CHRISTMAS CABARET

**Saturday, 17th August 2019 6:30 for 7:00pm**

Upstairs with lift access, at "The Coach" 33 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood

**Join us for a fun night with a festive, 3 Course Xmas Dinner, Auctions, Raffle and Lucky Door Prize**



**Special Live Entertainment from singer, Jodi Barry**

If you like Diana Krall / Eva Cassidy / Fleetwood Mac and more, you will enjoy Jodi's renditions.

**Dress in your Xmas best and put together a table of 8.**

Rotary members, friends and relatives are all welcome.  
Join us for a fun night and please **BOOK EARLY!**

**In support of Rotary's Annual Interplast Program "Repairing Bodies and Rebuilding Lives" in the Asia Pacific**

**Tickets: \$50 /head** (Alcohol at bar prices)

**RSVP: Wed 7th August 2019** Harvey: 0411 180 643



## TRADER OF THE MONTH AT THE BLACKBURN STATION MARKET



**Outback Spirit** have been regulars at our market for years and they also regularly sell at the Rotary Club of Mt Waverley and Dingley Farmers markets amongst others. Juleigh and Ian Robins make all their chutneys, sauces, pickles and marinades at their new Dandenong factory. Not only are they delicious but they are gluten and MSG free. Ian and Juleigh are recognised pioneers of the Australian native food industry and have been at the forefront since its inception in 1986. They established Robins Foods in 1997. Ian and Juleigh's vision is to bring Indigenous foods into the mainstream food market and the company is the industry leader supplying the **Outback Spirit** branded range of products to supermarkets nationally in Australia.

In 2000, Ian and Juleigh decided to formalise their relationships with the company's indigenous suppliers and established an ethical supply chain that ensures that benefits from the sale of **Outback Spirit** products go back to the Aboriginal people who are developing their own enterprises based on native foods. They established the Outback Spirit Foundation to further help the Aboriginal people.

Juleigh is an accomplished cook and together with Ian has written three native food cookbooks – Wild Lime (1996 Allen & Unwin) and Wild Classics (2000 Allen & Unwin – with Ian Robins) and Wild Food (2010 Lantern Books, a Viking Books imprint).

So, go and have a chat to Juleigh's brother in law Bill at the Blackburn market stall and taste some of these unique foods. Find out more about the products, the company, and the Foundation at [www.outbackspirit.com.au](http://www.outbackspirit.com.au)