



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No 9

President: Stuart Williams

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STU'S SCRIPT

Reflection

On a night when we meet for fellowship and committee work it is worth understanding about volunteering. Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections every few years but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

The Rotary Club of Nunawading fund-raiser for Interplast in August raised \$5,044. A marvellous result. They have apportioned \$94.00 of the money sent to Interplast to Forest Hill.

Thanks Nunawading.

MEETING REPORT

We had our meeting in the front room. Intimate and cosy. Ideal for 11 members. We sat around a big table... lots of chat and very relaxing. The committee meetings did not happen but we had an impromptu club forum and discussed various topics. John Donaghey ran a fun Sergeant session and told 3 jokes that Kathy had approved. Sgt session raised \$29.70, the raffle \$54.00.

John Bindon gave a wonderful insight talk. His work, pipe band, training, Rotary Youth Exchange and Group Study team. Awards and an historic painting from the guy who organised the Gardiners Creek School Artists, Mc Cubbin, Roberts etc. Their camp was just down from John's grand-parents' home. Fascinating John, thanks. John McPhee will talk in 2 weeks' time...16 Sept.

Notices: Bob Williams going well. Plenty of Rehab still to do.

Warwick Stott in hospital-- kidneys not doing the right thing.

Members thanked for efforts at Box Hill Institute. Sue and Barbara Searle collected a 'Thank You' certificate from the Institute at an afternoon tea.

A big thanks to all involved in Primary Schools' Speech Contest. A very successful evening.

District Conference --Echuca 21/22 March.

Maroondah Billy Cart Derby - Sunday Sept 8th. METEC Kilsyth.

Graham Sharman memorial service was impressive. Club was well represented.

Next meeting --Club Birthday and DG visit. We will induct Indi as a corporate member.

John Bindon has offered to collect BBQ trailer from Bob's place on Sat 14th Sept for Blackburn Market. SW to assist.

Raffle won by Ian and Mike.

Our wide ranging discussion mentioned-

The need to present our financial commitments in a comprehensive way so that we all get a better picture where we focus our energy. Is it balanced? How do we fund "new or challenging" projects?

Should we move to adopt "Club Runner" so that it is easier to co-ordinate our public Image? What is required to conduct a successful Photo Competition next year? Should we look at a "music talent competition"? How can we utilize the display cabinet at the Library when we next have the opportunity?

A positive response to asking for Pride of Workmanship nomination. More businesses to be approached to increase the awareness of Rotary.

District positive about "District Golf Competition-- \$500 Ford Davis prize."

The relaxed and interesting meeting closed near 8pm.

DUTY ROSTER

Recorder Greeter Emergency Cashier	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
	Chris Tuck	
	Barbara Searle	
	John Donaghey John McPhee	

COMING UP

Date	Event	Chair	Thanks & Report
9 Sept 16 Sept 23 Sept	DG Shia Smart & Club Birthday Sean Teer "Envision Hands" RCFH Photo Competition	Stuart Williams Mike Finke Mike Finke	Ron Brooks

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

To Marg McPhee as she celebrates her birthday today.

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

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.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS' SPEECH COMPETITION

Mount Pleasant Primary School won the seventh Primary School Speech Contest our Rotary Club has organised, run on the night by MC Bill Marsh and our Youth Committee. Once again Toastmasters provided the adjudication, a big thank you Marlene Sinclair co-MC, with chief judge Cate, and judges Victoria & Judith . As last year's winner, Mount Pleasant Primary School hosted us with fourteen students from seven local schools. This was our largest gathering to date. The children spoke on a variety of topics for 3 minutes and amazed the audience with their poise, confidence, and preparation - many speaking without notes, and one with a magic lamp.

Ruby R (Mount Pleasant) was the winner with Cheryl C (Blackburn Lake) the runner up and Jack O (Parkmore) 3rd. Topics included • "The most special part of Australia is ... ", "If I ruled the world", and "Someone I admire". The winners respectively received prizes of \$50, \$40, & \$30 vouchers plus a certificate while all others received a Participation certificate. The winner also received a trophy while the school got to display the Perpetual Trophy for a year. This was Mount Pleasant's third win in a row though four schools have won over the seven years.

Presentations were made by our club's Assistant Governor Geoff Logie-Smith assisted by President Stuart Williams.

We then enjoyed a supper prepared by the Rotarians and partners from Forest Hill Rotary Club.



3rd Jack O'Meara 1st Ruby Rogan 2nd Cheryl Chen



AG Geoff Logie-Smith presents Ruby with her award and voucher.



President Stuart with Ruby and Zahra representing the winning school, Mount Pleasant Road.

President Stuart's Speech during PSSC.

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill is your local Rotary Club. The club is a group of men and women who share a passion for and commitment to enhancing communities and empowering lives across the world.

Rotary clubs exist in almost every country... a world-wide membership of 1.2 million people. Our members change lives locally and connect with other clubs to work on international projects.

Being a Rotary member is an opportunity to take action and make a difference and it brings personal rewards and life-long friendship in the process. Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

I hope you have heard of our major international project—TO ELIMINATE THE DISEASE, POLIO, FROM THE WORLD. Africa is about to be declared POLIO free. As of 21 August, 2019—last Wednesday- NIGERIA has gone 3 years without a case of the wild polio virus. One step closer to the full eradication of polio from the face of the earth. Only Afghanistan and Pakistan to go. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have been amazing supporters of Rotary's efforts... often doubling the hundreds of millions Rotary raises.

Locally, we are proud of our YOUTH SERVICES programs that have been developed and chosen to provide enriching opportunities for young people from Primary school attendees to young adults.

Some examples are:

- Primary Schools' Speech Contest
- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment... a weekend camp.
- Youth Achievement Awards – that acknowledges Year 6 students who are local 'unsung heroes'
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award – 18-30 yrs- a leadership training course.
- National Youth Science Forum – a chance to spend a week at ANU in Canberra with like-minded science students and science researchers
- Youth Citizenship Awards – given to Year 8 students who have a commitment to supporting their community.
- Model United Nations Assembly – a weekend talking in Vic Parliament House. It promotes international perspectives and debating skills for Year 11 students. The students we have supported for the last 2 years have won Victorian MUNA and gone to Canberra... and this year have even been invited to Egypt.
- Rotary Youth Driver Awareness – a day where Year 11 students explore many aspects of road safety
- We also provide scholarships at – Forest Hill College, Box Hill High School, and Apprentice Awards at Box Hill Institute.

This might be your first contact with Rotary. We need your energy, skills and ideas. If you want to learn more about our club and activities please speak to a club member over supper or visit our web-site or Facebook.

CONTACT DETAILS

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BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club on the 10th has Barb and John McPhee on deck while on the 17th Mike Finke joins Barb to feed the troops.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEME

This month it is time to celebrate Rotary's involvement in Education and Early Literacy.

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) and hear what their CEO Sean has to say. He is our guest speaker on 16th 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 no later than 10.00am on Wednesday each week.

WEBSITE

Keep up-to-date by checking our website at www.foresthillrotary.com

TRADER OF THE MONTH AT THE BLACKBURN STATION MARKET

Meet our new trader of the month in next weeks' newsletter.