



# FOREST HILL FLYER 2011-2012

## Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill

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The Rotary Club of Forest Hill meets at 6.15 pm for 6.30 pm on Mondays at Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132. \$27.00 per head

### CLUB PROGRAM

25 July	1 August	8 August
<b>Gail Robertson – Australian Rotary Foundation Chair</b>	<b>Jenni Heenan Disaster Aid Australia</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Glenys Grant	Warwick Stott	Bill Marsh
<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>		
David Bremner	Stuart Williams	Ron Brooks
<b>Club Member Talk</b>		
Bill Marsh	John Donaghey	John McPhee

### DUTY ROSTER

	JULY	AUGUST
Cashier	Warwick Stott	Bill Marsh
Recorder	Geoff Hale	Ray Smith
Greeter	David Bremner	Ron Brooks
Emergency	Bob Laslett	John McPhee

### ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact David Bremner by 10.00 am MONDAY on 9802 7731 or [djlb91@bigpond.com](mailto:djlb91@bigpond.com).** Any cancellation after 10.00 am should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

### CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS WEEK



28 July – Birthday – Christine Stott

## **DOUG'S DEADLINE**

Our meeting on 18th July was, to me, one of those satisfying Rotary experiences that leave you saying "I'm glad I'm in Rotary". We not only had three excellent speakers but I had the privilege of presenting an award to a very worthy recipient.

I'm referring to the Ford Davis Endeavour Award made to carpentry apprentice – Indiana Hangan. 'Indi', as he prefers to be known, was selected by his Box Hill Institute of TAFE teachers, Tim Freeman and Martin Los, as the apprentice who met the Ford Davis Endeavour Award criteria in that he showed:

- Respect for the instructors and for his fellow apprentices;
- Teamwork in his interactions with others, and
- A full commitment to achieving his best in terms of the standard of his performance.

Indi talked about his background, his course and his plans for the future. He also spoke about the Rotary project he worked on in June at the Helena Goldie Hospital in the Solomon Islands. This is the project to which the Club contributed \$2,000.

Indi was preceded by his instructors, Tim Freeman and Martin Los, who told us about the Carpentry School within the Box Hill Institute of TAFE and the challenges they face trying to teach apprentices their craft. One of the main changes to training is the method of delivery. In addition to traditional teaching methods, they now have 'e-learning' where apprentices can access information on-line, as well as on-site assessments.

I must admit it was a great pleasure and privilege for me to present Indi with his tool box (including tools), achievement certificate and a hand-turned pen. The positive messages sent and received during the meeting made the whole evening one of those memorable occasions that makes a President's year.

I would like to thank Tim and Martin for taking the time to support Indi and also acknowledge Indi's partner, Laura, for also coming along to share in the evening.

Our meeting was followed by our first Board meeting for the year. While there is nothing significant to report from the meeting (with the exception of the proposed membership fees for the year which I will leave to Warwick). I am pleased to report that the various Committees have a full program for the year.

While there is a carryover of projects from last year, there is scope for new projects and groups to support. We are still working through the 'Our Club Our Future' review and this will progress further when members of that group return from their absences from the Club (including yours truly). The Directors will keep us informed as projects come to fruition or require our combined support.

Wishing you all the best for the week ahead as we reach within to embrace humanity.

***Doug***

Doug Berwick  
President

## **MEETING REPORT FOR 18 JULY 2011**

Present at the meeting were 11 members and 4 guests.

It was an important night for the Club with the presentation of the Ford Davis Endeavour Award for Carpentry. This was the inaugural award for carpentry and was won by Indiana Hangan who is a worthy recipient.

Also present was Indiana's partner Laura and two members of Box Hill TAFE from the Centre for Building and Furniture Studies, Tim Freeman and Martin Los.

Martin informed the meeting of the challenges facing the Box Hill TAFE in this changing environment with requirements of more flexible training, changing ratios of class and on the job time, E Learning online and the need to be able to fast track appropriate students through the course.

Tim advised us that only about 50% of those who start apprenticeships finish them on time. Low wages and initial low job satisfaction are thought to be some of the reasons for this poor retention rate.

Currently this Department at Box Hill TAFE has 190 students.

Indiana, a second year apprentice then spoke of his desire to be a builder, which is why he has chosen this course of study, and the assistance he has received from his family and the staff at Box Hill.

Indiana then spoke of his visit to the Helena Goldie Hospital in the Solomon Islands where he was involved with the construction of a steel framed house. Our Club contributed \$2000 to this project.

President Doug Berwick then presented Indiana with a giant toolbox with tools and also a cheque (a total value of about \$1400).

The contribution that the late Ford Davis made to this Club and also the support of the members of the Davis family to make this award possible was recognised.

Chris Tuck

### **SERGEANT'S SESSION**

I would like to thank all those who attended for their generous contributions of just over \$31 which will go to the Rotary Foundation.

Sergeant Stuart

### **ADOPT A VILLAGE**

Last Rotary year, the club 'adopted' a village in the Solomon Islands by donating \$1,000 to enable the villagers to purchase equipment to remove malaria mosquito breeding areas. This project was part of the Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) project.

The value of our contribution can be seen in the following extract from the latest RAM Newsletter:

We now know that contributions to the *Adopt A Village* program well exceed \$1 million. What a wonderful achievement. Let's keep it going.

In his report on the situation in the Solomons, Past District Governor Wayne Morris spoke of many things but, and very importantly, highlighted the continuing fall in the incidence of malaria in that country. Amongst PDG Wayne's good news stories one that stood out for me - Santa Isabel is close to malaria elimination. I should put that in upper case and bold letters ...

We also learned of the very satisfactory conclusion to the Rotary Foundation *Health, Hunger and Humanities* (3H) grant in the Solomons. PDG Peter Thomas brought us up-to-date on the AusAID-RAM Building Program in the Solomons. This is something that Australian Rotarians can be very proud of - to date forty (40) Project Volunteer teams have been in the Solomons. Work on the construction of houses, funded by AusAID, is continuing.

Another very important and extremely pleasing bit of news was that the Solomon Islands Government has recognised the work of PDG Wayne Morris with the award of an OBE.

### **CLUB MEMBER TALKS**

Club members can select from the following range of subjects for their talks:

- My 15 seconds of fame!
- What I am most proud of;
- I got a kick out of...;
- My most enjoyable holiday.

The idea is that speaker can select whichever of the topics appeals to them.

### **FOOTY TIPPING**

Bill Marsh continues his accuracy with the ball while Bob Williams and David Bremner try to outpace him.

**BLACKBURN STATION VILLAGE & THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

The Rotary Club sausage sizzle was featured in the winter edition of the Blackburn Station Village newsletter, *Along the Tracks*. The article is below:

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT**  
 ... alive and well at Blackburn Station Village

**To Market to Market**

On the second Saturday morning each month (except January), the Rotary Club of Forest Hill stages the Blackburn Station Craft Market at the Blackburn Station Village Shopping Centre in South Parade.

The market is a favourite browsing place for many Blackburn people who enjoy the Village shopping atmosphere, the stalls, the sausage sizzle, the adjacent car parking, and the music from the jazz band that regularly appears.

The market has a range of stalls selling goods such as plants, soaps, jewellery, cards, clothing and the famous Rotary Sausage Sizzle! The market even has a stall selling sheep manure – a very helpful product for the home gardener!

Many of the stallholders have been attending the market for years and are well known to the Village's shoppers

Forest Hill Rotary has been operating the market for almost fifteen years based on principles agreed with the Shopping Centre's Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Rotary clubs are community service clubs run by volunteers and exist for three reasons:

1. to undertake community service projects that create safer, healthier and better educated communities;
2. to encourage high ethical standards in all forms of endeavour; and
3. to provide fun and fellowship for club members.

The club is always seeking new members so if you have an interest in community service, please speak contact the club at [foresthillrotary@hotmail.com](mailto:foresthillrotary@hotmail.com).

Each year the funds raised from the market are used for a range of projects that assist people, both in our local community and in overseas communities. For example in 2010/11 the market funds enabled a local secondary school student to attend a science forum in Canberra, provided resources to repair community centre equipment destroyed by floods earlier this year, provided tools to eliminate mosquito breeding areas around a village in the Solomon Islands thus reducing the incidence of malaria, and have assisted with caring for children from the Pacific region who have major health problems such as cleft palates or require lifesaving or life enhancing operations for problems such as leaking heart valves, holes in the heart, and massive burns.

Forest Hill Rotary operates the market to benefit the Blackburn Village and its customers, the stallholders and the community service projects funded from the market proceeds.

The club is always looking to grow the market with new stalls and attractions and anyone interested in being involved can contact the market coordinator, John, through the club's website at [foresthillrotary.com](http://foresthillrotary.com).

The Blackburn Station Village works with Forest Hill Rotary on special events, such as last year's very successful Christmas Fair.

Remember, the second Saturday morning and the Blackburn Station Village Market!

**FOREST HILL'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE**

We publish the table below to keep us aware of the challenge.

Membership at the beginning of the year	Current Membership	Change
18	18	--

### **BREAKFAST QUIZ & BRAIN EXERCISER**

Peter Falk of Columbo fame passed away recently. How many of you knew he had a glass eye? The question is – which one was fake? Answer: the right eye.

Question: I am the beginning of the end, and the end of time and space. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place. What am I?

### **TRIVIA**

Barack Obama has won two Grammy awards - for Best Spoken Word Album in 2006 and 2008

The metal mercury is so dense that bricks, cannonballs, lumps of lead and iron will float in it.

When US paper currency was first introduced in 1862, the bills had to be individually signed by hand by six people working in the Treasury.

### **UPDATE**

Stan Harper has moved to the Peter James Centre at Cnr. Mahoneys Road & Burwood Highway, Burwood East, 3151.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS**

25 July 2011	District - Applications for Group Study Exchange Team Leader open
1 August 2011	August is Membership and Extension Month
1 August 2011	Club meeting
1 August 2011	District - Group Study Exchange team members applications open
6 August 2011	District National Youth Science Forum interviews
7 August 2011	District Youth Exchange - outbound students orientation
8 August 2011	Club meeting and Board meeting
12 August 2011	District - Applications for Group Study Exchange Team Leader close
12 August 2011	District - Presidents and Assistant Governors Meeting
12 August 2011	District - Youth Exchange mid-year dinner
13 August 2011	Blackburn Craft Market
14 August 2011	Whitehorse Farmers Market

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