



# 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

19 September Committee meetings	26 September District Governor's Visit and Club Anniversary Celebration	5 October <b>Meeting of 3 October has been transferred to 6.30pm on 5 October at the Rotary Club of Templestowe</b>
<b>Chair</b>		
Stan Harper	Ron Brooks	--
<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>		
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<b>Club Member Talk</b>		
Bob Williams	--	--

### DUTY ROSTER

	SEPTEMBER
Cashier	Bob Laslett
Recorder	Glenys Grant
Greeter	David Bremner
Emergency	Gary Baltissen

### ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY** on 9878 4891 or [rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au) Any cancellation after 10.00 am should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

### CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS WEEK



Nil – except that it's 101 'sleeps' until Christmas

## **DOUG'S DEADLINE**

Following my absence last week, I was glad to be able to join with members to hear Brad Kyle tell us about his trek along the Camino de Santiago or Way of St James. He has also written a book about his experience which was available on the night.

From my point of view, it was great to see Stan Harper at the meeting and we trust that this is a return to regular attendances for Stan. I missed seeing Stan at the meeting last week. We also had the pleasure of hosting Judy Laslett and Robbie Brooks as well as our Assistant Governor Ken Wall.

The Board met after the meeting and I have included a Board report in the Flyer.

The final report from the Our Club – Our Future is being circulated with this week's Flyer. It is important for all members to read the report and to seek clarification or make comment as necessary. An opportunity to discuss the report will be provided next week as it is our Committee night. From my point of view, this report provides the starting point for the current Board to address the major points that have been identified such as Fellowship, Projects and Membership. I would like to take the opportunity to thank David Bremner and his Board for making the decision to conduct the workshop and review and also thank Glenys Grant, Bill Marsh and Ron Brooks for their contributions during many meetings. Their involvement in the next phase is still sought as there is still a lot of work to do.

One of the topics that arose recently from District was Working With Children Card – as a Club we arranged for the majority of members to apply and be granted a Working With Children Card. My card expires on 29 May 2012 and I suspect the majority of other cards will expire at a similar time. District is keen for all Clubs and their members to have permission to work with children as we don't know when the need will arise. I appreciate that not all members wish to have this authority/responsibility but I encourage any members who do not hold a current Working With Children Card and are prepared to apply for one to see me so that arrangements can be made to have a card issued.

Something to look forward to is our upcoming Club Anniversary combined with a visit from District Governor Juliet Riseley which will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

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

***Doug***

Doug Berwick  
President

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 SEPT 2011 – KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED**

- The Nominating Committee to nominate members to serve with President Elect Bob Laslett on the Board for 2012-2013 has been formed and will meet by 19<sup>th</sup> September. Members of the Committee are President Doug Berwick, VP Bob Williams, most recently available Past Presidents – Stuart Williams and David Bremner and two nominated members, Glenys Grant and Stan Harper. Nominations for the Board positions will be announced prior to the AGM in November.
- Working With Children Card – to be followed up with District to confirm current requirements.
- Solomon Islands Presentation to Rotary Clubs – Box Hill Institute had planned to have students and teachers that participated in the Solomon Islands Project, including Indi Hangan, address individual clubs. This has proven difficult to arrange and they are now preparing a DVD for distribution to Clubs. We envisage showing the DVD at a suitable Club meeting.
- Club Anniversary and District Governor Visit – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011 – invitations are being sent to honorary members and others to attend this event.
- Fellowship events – Ron Brooks advised that several options had been presented to members and his Committee were working to advance the more popular options.

- Membership Recruitment – this is a complex project as it is influenced by a number of factors not the least of which is providing compelling reasons for a person to join Rotary. A Committee is being formed to address relevant issues.

### **MEETING REPORT**

Speaker for the night was Brad Kyle.

Brad spoke of his walk across the top of Spain following a path known as 'The Way of St. James or the Camino de Santiago'. The walk is 800km long and it took Brad 35 days walking approx. 25 km per day.

Commencement of the walk is Saint Jean in France and ends in Santiago in Northern Spain. In 2010 some 270,000 people took the trip.

Along the way Brad stayed at various basic style hostel accommodation and at each resting point collected a stamp in his 'passport' which he showed to the appropriate people at the end of the trip and received a certificate of completion of the walk.

Interestingly, Brad undertook the walk mostly on his own and used it as a time of reflection which he described as life changing.

Brad who is married, lives at Mount Waverley and is an accountant and writer.

He has written a book of his travels entitled 'Memoirs of a Pilgrim' which has been published. Brad has just completed a children's book based on this experience.

### **ELEVATOR SPEECH CONTRIBUTIONS**

"Joining Rotary is the beginning of a wonderful journey through life"! Rotary is an opportunity to develop new skills, interests and friendships for yourself and your partner by being part of an organisation that for over 100 years has undertaken projects that create healthier, safer and better-educated communities, both locally and overseas. It is an opportunity to make a positive difference to the world.

Any further contributions?

### **PERIDOT THEATRE**

A booking has been made for the Peridot Theatre on 11 November. The show is "Caravan" which tells the story of three couples who spend their summer vacation together at a secluded camping site on the New South Wales coast.

The confined space of the caravan, together with a week of flooding rain and a series of hilarious mishaps combine to make this the holiday you should never have.

Australian playwright Donald Macdonald takes a light-hearted look at friendship, age and fidelity that will have you laughing out loud - not to be missed!

Peridot is also presenting the "Monash One Act Play Festival" which will be held on the weekend commencing 23 September. Details can be obtained from their website at [peridot.com.au](http://peridot.com.au)

### **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 speaker can select whichever of the topics appeals to them.

### **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	-

### **ROTARY HORN OF AFRICA FAMINE AND REFUGEE FUND**

In response to the humanitarian crisis in parts of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Horn of Africa Famine and Refugee Relief Fund, which will support recovery projects in the affected areas.

Donations can be made through the Rotary office at Parramatta.

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

Beulah died in the Appalachians while Craig died at sea. Everyone was much happier with Craig's death. Why?

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

16 September 2011	District Youth Exchange - Outbound students interviews
19 September 2011	Club meeting
23 September 2011	District - Group Study Exchange team member applications close
26 September 2011	Club meeting, District Governor's Visit and Club Anniversary
1 October 2011	October is Vocational Service Month
3 October 2011	Club meeting CANCELLED
5 October 2011	Cluster New Generations Evening at Rotary Club of Templestowe
8 October 2011	Blackburn Craft Market
9 October 2011	Whitehorse Farmers Market
10 October 2011	Club meeting and Board meeting

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