



## DOUG'S DEADLINE

One of the benefits of being President is to welcome members, partners and honorary members to special occasions and I had the pleasure of doing this as the Club celebrated its 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was also a great pleasure to welcome District Governor, Juliet Riseley and Assistant Governor, Ken Wall to our anniversary meeting. Unfortunately, PRIT Ian Riseley could not join Juliet as he was still returning from overseas.

For our Charter Members – Geoff Hale, Warwick Stott and Bob Neilson it has been a long, and hopefully, fulfilling journey that continues to reinforce their belief in Rotary. The fact that they are still members shows that the faith they displayed over 36 years ago has been rewarded and they have gained immeasurably from it. I know that both Warwick and Bob were disappointed that they could not join us on the night but we were very pleased to have Heather Neilson join us for the celebrations.

Some of our honorary members who could not be with us sent their congratulations and I would like to share them with you.

David and Carole McNamara:

*Thank you for the invitation but Carole and I returned home from 7 weeks overseas yesterday to find our kids have organised a get together on that night. However, we both wish the Club the happiest of birthdays and may it have many more.*

*Thank you again for the kind thoughts and we will be thinking of you all.*

Graham and Cynthia Lydiard

*Thanks for the invitation, unfortunately we will not be able to attend. We do hope that you have a very successful evening.*

Kevin and Lynn Grigsby

*We will still be interstate on the day and send our apology.*

*We express our congratulations to the Forest Hill club, Rotarians and partners on celebrating 35 years of sterling and impeccable Rotary service in the local community, and further afield, internationally.*

*The projects the Club has achieved are prodigious and remarkable, and Rotary fellowship is a meaningful and wonderful experience.*

*Lynne and I extend our personal good wishes to every Rotarian and partner at Forest Hill.*

*Active and past Rotarians of Forest Hill have every good reason to celebrate the clubs 35 years and trust the Anniversary evening will be successful in every way.*

Norm and Mary Durham

*Thank you for the invitation to the Anniversary Dinner which we must regretfully decline.*

*Our Israeli granddaughter, who we have not seen for five years, is arriving on Saturday and the family will be getting together for a lot of reminiscing.*

*We hope you have a wonderful evening and our best wishes go to all present and past members.*

Fortunately, Owen and Bev King were able to join us and we hope they enjoyed the night.

Meeting with our District Governor - Prior to the meeting I met with our District Governor, Juliet Riseley and our Assistant Governor, Ken Wall.

The meeting focussed on what we have been doing in recent times and our plans for the future. For the size of club, we have a good number and range of projects for the year and our output is as good as any club.

However, as in recent years, the major challenge we face is to find new members to share in the fellowship and activities of the club. As we have discussed at recent meetings work is being done to strengthen the Club foundations and projects in order to achieve the membership goal.

Later in the evening, I had the pleasure of presenting DG Juliet with a cheque for the charity supported by Ian. As you will recall, in recent times the District Governor's partner has nominated a particular charity for clubs to support rather than presenting the partner with flowers, as was the previous practice. Ian has nominated the Timor Leste Midwifery Project and our Club donated \$200 toward the Project.

Found yourself with an opportunity to tell someone about Rotary but couldn't think what to say? I found myself in this situation very recently and wished I had learnt this by heart:

*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. Take my Club, the Rotary Club of Forest Hill, for over 36 years we have been working with and supporting numerous local community organisations as well as individuals. We use our local community as an avenue to help the world. Can I show you more?*

This is a slightly amended version of the 'elevator speech' provided by David Bremner. If you like it let us know and we will get it made into a card for every member to learn. If you have some suggestions to improve it, let me know.

I hope that those present enjoyed celebrating 36 years of Rotary in Forest Hill. Tracey and I certainly did and look forward to future celebrations as we march toward 40 years.

Best wishes for the week ahead in your vocation, in Rotary and in your family life.

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

**Doug**

Doug Berwick  
President

## **MEETING REPORT**

Last week's meeting was our Club Anniversary and the annual visit by our District Governor, Juliet Riseley. It was a wonderful night!

We had twenty six people in attendance including District Governor Juliet, Assistant Governor Ken Wall, Honorary Member Owen King and Bev, our Partners and members.

In his welcome address, President Doug Berwick noted the contributions to the club by our Charter Members Warwick Stott, Bob Neilson and Geoff Hale. Our best wishes are with Bob and it was a delight to have Heather Nielson with us.

The Sergeant was in his usual mood and collected \$63.25 in fines. This year the fines will go to the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Appeal to assist needy families.

Our resident poet laureate, Stan Harper, produced another poem which reflected on the venues at which the club has met over the years, the projects we have conducted, the Sergeants and their fun and fines sessions raising funds for the Rotary Foundation, the Probus Clubs we have formed and the work of Rotary International. [Due to lack of space and the blister on my typing finger, the poem will appear in next week's Flyer – Ed.]

Ray Smith proposed an eloquent toast to the club on the occasion of its anniversary. Ray spoke of the club's history and the people and families that the club has touched through the granting of awards and the projects undertaken. Through this service, we have touched millions of people.

For members, Ray spoke of the lasting friendships that have been created through joining together in service to the community.

Bob Williams then proposed a toast to Rotary International. Bob noted that Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee has drawn attention to the need to recruit younger members – a challenge that our club is also facing.

District Governor Juliet responded to Bob's toast on behalf of Rotary International. Juliet thanked the club for its Rotary service and for the work it does for the community, for District 9810 and for Rotary.

Juliet spoke of the work of the club over the years and, in particular, mentioned our hosting of Rikko from Bali while he underwent open heart surgery in Melbourne. Juliet and Ian visited Rikko and his family a few years ago and noted that his mother refers to Rotary as a "miracle" because it gave her son good health and a future.

Juliet also mentioned District projects – the Cluster New Generations Seminar on October 5<sup>th</sup> which she commended to us and the District Conference in April 2012 that is local and to be held over a weekend thus reducing time and financial costs to members.

Juliet also thanked the club on Ian's behalf for its donation of \$200 towards the midwifery training course in Timor Leste that Ian has chosen as his project for the year. Timor Leste has an extremely high death rate for mothers and babies during childbirth and the training of midwives to assist with child birth in the villages will help to reduce this problem.

President Doug spoke of the club's plans for the year. He thanked Juliet and Ken for their time and ideas during the club review meeting held earlier in the afternoon.

Doug also thanked the Visiting Rotarians, Honorary Members, Partners and members who attended the anniversary meeting, especially those who contributed to its organisation and running.

Charter Member Geoff Hale cut the birthday after posing very charmingly for photographer Ray.

David Bremner

## **CONCERT**

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All your Proms favourites will be there, including:  
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The Monash Symphonic Winds  
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Music Direction by:  
Michael Thompson and Ingrid Martin

2pm Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
Robert Blackwood Hall  
Monash University  
Wellington Road, Clayton  
Adults \$25 Concession (and under 18) \$20

\*If you can't get to the Royal Albert Hall Proms in London, then get along to see An Afternoon at the Proms 2011\*

Bookings: Phone 9905 1111  
Online at [www.monash.edu.au/monart](http://www.monash.edu.au/monart)

CITY OF MONASH

President Doug has announced that the club will support this concert. Bookings details are in the poster.

## **FAKE EMAIL**

If you received an email from Stuart saying he is overseas and needs assistance please ignore it – it is a hoax! Stuart is in great form and is in Melbourne. Mind you, if Geelong wins this weekend we might all put in to send him overseas!!

It would assist him in rebuilding his email system if friends would send him an email so he can get their email addresses.

## **5 OCTOBER CLUSTER NEW GENERATIONS SEMINAR**

The seminar will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Templestowe and the Special Guest Speaker will be Ian Robson, CEO of the Essendon Football Club and a former Youth Exchange Student.

WHEN: WED OCTOBER 5, at 6:00pm for 6:30pm Start

WHERE: Monte Carlo Receptions, 5 Mitchell Street, East Doncaster (Melways 47 J1).

COST: \$30 for two course meal.

## **ELEVATOR SPEECH CONTRIBUTIONS**

We have had two contributions – are there anymore out there?

An elevator speech is a 20 second description of what it is about Rotary that appeals, enthuses and encourages Rotarians in their community service and fellowship activities. It should be succinct but powerful in the message it conveys.

The speech would be given to a prospective member as an encouragement to consider Rotary.

How about another contribution or three or four! What it is you like about Rotary, why did you join, what do Rotarians do?

### **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.

### **REACTION TO THE FLYER**

"I really enjoy getting your club bulletin. Your club is a bit like ours... not very big, focusing on growth in the community, and raising awareness of how all members can and must contribute to the warm welcome and work of the club.

It is an easy, succinct and thought-provoking document, and I like it! The elevator speech idea is terrific, and I hope you don't mind if we do the same at Wheelers Hill.

I must say that President Doug's Deadlines are terrific and uplifting.

I wish your club well in its endeavours.

Yours in Rotary"

Geoff (former Chair, District Marketing and Membership Committee)

### **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**

No question this week so we have a quotation instead.

"You're alive. Do something. The directive in life, the moral imperative was so uncomplicated. It could be expressed in single words, not complete sentences. It sounded like this: Look - Listen - Choose - Act."

Barbara Hall, (Author)

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

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
15 October 2011	District - National Youth Science Forum orientation
16 October 2011	District - Youth Exchange outbound students orientation
17 October 2011	Club meeting
24 October 2011	Club meeting
31 October 2011	Club meeting cancelled - Melbourne Cup

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to the Editor at [djlb91@bigpond.com](mailto:djlb91@bigpond.com) by **5 pm next Wednesday week** (in Microsoft Word format please)