



# 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

14 November	21 November	28 November
<b>Partners in Control (Partners Night) Barbara Williams - Caravanning to Longreach Chair</b>	<b>ABCD Project – Ken Wall Committee Meetings &amp; Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>Bert Sloane Youth Achievement Awards Sarah Heathcote</b>
Judy Laslett	Warwick Stott	Chris Tuck
<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>		
Bev Baltissen	Bob Laslett	Gary Baltissen
<b>Club Member Talk</b>		
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### DUTY ROSTER

	<b>NOVEMBER</b>
Cashier	Graham Sharman
Recorder	John McPhee
Greeter	Ray Smith
Emergency	Ron Brooks

### ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY** on 9878 4891 or [rccsmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rccsmith@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

## **DOUG'S DEADLINE**

We had a Board meeting at the conclusion of our weekly meeting to discuss the health of the Club (very good at this point) and the work being done by the Committees. From the reports received to date, I would like to congratulate you (the Committee members) on a great effort so far within this Rotary year.

The Community, Vocations and New Generations Committee lead by Gary has done a fantastic job in securing the District Simplified Grant for Swags for the Homeless. We are looking forward to making the first presentation of swags to the Salvation Army representatives in Box Hill. We are also looking forward to the Bert Sloane Youth Achievement Awards on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. This is always a great night as it provides Rotarians with an opportunity to interact with a much younger generation and also with their parents.

The International and Foundation Committee lead by Glenys has also been busy. Projects supported by the Committee include – Walk for Life (\$500 donation) and Disasteraid Aust, which has received \$800 allowing us to purchase a box which will be used to help people in need. Other international projects are being looked at but I will leave it to Glenys to announce those at a later date.

Ron Brooks has also been busy looking after Fellowship and the Cinema night, Partners Control Night and Home Hosting are evidence of his work. The Cinema night provided good fellowship and a chance to see a movie before it came out on DVD!

As you will recall, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October was World Polio Day. On the 29<sup>th</sup> October, the Prime Minister announced that Australia would contribute \$A50M to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) over the next four years. Bill Gates announced that his Foundation would make a fresh commitment of \$A37.4M. Global Poverty Project chief executive Hugh Evans praised Australia's new commitment. "Now it's time for other nations - particularly the affluent ones - to follow suit," he said.

The boost was also warmly welcomed by groups including UNICEF Australia and Rotary International.

Whilst this is good news for the fight against polio, it saddened me to see that Rotary International was relegated to what could be described as an afterthought.

It is my understanding that the GPEI was established as the lead organisation to enable polio eradication to be conducted internationally. However, unless I am guilty of believing my own press releases, the involvement of Rotary International and its members to get this initiative moving still goes unrecognised in the broader community.

Interplast Australia and Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) also suffer the same lack of recognition. As many of you may know, the first Interplast Australia program was conducted to Samoa in 1983, fully funded by Rotarians. The next program, funded by Rotarians, was to Fiji and it was there the Australian Government recognised the importance of such a worthwhile foreign aid program. This resulted in partial funding being allocated for Interplast programs through the Pacific Islands. The work of ROMAC also appears to be overlooked by the media as they focus on the child and their family without recognising the organisation that made it all possible.

If Rotary is to survive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century we must make the general population aware that we do a great deal of good in the world. A great opportunity occurred last week with the Whitehorse Spring Festival (WSF). It was reported that over 20,000 people attended during the weekend. The Rotary Clubs of Whitehorse had a presence at the WSF but from reports we did not make as much of the opportunity as we should. This may be partly due to the reluctance of Rotarians to 'blow their own horn' so to speak and to other factors. As a service organisation, Rotary must ensure it has a greater public profile and it is up to us as members to find ways to do this. I wonder how many Rotarians had their 'elevator speech' ready when a person in the right age group came along.

Enjoy your week in Rotary.

Doug Berwick  
President

## **PARTNERS IN CONTROL NIGHT**

Our next meeting is the Partners in Control Night. The leaders for the night will be Tracey "President" Berwick, Judy "Chairperson" Laslett, Sergeants Robbie Brooks and Heather Bremner, and Bev "Thanker" Baltissen. Cameo appearances will also be made by Judy Marsh, Rob Grant and Christine Stott.



Our guest speaker will be Barbara Williams who has chosen as the topic for her talk 'Caravanning to Longreach' or, as the talk is also know, 'Bush Bashing & Bob'. The talk will be accompanied by a film which is rumoured to be in the Leyland Brothers style!

A fabulous night that must not be missed!

For catering purposes, please make sure you advise Ray Smith that you will be attending.

## **MEETING REPORT**

Sixteen club members welcomed guest Helen McNamara, visiting Rotarian Judith Eadon (Nunawading) and guest speaker Salvatore Dema.

Members were asked to assist at the Blackburn Market and Whitehorse Farmers Market this coming weekend of 12th - 13th November.

Members welcomed back 'from the floods' long-time member and current Sergeant Stuart Williams.

Judith Eadon spoke briefly of the sale of Christmas cakes at \$15.00 each via the Nunawading club.

There was no member talk, but Acting Sergeant Stan Harper gave a very humorous session, raising \$50.55 in the process.

Reports were given.

Secretary Bill Marsh thanked members for their prompt reports.

President Doug Berwick spoke of the need to support Rotary Health more fully. Also that he will circulate a list of what schools in the area clubs have a relationship with. He congratulated Ron Brooks on the recent successful Fellowship night of film and dinner. He also spoke of the Rotary Leadership series to be held early next year and reminded and updated members on the 2012 District Conference.

Treasurer Warwick Stott presented accounts for perusal.

Ron Brooks spoke of upcoming Fellowship events – Peridot theatre 11<sup>th</sup> November, Partners in Control 14<sup>th</sup> November and Home Hosting 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Gary Baltissen reported a request from Epworth Hospital for equipment; that his many projects are going well; and the progress to date of the Youth Achievement Awards, to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November

Glenys Grant spoke of the Foundation Meeting and dinner on 16<sup>th</sup> November and that she is collecting payments for the evening.

Stan Harper reported a visit from Cheng Yin, who is now married and living in Berwick.

Chairman John McPhee then introduced Salvatore Dema, Manager of Community Integration and Leisure Services, Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre, who gave a very interesting and professional talk on the work of the Centre and his specific involvement.

He commenced with a virtual tour of Royal Talbot, providing an overview of the whole rehab service then gave insights into his work. Some of the highlights were:

Royal Talbot was established in 1907 on site in Monash to provide an epilepsy service and sold milk to fund programs. It moved to its present site in the 1960's and is part of Austin Health as the rehabilitation centre for recovery from stroke, brain, spinal and orthopaedic injuries.

It is now as home-like and comfortable as possible and features the following services:

- Well-stocked and current library for staff and patients
- Hydrotherapy pool
- Gyms for fitness and to encourage compensation for parts of body not working
- Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology
- Music, Art and Horticultural therapies to help physical and cognitive abilities and to promote wellbeing
- Nutrition and also Sexual Health counselling
- Community integration programs

It has a staff of 200, lots of volunteers and an annual budget of \$10,000,000.

Sal then spoke of his own involvement

- A science background leading into his 18 years in the current very busy roles.
- The added responsibilities of managing the Creative Therapies Service; part time secondment setting up a peer support program for people with spinal injuries; and role as Allied Health Representative to the Executive.
- His says his main aim is to make easier the patient's transition back to normal life and re-integration into the community.
- As part of this aim he has established an Art Therapy Group to help patients work through difficult feelings, improve attention, concentration, memory, social and fine motor skills.
- Also a Woodwork program -another outstanding success - with now a team of 11 volunteers.
- Patients continue to practise these skills once they leave and often come back to help others recoup.
- The social network is growing due to these programs and the Social Enterprise program is now a recognised and funded service.
- Above all - to help patients feel whole again so that they can return to the community as useful and fulfilled citizens.

Sal extended an invitation to the Club to visit Royal Talbot early in 2012.

He was congratulated on his excellent talk and work and presented with a Ray Smith finely crafted wooden pen.

Glenys Grant

## **FELLOWSHIP'S 1<sup>ST</sup> CINEMA NIGHT OUT**

The first of our monthly Friday Cinema Night Out visits was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November.



Eleven of us gathered at the Melba Café at Forest Hill Chase at 7:45pm. A friendly café with most enjoyable meals and snacks. We chatted...and suddenly it was 9:00 pm and time to head up the escalator for the movies.

There was a choice of six movies. Some had chosen "Contagion" and some "I Don't Know How She Does It". Both groups agreed that they were entertained more than they expected.

"I Don't Know How She Does It" was a most entertaining comedy based on a serious topic – the problems associated with pursuing a career and raising two children. Between laughs, we could all relate incidents to our own lives or those around us. Amazing what a difference time makes – we couldn't see the problems, or their solutions, so easily at the time.

"Contagion" concerned a virus that jumped from bats via pigs to humans and killed millions before finally a cure was found. It also interwove a number of family dramas of how the virus affected them including a breakdown of law and order among some, but mostly about how good people can also achieve good.

So, it's on again next month. First Friday of the month i.e. 2<sup>nd</sup> December. I will circulate what films are showing as soon as they are announced which Tuesday night is. You tell me which film you want to see by Thursday night and whether you will have a meal or just coffee or snack or glass of wine. You can join us for meal or snack and not go to a film if you like. I will get the tickets at \$9.50 each (cheaper than seniors card purchase) and give them to you at the Melba café.

Guess who the hand on the left front of the table belongs to? A clue – you can see a splinter in the thumb!

Ron Brooks

### **ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTURIONS CLUB**

A request has been received from Ian Donald, District Centurion Co-ordinator, on the Foundation Centurion Program (the following is an abridged version)

"As you will know the Centurion program is a way of giving a personal donation to our Rotary Charity, "The Rotary Foundation" which is fully Tax Deductible. Membership commitment is set at \$100 per year, renewable upon each annual anniversary of the initial membership contribution. Participation in this worthwhile program is recognized with a Centurion Certificate and a Pin upon receipt of the initial membership contribution.

I write to you as the recently appointed District Centurion Coordinator for year 2011/12 and seek your assistance with improving membership of the District Centurion Club program.

I would like to reinforce the Centurion Club as a worthwhile personal giving project.

My role this year will be to improve the systems and the communication with all District Rotarians and improve /renew membership.

By November we hope to have available a Centurion brochure for you to distribute to your Club members which will also make it easier to explain the program in more detail and encourage participation."

Ian Donald  
District 9810 Centurion Coordinator 2011/12

The Board have discussed this. Warwick Stott / Glenys Grant will speak on this Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Glenys Grant

### **DISTRICT FOUNDATION SEMINAR**

The District Foundation Seminar for the Northern Clusters of District 9810 (which includes us) will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm at Beau Monde International Hotel, 934 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Cost is \$25.00 per person with drinks at bar prices.

The program for the evening will include brief presentations on a number of aspects of The Rotary Foundation including Polio, Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, Humanitarian Grants, District Simplified Grants, Alumni, Funding, Personal Giving

(Centurion Club) and Transition to The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan. The evening will conclude at about 8.45 pm.

### **HOME HOSTING**

The club will be having the first home hosting on Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. The plan is to have four or five partners meeting at each of the Brooks, Williams (Bob) and Bremner homes and then members joining for dessert /cheese, coffee/tea at or before 8pm. This is a club Committees Night and Annual General Meeting so could finish a bit early.

Ron Brooks

### **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	Change will soon occur!

### **QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric.

Bertrand Russell

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

11 November 2011	District - Presidents and Assistant Governors Meeting
11 November 2011	Club visit to Peridot Theatre
12 November 2011	Blackburn Craft Market
13 November 2011	Whitehorse Farmers Market
14 November 2011	Club meeting - Partners in Control
16 November 2011	District Foundation Dinner for Northern Cluster
21 November 2011	Club meeting, Annual General Meeting and Home Hosting
21 November 2011	New Board to meet and decide Sergeant for next year
24 November 2011	District - Future Leader Seminar (Brisbane)
28 November 2011	Club meeting and Youth Achievement Night
28 November 2011	New Sergeant to be announced to club
1 December 2011	December is Family Month
2 December 2011	District - Youth Exchange outbound students orientation
2 December 2011	Friday Night Film and Fellowship Night
5 December 2011	Club meeting

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