



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

5 March	12 March	19 March
Ford Davis Endeavour Awards Chair Bill Marsh Thanks & Meeting Report Bob Laslett Club Member Talk --	No meeting – Labour Day Holiday	Rotary International Peace Scholar – David Vincent John McPhee Helen McNamara Bob Laslett

DUTY ROSTER

	MARCH
Cashier	Bob Williams
Recorder	Warwick Stott
Greeter	Helen McNamara
Emergency	Bill Smart

ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY** on 9878 4891 or 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



None – but a busy time coming up in a few weeks. Watch this space!

DOUG'S DEADLINE

The funny thing about a deadline is that there are no second chances if you miss it, a lot like a funeral. Fortunately, while I can get the funerals right first time I keep missing the deadline. At the risk of pushing the Flyer to another page, I thought I should make a contribution so that the broader audience knows that we still have a President.

At the risk of sounding like a politician I can report that the Board is close to making a decision regarding our contribution to a major project (and it won't be pushed back 12 months or cancelled). The input from you, as members, has obviously helped the Board by identifying the two preferred projects. The final part of this process is to ensure that distribution of such a large part of our capital is not going to affect the Club in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Ron for arranging this month's home hosting as it was a great way to finish a Rotary meeting. Many thanks also to our hosts, Bill and Judy and Warwick and Christine, for making their homes available to us.

On a different note, I mentioned at the meeting that the Whitehorse Cluster was looking for volunteers from the six Rotary Clubs to be involved in a steering committee to enable Rotary within the City of Whitehorse to be collectively represented at events such as the Volunteer Expo in May and the Whitehorse Festival in October/November. Both events provide us with an opportunity to put a personal face to Rotary and to highlight the work that Rotary does. The aim is to get the people who attend these events interested in joining but public awareness of our work is also a benefit. The Committee is to come up with ideas on presentation and to implement those ideas, including finding Rotarians to be on duty. Please let me know if you are interested in representing our club.

I also mentioned on Monday that I had come across two marketing initiatives that could benefit Rotary. Both involved raising money for charity through the sale of bottled water. Le Pine is supporting the Fr Bob Maguire Foundation by purchasing their 'Reign Water' bottled water, the profits from which support the work of the Foundation. The other charity was selling bottled water through Australia Post with proceeds obviously assisting their work. What a great way to publicise 'Safe Water – Save Lives' through the sale of water. Perhaps if we could get the manufacturers of Aeroguard or Rid to support Rotarians Against Malaria we could raise awareness and generate even more funds for this worthy cause.

Now that I have made my way back to the keyboard, you should hear more from me.

Enjoy your week in Rotary

Doug Berwick
President

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Chair for the evening was Bill Marsh. President Doug raised several matters for our attention:

- Registrations for Conference close at the end of February. It promises to be an excellent conference with top-notch speakers and a home-town venue;
- Are there some opportunities for Rotary to promote its programs through partnerships with businesses? Examples are joining with a producer of bottled water to have a portion of the sale price donated to overseas aid or have a pest control company sponsor Rotarians Against Malaria. Doug will forward these ideas to Dick Garner, chair of the District Communications and Public Relations Committee;
- The Manningham and Whitehorse Clusters of clubs are seeking volunteers from clubs to form a committee to organise Rotary's participation in two upcoming Whitehorse Council events – the volunteers' expo and the Whitehorse Spring Festival.

Warwick Stott reminded us that he still looking for used spectacles. Please provide them as soon as possible as Warwick will soon be organising to ship the spectacles overseas so

they can be provided free of cost to people who need them but cannot normally afford them – a great *Rotary Donations in Kind* project.

Next week Gary Baltissen will have End Polio badges for sale to members and Partners. They cost \$3 and celebrate the fact that we are so close to ridding the world of polio. You will recall that India has just celebrated its first year without one new case of polio infection!

Ron Brooks advised that the fellowship weekend has been postponed to next July/August.

Bob Laslett reported that he and Judy attended the lighting up of Federation Square to celebrate the End Polio project. The crowd on the Saturday night was modest but it was a great event.

A report was given on Geoff Hale's progress and we continue to think of him and Bob Nielson as they progress with their recoveries.

It was a pleasure to have Assistant Governor Ken Wall attend our meeting – someone said they think he has actually joined our club! Ken reported that in 2012-13 the club cluster arrangements will return to being on a municipal area basis.

Stuart Williams ably conducted the fine session, extracting cash from our pockets with tricky questions about retirement. Few Rotarians answered to his satisfaction and paid accordingly.

Graham Sharman then gave a talk on his hair-raising experience landing a light plane at Sydney Airport immediately behind a jumbo jet that had just taken off. The turbulence in the air cause by the jumbo gave Graham and his passenger a few frightening moments. Graham noted that like all rules, air navigation rules are there for our good and we ignore them at our peril.

Update on Geoff Hale

Bob and Stuart Williams went to see Geoff on 29 March at St Vincent's. He looked a bit washed out, but sparked up during the visit. His treatment is continuing. Pop in to see him, he will appreciate the company.

HOME HOSTING ON MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Many thanks to our hosts, the Stott's and the Marsh's. We had a very enjoyable night of fellowship and food. Thanks also to the Partners for their culinary efforts.

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	19	+1

District 9810 Conference 2012

Hosted by the 2012 District Conference Committee and the Rotary Club of Hampton

All Day Saturday & Sunday April 21 & 22,

Peninsula Conference Centre, Central Pier, Docklands

Cost \$385 per person. Book at <http://www.9810conference.org.au/>

SWAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

The swags we ordered from Swags for the Homeless have arrived and are about to be delivered to the two charities that we have partnered with on the project – the Salvation Army in Box Hill and the Wesley Crisis and Family Centre in Ringwood.

The charities will arrange for the swags to be distributed to needy people.

Congratulations to Gary Baltissen and his committee for undertaking this project.

DISTRICT 9810 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE SEMINAR

The seminar will be held at Casavini Restaurant on 14 May and our club will be hosting the event for the Northern Cluster of Rotary clubs. Glenys Grant and her committee are organising the event and closer to the night will be seeking assistance from club members to undertake various tasks.

MARKET WEEKEND

The Blackburn and Whitehorse markets will be held on 10 and 11 March. Watch out for the roster at Monday's meeting and put your name down for some fun, fellowship and service to the community.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Everything you can imagine is real."

Pablo Picasso

HOT CROSS BUNS

The Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills is again selling its Hot Cross Buns with \$3 of each dozen sold going to the "End Polio Now" program of the Rotary Foundation in your club's name.

Deliveries will be made on the Monday to Wednesday of Easter week (being 2 to 4 April, 2012), but we can deliver earlier if you prefer.

The Hot Cross Buns are baked fresh at Bread Street Bakery and are so yummy, you want to have more!

Contact Jenny Coburn on 0407 689 777 for details.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

1 March 2012	March is Literacy Month
4 March 2012	District - Presidents Elect training seminar
5 March 2012	Club meeting - Ford Davis Endeavour Awards
10 March 2012	Blackburn Craft Market
11 March 2012	Whitehorse Farmers Market
12 March 2012	Club meeting cancelled - Labour Day
19 March 2012	Club meeting

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