



# 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

9 April	16 April	23 April
Meeting cancelled - Easter	New school in South Sudan- Samuel Manhom	RAAF Service – Stan Harper Committee meetings
Chair	Bill Marsh	Chris Tuck
Thanks & Meeting Report	Stan Harper	--
Club Member Talk	Chris Tuck	--

### DUTY ROSTER

	APRIL
Cashier	Ron Brooks
Recorder	Graham Sharman
Greeter	John McPhee
Emergency	David Bremner

### 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 – but an important one next week – guess who?

### **LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

Our meeting was addressed by Ashley Mallett, a student of Tintern, regarding her work with the Oaktree Foundation.

The Oaktree Foundation works with young people under 26 years old to end poverty.

Ashley went to Cambodia in November last year with the Oaktree Foundation for the Schools4Schools program which involves partnerships between Australian and Cambodian schools. In this program, Cambodian schools benefit from receiving financial support, scholarships and school equipment including computers. Last year Oaktree provided \$100,000 in assistance to Cambodian schools.

Whilst in Cambodia, Ashley also benefited from learning about the culture and history of Cambodia well as the opportunities for environmental sustainability.

Back in Australia Ashley continues to raise awareness of the needs in Cambodia and to fundraise for the Oaktree Foundation.

At the end of her excellent presentation, the Club provided a cheque for \$250 to continue her work with the Oaktree Foundation.

It was wonderful to have Geoff Hale back with us after his visits to hospital.

Chris Tuck

### **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE SEMINAR 14 MAY**

On 14 May instead of our normal club meeting, we will be hosting the District 9810 International Service Committee Seminar for the Northern Cluster (Manningham and Whitehorse).

As the host club, we will require assistance from as many members as possible. To date the following roles have been allocated:

- Table allocations – Ray Smith and Bob Williams;
- Cashier – Warwick Stott and John McPhee;
- Greeters – Glenys Grant, Doug Berwick and Stan Harper;
- Official welcome – Doug Berwick;
- Meeting Chair – David Bremner.

The Northern Cluster clubs have been advised of the meeting and have been requested to forego their normal meeting that week and instead attend the seminar.

Ian Armstrong, the District International Chair, will welcome the attendees and Past President Brian McDaid will speak on "Future funding of Rotary projects through partnerships"

Glenys Grant, International Chair.

### **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE DAY FOR FOREST HILL**

## **THE TEXANS ARE COMING!**



D5790 team. L to R: Matthew, Anne, Holli, Marci, Wesley

From 24 March to 24 April 2012, we will have the pleasure of the District 5790 Group Study Exchange Team from Texas in our District.

The Team Members are:

Team Leader: Marci Junge – from the Rotary Club of Grapevine, Texas. Marci is an Interior Designer

Team Members:

- Holli Slater – Aged 36, a Social Worker / Program Evaluator for school based program for pregnancy prevention.

- Anne Pape – Aged 28, an Outreach and Development program co-ordinator for Interfaith Ministries.
- Matthew Weaver – Aged 30, an Information and Referral Co-ordinator for United Way.
- Wesley Rouston - Aged 38. Police Patrol Sergeant and Jail Warden.

Our club has organised the following program for the GSE Team on 16 April:

- 9am collect the Team from Doncaster Hotel
- In the morning, a visit to the NADRASCA Farm and Administration Centre:
- BBQ lunch at the Bremner's;
- Afternoon visit to the SCOPE Centre and its Knox Industries Employment and training unit;

The following club members will act as drivers for the Team - Ray Smith, John McPhee and Glenys Grant.

The following members are expected at the BBQ – Ray Smith, John McPhee, Glenys Grant, Doug Berwick, Warwick Stott, Bill Marsh, Bob Williams and Stan Harper. If anyone else is attending, please let David Bremner know so he can order another sausage!

### **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE**



The Group Study Exchange for 2012-13 is with District 3300 in Malaysia from 18 November to 16 December 2012.

The key dates are as follows:

Team Leader - 11 May - team leader applications close, 19 May – team leader interviews held

Team Members - 31 May – team member information evening, 8 June – team member applications close, 16 and 23 June – team member interviews

The preferred professions for this exchange are Media (including public relations, communications, graphic design and multimedia), Tourism, Information Technology and Construction.

Team members must be between the ages of 25 and 40 at the time of the exchange, must live or work in District 9810 and not be lineally related to a Rotarian.

### **WHO CAN WE RECOMMEND??**

### **INCOMING GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE DINNER**

The Rotary Club of Box Hill will be hosting the Incoming GSE Dinner on Tuesday 17 April at 6.30 for 7.00pm at the Box Hill Golf Club. The dinner is for the Northern Cluster (Whitehorse and Manningham) clubs.

### **SHELTERBOX AND ROTARY SIGN PROJECT PARTNERSHIP**



*ShelterBox Founder and CEO Tom Henderson signing project partnership agreement with Rotary International's CEO and General Secretary John Hewko.*

ShelterBox and Rotary International (RI) have formed a project partner agreement this month, signed by John Hewko, Rotary International's CEO and General Secretary, and Tom Henderson OBE, ShelterBox Founder and CEO.

The formalisation of this partnership cements a 12-year relationship providing emergency shelter and life-saving humanitarian aid for hundreds of thousands

of families around the world, who have been made homeless by disaster.

ShelterBox began as a Rotary Club Millennium Project in 2000 and today continues to have a significant input from Rotarians in its governance Board, senior management, operational capacity and international development.

'Rotary and Rotarians have been integral in the operational development of the organisation, from being eyes and ears on the ground during deployments, to providing logistics, accommodation and translation services, right to assisting with the pitching of tents,' said Tom. 'Many of our global Response Team volunteers are Rotarians. Others have joined the Rotary family having seen the difference that Rotary and ShelterBox make on the ground. They have always helped us in endless ways.'

Not only have Rotary clubs and Rotarians historically contributed a huge amount to ShelterBox's fundraising efforts but members of the Rotary family have also founded each one of its 21 affiliates. This support remains key for the charity to be prepared for a disaster of any scale and to be in a position to assist the most vulnerable families at the time when they need it the most.

Through the new partnership, the two organisations will assist Rotarians to be part of a critical solution at times of disaster through providing humanitarian service when disasters occur in their area; engaging with ShelterBox in disaster preparedness initiatives within their country or district; and supporting ShelterBox readiness, awareness and capacity building.

#### Mutual goals

'For more than ten years, ShelterBox has given light to over one hundred thousand families worldwide in their darkest hour,' said John. 'This project partner agreement represents our mutual goal of helping those in need. It gives RI a forward-facing approach to immediate disaster relief.'

'It's an historic moment for us to become a Rotary project partner,' said Tom. 'It's the first of its kind and is a great opportunity for us to engage with our Rotary friends around the world to increase awareness of what we do with Rotary and, of course, an opportunity for Rotarians to increase our avenues of service worldwide.'

### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill will be ordering The Entertainment Book again this year. Cost \$65 of which Rotary gets \$13. Hundreds of dollars savings - hundreds of buy-one-get-one-free meals and other vouchers. Buy one and SHARE it with the extended family. Vouchers are transferable. Movies, fun parks, McDonalds, KFC - it is very easy to get your money back.

If you are interested, advise Stuart Williams who will collect the money in mid to late March. The NEW book starts June 1.

### **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	<b>18</b>	-

### **QUOTES OF THE WEEK FROM AFL COACHES**

"I told him, 'Son, what is it with you. Is it ignorance or apathy?" The player replied "I don't know and I don't care."

"We had a good team on paper. Unfortunately, the game was played on grass."

"We are on the crest of a slump."

"Our team couldn't beat time"

"He doesn't know the meaning of the word 'fear' - but then again he doesn't know the meaning of most words"

"He does the work of three men: Larry, Curly & Moe."

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

8 April 2012	Whitehorse Farmers Market
9 April 2012	Club meeting cancelled - Easter
14 April 2012	Blackburn Craft Market
16 April 2012	Club meeting
17 April 2012	Incoming GSE Team dinner for Northern Cluster
21 April 2012	District Conference in Melbourne (21 & 22 April)
23 April 2012	Club meeting
23 April 2012	District - Group Study Exchange Team from Texas departs
28 April 2012	District - Malaria Awareness dinner
30 April 2012	Club meeting (abbreviated) and Partners Dinner in the Restaurant

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