

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. Meal cost \$27.00

CLUB PROGRAM

30 April	7 May	14 May
Social – Partners Night	"No such thing as Time Management" – Graham Howes (Board Meeting)	Northern Cluster International Service Seminar at Casavini Restaurant
Chair		
Doug Berwick	Warwick Stott	--
Thanks & Meeting Report		
--	Bob Laslett	--
Club Member Talk		
--	John McPhee	--

DUTY ROSTER

	APRIL	MAY
Cashier	David Bremner	John Donaghey
Recorder	Graham Sharman	Bob Williams
Greeter	John McPhee	Graham Sharman
Emergency	David Bremner	Glenys Grant

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



Nil

DOUG'S DEADLINE

District 9810 Conference for 2012 has come and gone and as a first time attendee (even noted on my name tag), I found it worthwhile. I believe each conference is different and for me this one was a mix of good speakers and Rotary projects and messages. The one thing that impressed me the most was the presentations by the younger generation participating in things like Youth Exchange, Interact, GSE, etc. I was particularly impressed by a young lady by the name of Natasha Madan who established Interact at her school. Her passion for Interact and her enthusiasm, both for the program and on the day, was amazing. It is not hard to predict a very bright future for her.

The other speaker that impressed me the most was RIPPR – Ravi Ravindran. He spoke three times during conference and each time his mix of humour, insight and enthusiasm ensured that his message hit the mark. This is not to lessen the quality of the other keynote speakers as they were all top-notch and had their own messages to give us. Several speakers had Rotary connections, whether it was through family or participation in a Rotary program, and they spoke of the positive aspects of that connection.

I was fortunate to have Bob and Judy Laslett and Glenys Grant as fellow attendees as that helped make the conference a very pleasant event for me. I also had the pleasure of attending the Gala Dinner at the National Gallery of Victoria. Lovely surroundings, good entertainment but the 'gourmet food' was a little disappointing. I must admit I am glad I did not take up the offer of purchasing a ticket for Tracey to attend for the cost of \$195.

As Bob Laslett has already mentioned, the conference next year will be held in Wangaratta and I am sure the attractions of the area will appeal to many.

Thank you to those members who indicated that they could assist at the Volunteer Expo on Wednesday 2nd May, it is very much appreciated.

Those taking office for next year are reminded District Assembly will be held on Sunday 27th May at the Hemisphere Conference Centre, 488 South Road, Moorabbin (Melways 77 H5).

Please mark this date into your diary.

Enjoy your week in Rotary.

Doug Berwick
President

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Chris Tuck chaired last week's meeting which was attended by 14 members.

Sergeant Stuart Williams raised a small fortune for the Rotary Foundation (\$30 odd) during his fun and fines session.

We had reports from Glenys Grant and John McPhee on their portfolios. John advised that the three annual apprenticeship awards will be made at our meeting on 25 May. Glenys reported on the successful Group Study Exchange Team visit and mentioned that the club will be seeking to recruit team members for the outgoing GSE team leaving next November.

President Doug, Bob Laslett and Glenys Grant reported on last weekend's District 9810 Conference. The venue was excellent with attendees sitting at round tables rather than in the usual theatre-style seating. The speakers were interesting and dealt with a wide variety of community and Rotary activities. The Conference Dinner was very successful and featured three singers who dressed like members of the catering team. Doug noted that it was his first conference and he was very impressed.

The 2012 Conference will be held in Wangaratta and Bob Laslett will be organising our accommodation. Please let Bob now as soon as possible if you think you may be attending.

David Bremner reported that the Conference Golf Day was successful although the numbers were down on previous years. The Ford Davis Endeavour Award for the golf day was won the Rotary Club of Waverley. The prize of \$500 will go to a Rotary project chosen by the Waverley club.

Stan Harper gave an interesting and topical address on his experiences as an Australian Air Force wireless operator attached to the American forces in the Pacific during World War Two. Stan's duties included learning Morse code in the Japanese language.

It was interesting that food often got a mention in Stan's address – particularly the chilli con carne which Stan thought was an American recipe with far too much pepper! He was surprised to find out that it was made by Kraft in Melbourne.

Committee meetings were then held.

FORD DAVIS ENDEAVOUR AWARD FOR THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE GOLF DAY

Whilst the number of delegates who played golf was disappointing, the players still had a great day of golf and Rotary fellowship. All who played agreed it was a very enjoyable event.

The winners of the event were Wil Cornelissen and Barry Muldoon from the Rotary Club of Waverley who were thrilled to receive the Ford Davis Endeavour Award provided by the Forest Hill Club.

Gary Amott (Chairman), Golf Day Organising Committee

CHANGE TO CLUB CONSTITUTION

The Department of Justice has advised that the changes to our Constitution and Bylaws have been approved and took effect on 20 April 2012.

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). Please let Glenys know whether or not you are attending.

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

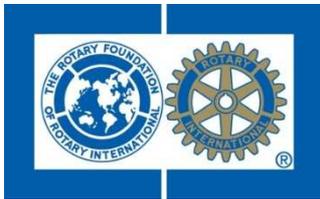
- Table allocations – Ray Smith and Bob Williams;
- Cashier – Warwick Stott and John McPhee;
- Greeters – Glenys Grant, Doug Berwick and Stan Harper;
- Official welcome – Doug Berwick;
- Meeting Chair – David Bremner.

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



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.

A subcommittee led by Glenys Grant and including Bob Williams, Warwick Stott, Bob Laslett and David Bremner is seeking applicants that our club can support

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK & FOOTY TIPPING

PAYMENT DUE

Payment is now due for the FOOTY TIPPING (\$30) to be made out to Rotary Club of Forest Hill.

Also, for the ENTERTAINMENT BOOK (\$65) to be made out to Stuart Williams - he has already paid for them.

Please give the money to Stuart so that he can keep his records straight.

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	-

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"A man is happy so long as he choose to be happy."

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

"As simple as it sounds, we all must try to be the best person we can: by making the best choices, by making the most of the talents we've been given."

Mary Lou Retton

During 2012/13

Are you on the Club Board? Are you in a Club Officers Position?

Are you managing a Club Project? Are you serving on a Club Committee?

Are you a relatively new Rotarian? Do you want to Imagine Peace and Give It a Chance?

**Answer "Yes" to any or more of the above questions
then you should make time to attend the**

D9810 District Assembly

Sunday 27th May 2012

8:00AM - 1:00PM

(Presidents Elect Session concludes by 2:30PM)

Hemisphere Conference Centre Moorabbin

Register to attend with President Elect Bob Laslett

NOW!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

28 April 2012	District - Malaria Awareness Dinner
30 April 2012	Club meeting (abbreviated) and Partners Dinner in the Restaurant
6 May 2012	International Convention in Bangkok
7 May 2012	Club meeting
11 May 2012	District - Camp Awakening
12 May 2012	Blackburn Craft Market
13 May 2012	Whitehorse Farmers Market
14 May 2012	Club meeting and Board meeting
18 May 2012	District - Presidents and Assistant Governors Meeting

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