

# 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

11 June	18 June	25 June
<b>Club meeting cancelled - Queen's Birthday</b>	<b>Committee meetings and home hosting</b>	<b>Timor Leste - food storages and water drilling Ern Dawes &amp; Frank Evans</b>
<b>Chair</b>		
--	Ray Smith	Ron Brooks
<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>		
--	--	John Donaghey
<b>Club Member Talk</b>		
--	John Donaghey	Stuart Williams

### DUTY ROSTER

	<b>JUNE</b>
Cashier	Gary Baltissen
Recorder	Chris Tuck
Greeter	Bob Williams
Emergency	Ray Smith

### 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

### **DOUG'S DEADLINE**

Thank you to those members who braved the cold and the rain to attend the meeting on Monday and participate in the Club Forum. I must admit that I thought we would have a small attendance on the night because of the weather. I suppose if you are dedicated enough to turn up at a market on a Saturday or Sunday in winter Monday's weather was only an inconvenience. It was the first Club Forum that I have led and the review of the Club based on the "Our Club Our Future" report seemed to be an appropriate starting point. The comments and feedback provided by members regarding, amongst other things, the way meetings are run and the Club program were appreciated and provided a point from which to move forward. The overall impression I gained from the discussion was that members were happy with the direction of the Club and the programs currently undertaken.

Our President Elect, PDG Bob Laslett, outlined his vision for the next Rotary Year and we look forward to Bob taking up the reins. Ray Smith also shared his thoughts for the Community and Vocation portfolio that he is taking control of next year.

Thanks again to Ron Brooks who continues to forge ahead with fellowship opportunities. I think Ron correctly pinpointed fellowship as one of the basic tenets of Rotary that needs to be maintained by all Rotary Clubs if they are to survive in the future. While we all gain a sense of satisfaction from the work we do in the community it is greatly diminished if we don't have an opportunity to share it with our fellow members. Fellowship is one of the strengths of any group and is a strong attraction for anyone who looks to join our organisation. I have in the past attended meetings in another organisation but, due to time constraints, did not stay for the fellowship aspect and soon found that there was something lacking. The chance to chat with fellow members during the meeting is something that we need to factor into the meeting agenda to ensure that the formalities do not isolate us. It is very easy to be a stranger in a crowded room if we are not careful.

Enjoy your week in Rotary.

Doug Berwick  
President

### **ALMONER REPORTS**

We heard that Rotarian Bob Nielson and Honorary Member Frank Fricke are continuing their recoveries from ill health.

We miss Bob's presence at our meetings and we extend our best wishes to him and Heather.

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

As President Doug mentioned above, we had an interesting club forum last week where we discussed our club and community support programs for this year and next.

The night did not get off to a great start because of a district and strong smell of mothballs. We eventually realised it was coming from Bob William's Melbourne Football Club jumper which he was wearing for the first time in a long time. No one wanted to ask why he was wearing it!

Sergeant Stuart Williams conducted a short (by his standards but long by anyone else's!) fine session and raised \$41 for the Rotary Foundation.

During the forum, we discussed the club's operations, the Board structure, the need to retain the monthly committee meeting night but with a club speaker, the speaker and social programs and the possibility of joint meetings with other clubs next year.

President Elect Bob Laslett has nominated 'peace' as the topic for the three minute club member talks.

On the matter of email etiquette, it was agreed that all emails between members should commence with RCFH – so that email programs can identify club emails and transfer them into separate files for ease of reference.

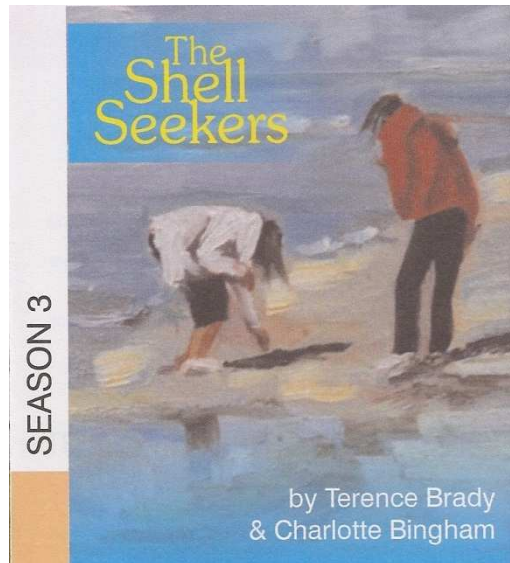
The forum noted that we have a very good community support program due to donations from the Ford Davis and Stan Harper families and the funds raised from our Blackburn Craft Market and the Whitehorse Farmers Market. The need for members to support the two markets was mentioned – particularly the farmers market where we often struggle to find three members to staff the gates and therefore have to rely on the generous support of our partners.

Treasurer Warwick Stott reminded the incoming Board that he needs budgets for next year as soon as possible so he can prepare a consolidated club budget.

**PERIDOT THEATRE NIGHT AUGUST 2012****The Shell Seekers**

Fri 17 August 2012 8:00pm

Unicorn Theatre, Mount Waverley Secondary College, Lechte Road, Mt. Waverley. \$20 per person.



Adapted from the award winning novel by Rosamunde Pilcher, The Shell Seekers is the story of Penelope Keeling and her family and the passion and heartbreak that have held them together for three generations.

The play is set in London and Cornwall between World War 2 and the present. The play is a story of love, courage and determination and of a painting called The Shell Seekers, which threatens to tear the Keeling family apart.

The Peridot attendance sheet for the performance was circulated at the meeting on 4 June. If anyone else would like to attend, please email David Bremner by 11 June

**BOARD COMPOSITION FOR 2012 – 2013**

President:	PDG Bob Laslett
Secretary:	Bill Marsh
Treasurer:	PP Warwick Stott
President Elect:	Chris Tuck
Community/Voc:	PP Ray Smith
New Generations:	PP John McPhee
International/Foundation:	Glenys Grant
Membership:	PP Ron Brooks
Vice President:	PP Stuart Williams
Immediate Past President:	PP Doug Berwick

**CLUB COMMITTEES FOR 2012-2013**

Membership, Recruitment & Fellowship

Chair: Ron Brooks

Members: Chris Tuck, Graham Sharman, David Bremner & Doug Berwick

Foundation and International

Chair: Glenys Grant

Members: Stuart Williams, Bob Neilson and Warwick Stott

Community and Vocational

Chair: Ray Smith

Members: Bob Williams, Bill Marsh and Geoff Hale

New Generations

Chair: John McPhee

Members: Stan Harper, John Donaghey and Gary Baltissen

Additional Roles

Sergeant: Stan Harper

Rotary Info/Flyer Editor: David Bremner

Attendance/ Club Protection: Ray Smith

Program: Bob Williams

Vice-President: Stuart Williams

PR/Marketing: Doug Berwick

On to Conference: Bob Laslett

Website Maintenance: David Bremner

First Board and Committee meetings for 2012-13 will be on July 16

**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE**

Our club has nominated Gianni Sansonetti for the 2012-13 Group Study Exchange Team. Gianni is the Information Communication and Technology Architect for the Eastern Health Network and is primarily engaged on the Box Hill Hospital redevelopment project – a \$445 million project.

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) will be with Rotary District 3300 in West Malaysia from 18 November to 16 December 2012. District 3300 takes in most of the Malay Peninsula including Penang and Kuala Lumpur, the nation's capital.

GSE is a vocational and cultural opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40. The team will consist of four members and a Rotarian as team leader. The program enables a team to exchange a visit with another team from a different country with the objective of increasing understanding, peace and goodwill between countries. During the visit, team members observe how their vocations are practised locally, experience the host country's culture and institutions, develop professional and personal relationships and exchange ideas.

This year, the team members will be selected from the following vocations - media (including public relations, communications, graphic design and multimedia), tourism, information technology and construction. Applicants must live or work within Rotary District 9810 and not be related to a Rotarian by lineal descent.

Gianni will be attending the GSE selection interviews on 16 and 23 June. We wish him well.

### **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	-

### **INTERESTING THOUGHTS**

"It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live."

J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

"I'm not afraid of death; I just don't want to be there when it happens."

Woody Allen

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

9 June 2012	Blackburn Craft Market
10 June 2012	Whitehorse Farmers' Market
11 June 2012	Club meeting cancelled - Queen's Birthday
18 June 2012	Club meeting
25 June 2012	Club meeting
30 June 2012	District Governor's Changeover
2 July 2012	Club meeting
9 July 2012	Club meeting & Changeover Night

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to the Editor at [djl91@bigpond.com](mailto:djl91@bigpond.com) by **5 pm next Wednesday** (in Microsoft Word format please)