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|  | 2013-2014  Weekly Bulletin of the  Rotary Club of Forest Hill |  |
| Edition 30: 10 Feb 2014  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 $28.00  PO Box 116, Nunawading 3131  **Email**  [**tuck@netspace.net.au**](mailto:tuck@netspace.net.au) **Website foresthillrotary.com** | | |

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**Chris’s Corner**

Just a reminder, this weekend coming we have the 2 markets, Blackburn Market on Saturday and the

Whitehorse Farmers Market on Sunday.

Also it is cinema night this Friday.

It was great to see John Bindon at our meeting last Monday night.

We have had an email from Glory Britto from Harvey World Travel Forest Hill. They will offer the Club $30 for any booking up to 10K and anything over 10K 1% plus 10% insurance. Club members may wish to take advantage of this offer. We may see Glory at a future social event.

We will be hosting the GSE Team from Indiana USA on Friday Feb. 28 2014. Over the next few days we will be finalizing the agenda for the day. We will be seeking assistance from Club members for this visit.

Bob Williams has sent out invitations to some 6 organizations inviting applicants for the Pride of Workmanship awards. Please see Bob if you have any organisations you wish to nominate for this award.

Thanks to the Harper family we will be donating $3000 for a solar power operation at the NADRASCA farm. You may recall in the past we have installed an irrigation system at the farm and Ray Smith has devoted a lot of time providing leadership in growing vegetables to clients of NADRASCA.

From the Whitehorse Farmers Market Committee, Forest Hill has a credit of $5822.82.

Future Events

* Theatre night – Feb. 7.
* Blackburn Market – Feb. 8.
* Whitehorse Farmers Market – Feb. 9.
* Peridot Theatre – Feb. 14.
* BBQ Ocean Grove – Kathy & John Donaghey –Feb. 22.
* GSE Visit –Feb. 28.
* Whitehorse Farmers Market Egg & Bacon Stall –Apr 13 2014.

# Last Week’s Meeting

Our Speaker was Geoff Harrison, Community Relations Manager from the organization ‘Compassion International’.

Compassion was founded in 1952 and supports 1.3 million children in over 27 developing nations. Australia is one of 12 donor countries.

Compassion has a proven way of operating which has achieved great success as demonstrated by Geoff of successful community leaders who have benefited from this program.

In addition, Compassion has used independent academic research from the USA to verify the results of Compassion’s work.

Compassion’s approach to child development is holistic, starting in the earliest stages of a child’s development and continuing all the way into young adulthood.

Compassion has a 3 part program

1. Child Survival Program (Womb to 3 years) Rescuing and nurturing little ones.
2. Child Sponsorship Program (3-22 years) Developing and equipping children for life.
3. Leadership Program (18 plus years) Educating and training young leaders.

Geoff Harrison’s contact details are phone 0408 205 525 and email gharrison@compassion.com.au.

The Sergeant raised $41.80 for Foundation.

**Group Study Exchange**

The team from D6580 Indiana USA will arrive Sat 22 Feb. 2014.

If you would be interested in hosting a team member in week 1, please contact Stuart Williams.

If you have any ideas for the visit please mention them.

The team focus is Health and Education.

Stuart Williams Foundation Chairman.

Please note all Clubs in the district have been asked to contribute $150 to assist with the cost of our outgoing team to the USA.

**ABCD Project**

The new school year is starting.  We are committed to ABCD for this year as well.  $250 provides for the education of a needy student in FIJI.  If you would like to make a donation please contact me.  I will provide you with the details regarding the cheque.  All donations are tax deductible if made out correctly.  My contact [stucat25@gmail.com](mailto:stucat25@gmail.com)  or  041 757 38 28

Look forward to hearing from you.

Let's do some good in the world.

Stuart Williams   Chair - International

**Committee Structure 2013-14**

**Foundation & International Chair Stuart Williams**

Members Graham Sharman, Ron Brooks (support on request)

**New Generations Chair Glenys Grant**

Members John McPhee, Warwick Stott, John Donaghey

**Community & Vocation Chair Ray Smith**

Members Bob Williams, Bob Laslett, Garry Baltissen

**Membership/PR/Marketing Chair Doug Berwick**

Members Bill Marsh, Stan Harper and Chris Tuck (support on request)

**Fellowship Chair Ron Brooks**

Member Chris Tuck

**Conference**

**Bob Laslett advises the conference website** [**http://2014conference.9810rotary.org.au/**](http://2014conference.9810rotary.org.au/) **is open.**

Excitement is mounting

Conference Speakers

From car bombings to meeting Yasser Arafat and making it to the summit of Mount Everest, Mark ‘Squiz’ Squirrell has experienced more than many can dream about.  When he headed to the East Timor Crisis in 1999 he was setting out on the adventure of a lifetime. It was a journey that would see him navigate some of the globe’s most brutal war zones to deliver emergency aid and conquer the world’s tallest mountain.

Ian Harper is one of Australia’s best known economists. He has worked closely with governments, banks, corporates and leading professional services firms at the highest level. As a member of the celebrated Wallis Inquiry, he was at the forefront of financial market reform in Australia. Ian is often asked to comment on economic and financial issues in the media and is sought after as a public speaker. Ian has been described as “one of those relatively rare academics who can communicate extremely well with both the business community and the academic community”

Mr Ian Carlisle has been involved with Interplast since 1983 as a volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeon, a Board member since 2006 and is Country Coordinator for Indonesia.  Ian’s commitment to improving health systems in Indonesia is paramount, cemented through his voluntary assistance following the eruption of Mount Merapi, the Bali bombings and the bombing of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.  He greatly values the integral part that Rotarians have made and continue to make to Interplast in its mission to repair bodies and rebuild lives. The challenge of change is not new to Ian.

Cheers Bob Laslett

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| **Thought For The Week**  **You’ll find what you look for, Don’t look for distress. Francis G. Monks**  **From The Back Paddock.**  Australian vineyards increased in area from 96,000hectares in 1999 to a peak of 157,000  hectares in 2008 because of tax incentives and the lower Australian dollar.  This resulted in an oversupply of grapes. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS GSE Dinner – Feb 25  Youth Exchange Welcome Home Dinner – Mar. 1 2014 (RSVP Feb. 20 2014)  District Conference – Mar 20-23 2014  Rotary International Convention, Sydney – June 1-4.  Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to the Editor at tuck@netspace.net.au by **5 pm Wednesday**  (in Microsoft Word format please).  Also if you do not wish to receive this flyer in the future please contact the Editor [tuck@netspace.net.au](mailto:tuck@netspace.net.au) |
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