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|  | 2014-2015  Weekly Bulletin  Rotary Club of Forest Hill |  |
| Number 3: 21st July 2014  Club address: PO Box 116, Nunawading 3131  **Website:** [**www.foresthillrotary.com**](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)  Meeting location: Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132  Meeting time: Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm | | |

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| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **CLUB PROGRAM** | | | | | | **Date** | **Event** | **Chair** | **Thanker & Meeting Report** |  | | **21st July** | **The Fur Industry – Tony Konsky (see later)**  **PARTNER MEETING** | **Jenny Coburn** | **Chris Tuck** |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | **28th July**  **4th Aug** | **The Work of a Primary School Principal – Andrew Popov**  **“Pompey Elliott” - Ross McMullin** | **Bill Marsh**  **R.C.Box Hill**  **Central** | **Bob Laslett** |  | | **11th Aug** | **Eastern Suburbs Real Estate - Lachlan Williams** | **Stuart Williams** | **Gary Baltissen** |  |  THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS July 21 Robin Williams (actor…any relation?) Birthday DUTY ROSTER  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **July** | **August** | | Cashier | Warwick Stott | Ron Brooks | | Recorder | Glenys Grant | Chris Tuck | | Greeter | Bob Williams | Stuart Williams | | Emergency | Jenny Coburn | Ray Smith |  ATTENDANCE  |  | | --- | | **APOLOGY** – **IF A MEMBER IS NOT GOING TO COME TO THE MEETING or you intend bringing a guest**  **Please contact Ray Smith by** **10.00 am MONDAY** on9878 4891 or[rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au%20)  Any cancellation after 10.00 am should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268 | |

John McPhee will be absent from 14th July to 13th Aug

# Warwick Stott will be absent from 21st July to 28th July inc

**BILL’S** **BLURB**

Another great meeting on Monday night with some lively discussions taking place in committee meetings following an excellent speaker.

Jenny Ford, and her husband Peter, joined us from the RC of Yass. Jenny is the District Membership Chair for her area and she outlined the very successful approach that they have implemented to boost membership. She gave us all food for thought, but particularly for our Membership Committee.

A major project for our Youth Service Committee that has run through from last year is nearing completion. We initiated the writing of a children's book embracing environmental principles, "Larry the Lorikeet". This involved children at Box Hill High School writing the text and students at Forest Hill College illustrating the story. Both of these aspects were done through competitions at each school and the standard of entries was excellent with the winning entries being outstanding. It also involved working with Whitehorse Council and the Blackburn Lake Committee of Management. The book has now been professionally printed and will be distributed to The Blackburn Lake Visitors Centre, local pre=schools and primary schools. A limited number will be available for sale. On Friday, 25th July a presentation ceremony will be held at Forest Hill College for the illustrators and then on the Monday, 18th August the official launch will be held at the Whitehorse Public Library, where both authors and illustrators will be present. Glenys Grant and her team have done a wonderful job with this project and in the process have set a precedent for this year's team. Congratulations to all concerned.

At the weekend we held our Blackburn Station Craft Market and followed this with the Whitehorse Farmers' Market. Both were successful and the weather treated us kindly, always a major factor with outdoor events. These two activities are major fundraisers for the club and together with donations from our benefactors enable us to undertake a range of projects locally, across Australia and internationally.

Yesterday I received some photos from Kenya showing the new water tanks we funded at the Hope Katolo Nursery School. These tanks now mean that the nursery has fresh water all year and no longer has to rely on carrying water 6 km from the local river. A project to be proud of and the faces on the children in the photographs make it all worthwhile. This year we will look to see what else we can do to make life better for this amazing little school.

Pres Bill

# LAST WEEK’S MEETING

No written report on the Membership talk received

The Sergeant collected $33.15.

**INTERVIEW WITH JUDY FORD (last week’s guest speaker)**

Judy Ford is a past district Membership chairman and had some simple tips for increasing membership. Used at their club Yass, they got an increase from 28 to 44. So, she told me that people in the community don’t know what Rotary is and more importantly what rotary does, so remember that when talking to them about joining us or even helping us. She said that Rotarians don’t like looking people in the eye and asking them to join. Her view was that younger people are socially engaged, think they can change the world, don’t see why they cannot start at the top, are unreliable, make commitments at the last minute, think life was meant to be easy and were raised constantly being told they were wonderful even when they weren’t. She realised this did not quite fit with “Service above Self”. However, she told me that if we can win over someone they often bring others of their friends with them. She said they will join only if they think they can make real changes in the community local or global using the Rotary club. They won’t join for fellowship reasons. She emphasised what she said to the meeting that we need to contact our past GSE, RYPEN, RYLA, Youth Exchange (NYSF editor) people that are perhaps older than 28 to 30. Invite them to a wine/finger food meeting and get about 5 club members to tell a story each ie a project they were directly involved in and what was the positive outcome. Don’t invite them to a meeting because you have a great speaker and don’t bombard them with facts. She told me “FACTS IMPRESS but STORIES INSPIRE”

My feeling is that this approach would be right for any age group. At the end of the day, people join golf clubs to play golf, people join Rotary to make a positive difference to others…………….. speakers, fellowship, personal development etc are bonuses that may or may not matter.

I then had to let Judy go home. Thanks Warwick for organising her to speak.

Ron Brooks (editor)

# UPCOMING MEETING on 21st July

Our speaker on 21st July is **TONY KOSKY** who worked for many years in the Fur Industry.  He will share with us an update as part of the fun of our **Partners Night**, Tony is happy to check out those furs we have at home and let their owners know what they are - ie mink, fox, sable, etc.   Wear your fur coat or bring along the fur in your cupboard for a fun night and hear about how this industry has adapted.

# WEBSITE

Do not forget to check out our website, [www.foresthillrotary.com](http://www.foresthillrotary.com) and send Ron Brooks any information and suggestions.

# REASONS FOR JOINING ROTARY

***Personal Development:***

*Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary helps to develop an individual’s personality, social skills and public speaking skills. Rotary is for people who like people.*

**FUTURE EVENTS.**

* Combined meeting with RC of Box Hill Central Mon 4th Aug
* Club birthday and DG visit Mon 15th Sept.

**HOPE KATOLO WATER TANKS**

The email that Warwick sent to “our” school says it all. Our funds were well spent.

*Hi Georgina*

*It is wonderful to hear from you and we are delighted that the water tanks have arrived and have been installed. As a farmer I know how important it is to have plenty of water, and we realise how much more important it is for the children to have water readily available for drinking and hygiene. Congratulations from the Rotary Club of Forest Hill and please keep up all your wonderful good work. We are very proud of what you have done for the children.*

*Best wishes,*

*Warwick*

**PERIDOT THEATRE VISIT**

The next production is “House Guest” a bloodier than average thriller by Francis Durbridge (who wrote all the Paul Temple series for the BBC). 16 club members will be going on Fri 15th Aug.

**STAMPS**

Please cut out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving an approximate 1cm margin and give to Ron Brooks. They are worth nothing to you but Rotary sells them

Over $89,000 since starting in 1991/92 and you can see its been steadily rising.



Last year the money went to Moradabad Village in India for water pumps.

Doug gave me a large package of stamps at last weeks meeting, thanks Doug

**Harvey World Travel Offer**

Harvey World Travel, Forest Hill Chase, offers to the Club $30 for any booking up to $10,000 and anything over $10,000 1% plus 10% insurance.

Thanks to Glory Britto for making this offer available to the Club.

**FROM THE BACK PADDOCK**

Recent research has shown that despite Australian farms more than doubling production over the last 40 years or so, 85% of Australian farm businesses today are not making a profit.

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS**

Membership Workshop 6:30pm for 7:00pm Fri 25th July, Mt Waverley Community Centre Mel 70 E1. Club Membership chairman and President should attend but all are welcome.

**Club officers & Committees 2014-15**

**President** Bill Marsh

**Vice President** John Donaghey

**Secretary** Ron Brooks

**Treasurer** Warwick Stott

**President Elect** Bob Williams

**Sergeant** Stuart Williams

**Foundation & International** Chris Tuck

Members: John Donaghey, Bob Williams, Stan Harper

**Youth Service** Glenys Grant

Members: Ray Smith, Graham Sharman

**Community & Vocation** Bob Laslett

Members: Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks

**Membership & Publicity** Doug Berwick

Members: John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn

**Fellowship** John McPhee

**Primary Schools Speech Night** John McPhee

**Programme** Ray Smith & Gary Baltissen

**Bulletin Editor** Ron Brooks

**Web page** Ron Brooks

**Facebook** Ron Brooks

**On to Conference** Stuart Williams

**Historian** Stan Harper

**Almoner** Graham Sharman

**Public Officer** Bill Marsh

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Hope Katolo children and one of the tanks (both now installed)

