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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

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CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanker and Meeting Report	Member Talk on an aspect of peace
4 March	John Liddell/ Partners	Bob Williams	Warwick Stott	John Donaghey
11 March	No meeting			
18 March	Stuart McDonald/ Sneha Arya	Stuart Williams	Chris Tuck	



DUTY ROSTER

	March
Cashier	Ron Brooks
Recorder	Gary Baltissen
Greeter	John Donaghey
Emergency	Graham Sharman

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

BOB'S BELLBIRD BLOG

A great day was held at Bev and Gary's Sorrento home –many thanks to them and to all who provided such a range of goodies. A busy week ahead as we host the GSE team- great work Glenys. It was great to hear that our efforts for NADRASCA re the proposed Healesville Freeway Reservation Renewal project have been successful although we are not sure where the farm will be. Congrats to David Tolstrup who will be our DG in 2015-2016.

Coming up

- Club day for visiting GSE team from Malaysia -4 March 2013
- GSE Cluster meeting-6 March
- BBQ at Glenys's for GSE Conference preparation- 8 March
- Blackburn Market- March 9
- Whitehorse Farmers Market- March 10
- District Conference – 15-17 March 2013 –Wangaratta.

This week John Liddell is speaking (see below) and partners and friends are welcome.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Stan raised \$36.70 for the Foundation. Ray told of Ringwood Wesley's need for Swags for the Homeless and Glenys primed us for the exciting week with the Malaysian group.

It was great to have with us Ayo, Tim and Tina the Box Hill High students, worthy recipients of the Ford Davis Endeavour Scholarships, their coordinator John Middenway and some interested partners. The students brought vitality as they told of their dreams in science, revolutions (well, the history thereof) and the performing arts. Guest speaker Grant Stewart, chaplain to the Melbourne Storm, enlightened us on the differences between rugby's two codes and why sporting bodies request chaplains. There were plenty of questions and with some timely anecdotes he explained his listening role as he travelled alongside the Storm players. Having worked with them for 15 years he shed some interesting lights on the team particularly with the number of current sporting controversies.

PEACE

This past year was one of major accomplishments for Rotary and your Rotary Foundation.

Extraordinary progress was made toward the eradication of polio. We made history when India was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries — leaving just Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. A difficult road lies ahead, but thanks to the commitment and generosity of Rotarians and friends, we are confident that Rotary will lead the way toward a polio-free world.

We also expanded Rotary's reach in new and effective ways by entering into partnerships with Mercy Ships and UNESCO-IHE. And we built on our record of humanitarian service by continuing our strong relationships with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID, Aga Khan University, Oikocredit and the Rotary Peace Centers.

Over half a million young people worldwide participated in our New Generations programs. Their involvement in Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotaract and Interact clubs, and RYLA events helped them develop skills that they'll need to become service-minded community and global leaders - and future Rotarians.

In 2012, The Rotary Foundation also earned top marks from several independent charity evaluators, including the American Institute of Philanthropy, Charity Navigator and the Wise Giving Alliance.

As we look ahead, we can be proud of all that Rotarians have accomplished. I am pleased to share the digital version of the *2011-12 Rotary International and Rotary Foundation Annual Report* ([click here](#)), which offers a firsthand look at how Rotarians are working to improve the lives of people in need. I encourage you to review our annual report carefully, and to share it with others who may be interested in joining, partnering with, or donating to Rotary.

Thank you for helping Rotary achieve lasting change in your community and around the world.

Sincerely,

John Hewko
 General Secretary
 Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation
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ROTARY CLUBS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN KIDS EDUCATION

The annual **GIANT MONOPOLY** event by Whitehorse Rotaract is being



played on **Saturday 20th April at Box Hill Town Hall (lower room) from 6:30pm. Funds for the Taveuni project.**

With the old game that everyone knows, it's your chance to really be a big child with an overly big board and particularly big playing pieces!

Put the date in your diary and tell your friends/ relations about it.

CONFERENCE

Where The District 9810 Conference in 2013 will be held at the magnificent [Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre](#), 33-37 Ford St Wangaratta and starts with a boxed lunch from 11.45-12.45.

When The conference runs from lunch time Friday 15th March to Sunday 17th March 2013.

We are staying at the Advance Motel, 55-59 Parfitt Road, Wangaratta, are having a BBQ on the Friday night and on Saturday night we **enjoy the fantastic music of the Fitzy Bros and Coxy.**

MORE <http://2013conference.9810rotary.org.au/registration/>

FOREST HILL'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Current 15

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THE JOHNSTON COLLECTION

A visit is planned for all interested (ask your friends) on Monday 22 April at 10am.
 Cost is \$21.

Please let Judy Laslett or Robbie Brooks know if you can come as they need to know definite numbers.

INTERESTING PROPOSITIONS- THIS WEEK'S MEETING

John Liddell - A Plan for Repowering Australia

John Liddell is a volunteer speaker representing Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE), an independent, not-for-profit research group concerned about the impact of global warming and with the goal of getting Australia off all forms of fossil fuel. He will explain key elements of their roadmap for taking Australia to 100% renewable energy for our grid. BZE's fully-costed plan, specifies ONLY proven, commercially-available baseload renewable technologies that are increasingly powering other economies across the world. Australia is, he believes, lagging behind in embracing 21st century technology. John has been, amongst other things, a business trainer, a marketing manager and has run his own training franchise. He has also taught business skills at both TAFE and university level. He has a BSc (Hons) in Geography and a post graduate Management Diploma. While he has followed a career in business, he has always retained a deep interest in the functioning of our planet's environment. Until June 2011, he had been a member of the Rotary Club of Richmond for about 15 years and has a Paul Harris Fellow Award. Married, with 2 adult children, he is now retired and lives with his wife Glenys in Mont Albert North.

PERIDOT

The next Peridot excursion is in May and the play is "Nunsense".

MARCH CINEMA NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

The first Friday of the month means Forest Hill Rotary cinema fellowship at Forest Hill Chase.

\$7.50 buys you the best seat in the houseif I buy them in bulk. So come to the cinema next Fri March 1st or just come and have a chat and coffee. You can go to an early screening time or later, just tell me what tickets you want.

Ron Brooks
Fellowship Coordinator

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

3/2013	WORLD LITERACY
1-3/3/2013	PETS
1/3/2013	Cinema night
4/3/2013	Club meeting
6/3/2013	GSE cluster meeting
9/3/2103	Blackburn Market
10/3/013	Whitehorse Farmers Market
11/3/2013	Labour Day
15-17/3/2013	District Conference

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