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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.

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CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanker and Meeting Report	Member Talk on an aspect of peace
18 March	Stuart McDonald/ Sneya Arya	Stuart Williams	Chris Tuck	
25 March	Diana Willshire/ Board	Glenys Grant	John McPhee	Gary Baltissen



THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION

Tracey Berwick – birthday- 17 March

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

What a fantastic week. A busy week with the GSE team- great work Glenys and her helpers-much appreciated by district. Thanks too to the marketeers.



Some other good news

- The matching grant to provide six water purification systems in China has been approved.
- The Whitehorse Farmers Market agreement for five more years has been signed
- Club members have offered \$215 sponsorship for Ride from Conference
- The Ford Davis Golf Award will be presented on 14 March
- District Conference – 15-17 March 2013 –Wangaratta
- The Taveuni Central school project in Fiji has been replaced by the Vuna school which is also on Taveuni Island-see below
- Stan raised \$40.05 for our Foundation

Our speaker this week is Mr Youth Exchange Stuart McDonald who did a special presentation for World President Tanaka. Partners and friends are most welcome- please let Ray know.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Report of the Meeting Held on Monday 4th March 2013

After the meeting was opened by Sergeant Stan, President Bob made announcements concerning the unfortunate death of Lesley Morcom and her funeral that afternoon, the very enjoyable involvement with the GSE team that day, and also that there would be a District ARHRF luncheon on 16th April at Riversdale Golf Club. Chris Tuck then discussed his attendance at the Multi-District PETS seminar at Ballarat. The main subject was membership and attendance, together with RAWCS and tax-deductibility, and future vision.

Two of the GSE team members were hosted by club members, (Glenys and John McPhee), and these two girls from Malaysia, Crystal and Vilasini, then told us about themselves. Crystal mentioned her job as a consultant for a gas company, her sponsoring club and that all secondary school students must volunteer for a not-for profit organisation, so quite a large number of students join Interact followed by Rotaract. She has four siblings. Vilasini has two brothers, and a daughter with Downs Syndrome. She is studying Psychology and likes Vegemite (as it is slightly similar to Marmite.) The full GSE team saw over NADRASCA including its farm (where the watering system is working well) and then the RSPCA. Glenys thanked everyone who helped during the day especially Ray and John for their driving of the team.

The two markets were mentioned and Stuart reminded us about the footy tipping starting in three weeks.

John Donaghey then gave his talk on peace, specifically about the anti-nuclear sign which was designed by Lord Bertrand Russell. The sign which was never patented and was for international solidarity and peace, has its originals stored at Bradford University. Pablo Picasso was the designer of the dove for peace and a Japanese girl with leukaemia was the designer of the origami peace crane.

John Liddell from Beyond Zero Emissions then gave his talk on Zero Carbon Australia, which has the aim to get Australia off fossil fuels within 10 years. BZE is a research and communications organisation with no political affiliations and has many volunteers, and has the aim to get Australia onto renewable fuels.

The plans of the organisation are for six separate steps

- a) Stationary plans
- b) Buildings plans
- c) Transport plans
- d) Land Use plans
- e) Renewable energy export plans
- f) Industrial processors plans

These plans will be put out from 2010 to 2104, and the first one was 170 pages in length.

Stationary energy is for commercial off-the-shelf technology, looking at concentrated solar thermal technology which stores energy in concentrated salt (of Na and K) stored at 290* and then heated to 565*. Then when the sun goes down the electricity is generated during the night as the salt cools. The technology has been used in Spain for many years producing 20 MW. Nevada has almost completed a plant to produce 110MW and will only cost twice the Spanish plant. Up to May 2012 there were 6 countries (California, Spain, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and China) aiming to produce 2.1GW electricity using this method.

Wind power is the cheapest mature renewable and investment has gone up by 30% in the past decade. However China will produce 90 Hazelwoods in the next 10 years producing 150GW, whilst Denmark will have 50% of its power from wind by 2025, and South Australia will be second to Denmark within 10 years. The aim will be to be producing 325TW world-wide within the decade.

In Australia there are three renewable components, viz., solar thermal, wind power and an upgraded electricity grid and BZE hopes to have 60% of total demand in 10 years. There are 23 recognized suitable areas for wind power in Australia (but not at Longwood unfortunately) and so conventional generation will produce the 40% balance.

Concerns are often discussed about wind and solar not being suitable for baseload generation but Australia is more blessed with sun and wind than all other countries in the world except the Sahara and Mongolia.

In conclusion, the use of renewable energy sources will secure our future and the climate, it is technically do-able, it is fully resourced and it has been fully costed and will end up by costing 3% of our GDP over 10 years.

Chairman Bob Williams then passed the meeting back to the president after a very informative and clearly-spoken talk.

Warwick Stott

PEACE



ROTARY CLUBS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN KIDS EDUCATION

Vuna Primary school was one of those visited by Angela and me in September last year. Their head teacher, Maika Ramacake, is dynamic, very keen on the ABCD and Rotary partnership, and has already provided drawings and background stories within a few weeks of our visit last year for 18 children in need. The photographs for each of the children are being taken by Geoffrey Amos within the next week or so. This means we will be able to send the club complete folders for each of the children very shortly.



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 Fitzzy Bros and Coxy.**

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

FOREST HILL'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Current 15

Aim 20

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. Payment is required by April 8 at the latest. A booking has been made for 12 and 7 places have already gone.

INTERESTING PROPOSITIONS

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. (Winston Churchill loved them).

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

PROGRAM

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Our program to the end of the year is fairly full.

The 18th March we have Stuart McDonald talking on Youth Exchange plus Sneha Arya, our National Youth Science student telling us about her experiences.

25th March is Diana Willshire, a teacher at Box Hill High talking on teaching issues.

1st April is Easter Monday (thanks Ray for the reminder!)

8th April is Steve McDonald talking on the Rotary project of a Children's Home in Timor Leste.

15th April is our (slightly late) Valentines night with Ron organising so it will be a treat.

22nd April. We are celebrating Anzac Day and Stan is again going to regale us with a tale (or tales) from his war experiences for 5 to 10 minutes and so we invite any members with war experiences (or those of their forebears), to also join in and talk about them.

29th April is our regular social night in the restaurant with our partners.

6th May is a "Hat" night to raise some funds and have some fun and we will arrange an interesting speaker to add to the entertainment. (Ron, I will see if "The Dunny Man" is able to come.)

13th and 20th May I have yet to arrange speakers but will try for one to be Warwick Duncan talking on his walk of the Kokoda track as a liver transplant patient.

Our Box Hill Institute Awards night has yet to be finalised so we have set aside the 27th May and 3rd June as options. Ray will let us know further when the Institute confirms.

10th June is the Queens holiday.

We have the 17th June for our joint committee meetings, Joint Board meeting plus possibly an extended talk from one of our members or?

24th June is Changeover.

So, plenty of options for our partners to come along and join in the fun.

Bob Williams

PERIDOT

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

MARCH CINEMA NIGHT

Friday evening, 1st March was Forest Hill Rotary cinema fellowship at Forest Hill Chase. There were 20 of us this month. We met at the Melba café at 5:15pm before going to the cinema. Some ate, some had a coffee, some a drink, some just a chat. Heather Bremner came along for a meal and a chat but didn't stay for the movies this month. There were 6 films to choose from but we opted for "Lincoln" a very powerful movie of the background to the USA passing the 13th amendment abolishing slavery and his death. A 5 star Steven Spielberg movie with Daniel Day-Lewis (Oscar winning performance) and Sally Field. With our group of 17, substantially increased by John McPhee's church group, we really swelled the audience ranks and it gave us the great opportunity to catch up with Howard and Val Neilson.

and

"The Silver Linings Playbook" A romantic comedy drama about a former teacher who moves back with his parents after a stint in a mental institute and tries to reconcile with his ex wife-but also meets Tiffany who has her own problems.

The Age gave it 4 ½ stars. Starred Robert de Niro and Jackie Weaver.

\$7.50 buys you the best seat in the houseif I buy them in bulk. So come to the cinema next month Fri April 5th 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

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3/2013	WORLD LITERACY
15-17/3/2013	District Conference
18/3/2013	Club meeting
25/3/2013	Club meeting

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