



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. \$27.00 per head

CLUB PROGRAM

4 July	11 July	18 July
American Independence Day Rotary Scholars Sophie Dowse & Ariel Magnes	Club Speaker and Committee meetings	Indiana Hangan – presentation of Ford Davis Endeavour Award Carpentry Apprentice Award (Board Meeting)
Chair Ray Smith	Chair John Donaghey	Chair Ron Brooks
Thanks & Meeting Report Bob Laslett	Thanks & Meeting Report Bob Williams	Thanks & Meeting Report Chris Tuck
Club Member Talk Chris Tuck	Club Member Talk Warwick Stott	Club Member Talk -

DUTY ROSTER

Cashier	JULY
Recorder	Warwick Stott
Greeter	Geoff Hale
Emergency	David Bremner
	Bob Laslett

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

CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS WEEK



5 July Wedding Anniv Graham & Joan Sharman
7 July Birthday Ray Smith

DOUG'S DEADLINE

A new Rotary year, a new President, a new heading. Please let me know what you think; other suggestions are welcome, however 'beyond the grave' did not resonate with me!

I think our changeover meeting on Monday was a credit to Past President David as it was recognition of a great year and the level of personal commitment he has displayed. It was a great pleasure and honour for me to present David with a sapphire to his existing PHF in recognition of his contribution and leadership during the past year.

Other deserving recipients of sapphires to their existing PHFs were John McPhee, Warwick Stott and Ray Smith. Congratulations to all recipients, the recognition was justly earned and very well deserved.

We were also honoured to have our District Governor Elect Juliet Riseley and Ian attend the changeover. Given DGE Juliet's commitments at this time, it was especially pleasing that they were both able to take the time to come. We will have the pleasure of entertaining them again on 26 September when Juliet makes her official Club visit as District Governor and helps us celebrate our Club anniversary.

It was also a privilege to have Gary and Cobie Davis, Roger Davis and Peter and Pam Davis attend. As members are aware, the establishment of the Ford Davis Endeavour Awards has enabled our Club to support projects that we may not have otherwise identified or been able to fund. Likewise, the bequest from the late Lillian Harper enabled us to seek and fund an indigenous project that may not have been considered if funding had to come from traditional sources.

There were two apologies from our stalwarts, Stan Harper and Bob Neilson, however they were ably represented by their partners Joan and Heather. Joan took the responsibility further by investing Stuart Williams with his Sergeant's collar for 2011-2012 on behalf of Stan.

It was also good to see our Honorary Members David and Carole McNamara, Marg Taylor and John Bindon and I am sure that they enjoyed catching up with old friends.

As the new Board and I settle-in to our new roles we will need the support of all members to ensure that the work commenced last year is carried forward. As David mentioned previously, the work on *Our Club Our Future* continues as does the review on member recruitment.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead the Club during 2011-2012. Please enjoy Stan's contribution to our Changeover.

Doug

Doug Berwick
President

Our Forest Hill Rotary farewell to President David on the completion of his year as Club President

Penned by Stan Harper for Changeover Night 27 June 2011

We have gathered here on change-over night to say farewell
To a great retiring President who has truly served us well
Our Club is now the better for his forward thinking ways
For he has shown us how our Club can prosper in future Rotary Days.

We first knew David from his Epworth Hospital senior admin role working in health
Then he joined the Victorian Bar Council to show them how to increase their wealth
His retirement (of a sort) involved advising on re-organizing our future power supplies
Despite his help, the smart meter turned out to be not as smart as the name implies.

David your 24 years of Rotary service is there for us all to admire
Secretary, Treasurer and two terms as President, you never seem to tire.
You've helped our orchard, markets, sausage sizzles and charity golf days over the years
Your Whitehorse Community Service Award from the mayor was celebrated with cheers

You starred at our Ballarat District Conference with your reception and registration duty
And the Point Cook Historical Air Pageant, was helped by your organisational beauty
We appreciated your gaining of Foundation, District and Government money
And the recipients at Strathdon, Taralye and NADRASCA all think you're a honey

To list your interests outside of Rotary, one does not need to search
Amongst others, it includes your wealth of service to Mount Pleasant Uniting Church.
For years you enjoyed your cricket and later on raised your finger as an umpire
With Probus friends now it's thumbs up for a perfect round of golf to which you aspire.

David, no doubt with your Rotary year as President now ending you will have more time
To spend with family and friends and do that list of odd jobs that Heather says has
started to climb
You have passed the Four Way Test with your customary flair all through this year
As well as fostering truth and fairness with friendship to all, but your jokes, oh dear!

So thanks to David and Heather with our appreciation for all that they have done
In Rotary work and in fellowship for we sure have had lots of fun
You have given us freely of your time and energy to every club project large and small
So let's toast David and Heather for they have cheerfully responded to every Rotary call.

Sergeant's Session at Changeover: I would like to thank all those who attended for
their generosity. The Rotary Foundation benefited to the tune of \$127.80c.

Club Member Talks

Over recent months, members have given 3 minute talks on the topic of "my most
memorable Rotary moment". The talks have been inspiring and illuminating.
Commencing 20 June, we will take a different approach to the talks by introducing a
range of topics from which the speakers can select the subject for their talk. The topics
are:

- My 15 seconds of fame!
- What I am most proud of;
- I got a kick out of...;
- My most enjoyable holiday.

Speakers can select whichever of the topics appeals to them.

Club member talks are a fun way of getting to know each other better and to discover
what interests and experiences we each have.

**Trivia: The US government's debt of \$14.3 trillion is now so big that if it were
stacked in \$5 bills, the pile would reach three quarters of the way to the Moon.**

**Footy Tipping: A new leader Bob Williams. Bill Marsh has eventually "paid for"
supporting the bombers.**

**More Trivia: The New York Times had the obituary for Elizabeth Taylor written
so long ago that the original writer died 6 years before Taylor.**

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	--

BREAKFAST QUIZ or brain exercise

Trivia: Twin fetuses often start playing with each other after 14 weeks in the womb.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to me by **5 pm next Wednesday week** (in Microsoft Word format,) Doug Berwick