



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

11 July	18 July	25 July
<p>Club Speaker and Committee meetings</p>	<p>Indiana Hangan –Ford Davis Endeavour Award Carpentry Apprentice (Board Meeting)</p>	<p>Gail Robertson Australian Rotary Health</p>
<p>Chair John Donaghey</p>	<p>Chair Ron Brooks</p>	<p>Chair Glenys Grant</p>
<p>Thanks & Meeting Report Bob Williams</p>	<p>Thanks & Meeting Report Chris Tuck</p>	<p>Thanks & Meeting Report Ray Smith</p>
<p>Club Member Talk Warwick Stott</p>	<p>Club Member Talk -</p>	<p>Club Member Talk Bill Marsh</p>

DUTY ROSTER

<p>Cashier Recorder Greeter Emergency</p>	<p>JULY Warwick Stott Geoff Hale David Bremner Bob Laslett</p>
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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



Gary Baltissen – Club Membership Anniversary 14 July

DOUG'S DEADLINE

Those members lucky enough to be at our 4th of July meeting were impressed by the American themed decorations courtesy of the U.S. Embassy and arranged by Gary Baltissen. Gary and two of the Bucatini staff did a great job decorating the room for the night. We had American flags on the wall and tables, bright table decorations and themed serviettes. Gary had also arranged for some handouts including lapel pins and two copies of an explanation of the American Declaration of Independence (with explanatory notes) which were won by two of our academics, David Bremner and Ray Smith. I must admit that standing at the lectern looking at the tables was an impressive sight. Well done Gary.

Our speakers for the night were Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars Sophie Dowse and Ariel Magnes, both from America. However, we found out that Sophie originally hails from the UK and has only recently become an American citizen, mainly so that she can return to the U.S. to rejoin her family. Please see the meeting report for further details. We have since heard back from Ariel and she writes:

Hi David,

Thanks again for making us feel so welcome, and for the club banner and for the hand-made pens. It was a real pleasure to present to your club - I don't think there are many clubs who have had such a long-term membership around, so that was a special treat. It's always especially nice to present to some of the smaller, less formal clubs - we loved the trivia you included during the dinner! And thanks also for the ride home. We're really glad you were able to get in touch with David Gorman and work this all out. We will also send an extra special thank you to Gary for adding his special touch to the evening.

Warm wishes,

Ariel

It was also my pleasure to present to Past President David Bremner a Presidential Citation which was received on behalf of David and the Club by PDG Bob Laslett at the District Changeover dinner. The citation from Rotary International President, Ray Klinginsmith, is presented to Rotary clubs that have a comprehensive community service program that involves projects in key areas nominated by the RI President.

We were also fortunate to have Assistant Governor Ken Wall and Angela visit us. Ken and Angela were unable to attend our Changeover due to other Rotary commitments and we do appreciate them taking the time to spend the evening with us.

I also took the opportunity to distribute a proposed Committee membership for this Rotary year. This will be confirmed at our next meeting on 11 July where our meeting has been structured to include time for the Committees to meet and establish their projects for the year.

Wishing you all the best for the week ahead as we reach within to embrace humanity.

Doug

Doug Berwick
President

CLUB MEMBER TALK

Our first talk for the new Rotary year was by Chris Tuck. Chris chose the theme 'What I am most proud of' and he spoke of his 24 years working with Kraft Foods. Specifically, Chris spoke of the time when he was asked to work in Switzerland and some of the lessons learned from that experience.

Kraft is an American multi-national company and in honour of the occasion, and the fact we had two American Ambassadorial Scholars as our guests, he provided them with three examples of Kraft products. These were - 'Vegemite Snackabouts', 'Thousand Island Dressing' and 'Miracle Whip' Mayonnaise. These were received with delight by our

visitors, Sophie and Ariel. Chris also noted that Kraft being a multi-national company, the 'Miracle Whip' was made in the Philippines.

Sergeant's Session:

I would like to thank all those who attended for their generosity. The Rotary Foundation benefited to the tune of approx \$33.00 which included a 'greenback' donated by John McPhee. Warwick is now trying to work out how to incorporate this into our donation to the Rotary Foundation.

Sergeant Stuart

MEETING REPORT – prepared by PDG Bob Laslett



Our young ambassadors from America were delighted by the timely decorations for the 4th of July celebrations that confronted all of us as we entered the room. Thanks to Gary for organizing this and setting the atmosphere for a great meeting.

Chairman Ray and Sergeant Stuart entered into the spirit of the evening with questions and fines about American history. Chris Tuck too in his entertaining presentation adapted his tales in the spirit of the evening under the watchful eye of AG Ken Wall and his wife Angela. He told of his adventures in gaining a position for Kraft in Europe and his memorable moments with Brian May of Queen fame.

President Doug presented Past President David with a RI Presidential Citation for the club's achievements in the previous year under David's leadership and we look forward to a similar award next year.



Ambassadorial Scholars Sophie Dowse and Ariel Magnes were our speakers. Sophie is hosted by the RC of Keilor East and Ariel by RC of Hawthorn from our neighbouring district 9800. They are completing their postgraduate studies in Melbourne. Sophie has 6 months to go while Ariel has longer. They filled us in on their backgrounds and how they came to be scholars courtesy of the Rotary Foundation. These delightful young people brought to life varied celebrations of Independence Day with three F's- flags, Ferris wheels and fireworks. They have been kept busy in their ambassadorial roles

speaking to many Rotary clubs and community groups.

President Doug's first meeting started with a bang (although we are sure that the speaker's essay on firework celebrations would have trouble with OH & S).

Footy Tipping:

Bill Marsh is still in the lead. In a week when most tipsters struggled to get 5 or 6, Bill got 8. Bob Williams is second with a large pack in third place.

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

What % of men's clothes is bought by women?

Trivia: I'm not sure if I believe this but it is said that the mining town of Coober Pedy in South Australia got its name from the local Aboriginals. It means something like "White fella down a hole".

Staying with things Australian, the common refrigerator's system of cooling was invented in Australia, in the 1850's, by James Harrison. By 1857 his machine was making up to 3 tonnes of ice a day!

There are nearly 22,000,000 people in Australia, of which 80% odd live in cities next to the sea. It's no wonder they call central Australia the 'dead centre' there's not much happening.

The dog that led the US Navy SEALs to Osama bin Laden was wearing a \$30,000 bulletproof vest.

The average adult spends 36 minutes of each day worrying.

The sensation of pain travels through the body at a rate of 107kmh.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

9 July	Blackburn Craft Market
10 July	Whitehorse Farmers Market
25 July	District - Applications for Group Study Exchange Team Leader open

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