



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

1 August	8 August	15 August
Jenni Heenan Disaster Aid Australia	Joe Beilby Rotarians Against Malaria	TBA
Chair Warwick Stott	Bill Marsh	Chris Tuck
Thanks & Meeting Report Stuart Williams	John McPhee	Ron Brooks
Club Member Talk John Donaghey	----	John McPhee

DUTY ROSTER

	AUGUST
Cashier	Bill Marsh—John McPhee
Recorder	Ray Smith David Bremner
Greeter	Ron Brooks
Emergency	John McPhee

ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact David Bremner by 10.00 am MONDAY on 9802 7731 or djlb91@bigpond.com.** Any cancellation after 10.00 am should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS WEEK



4 August - Birthday - Rob Grant

DOUG'S DEPUTY'S DEADLINE

Our meeting on 25th July was a challenge. President Doug had asked the President Elect to fill in for three weeks during his absence and that of the Vice-President. Our guest speaker Gail Robertson was also absent. On the club's behalf, Bob wished our President bon voyage as he and Tracey head around the coast to warmer climes. We celebrated Cadell's win and some enterprising members even dressed for the occasion. Our enthusiastic Sergeant extracted his full share of appropriate fines and Secretary Bill gave a fascinating account of a stimulating holiday he and Judy had experienced.

Chairman Glenys had the difficult task of chairing a meeting without a speaker and it was decided to draw on members' cycling experiences in order to celebrate the Tour de France win and the theme of Australian Rotary Health. The club members responded to the challenge presented with aplomb. Ron Brooks, Stuart Williams and

Bob Williams spoke on genuine long distance cycling endeavours while the John McPhee, John Donaghey and Bob Laslett versions would have been more appropriate for next week's topic of disaster.

Members were reminded of the 19 August deadline for GSE team leader applications and the new fortnightly communication *What's On in 9810*.

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

President Elect Bob

MEETING REPORT FOR 25 JULY 2011

Present at the meeting were 13 members. We had five apologies from members on the holiday and sick list.

Glenys Grant chaired the meeting with style and Bob Laslett was our Acting President in the absence of President Doug Berwick.

During the meeting reports, Treasurer Warwick Stott reminded us that subscriptions are due, at least the first half is.

After Sergeant Stuart Williams finished I was unable to pay the first half of my subscription, or the first quarter or the first 10%! I am now listing the Sergeant on my tax return as a dependent. Stuart raised \$35.75 for the Rotary Foundation and produced many laughs. Many of the fines were based on sporting heroes who we thought were the equal of Cadel Evans.

Our club speaker was Bill Marsh who told us about his research into his forebears, many of whom we shoemakers – it this where Judy Marsh gets her fetish for shoes from?

During holidays in Europe, Bill and Judy visited a canton in Switzerland where a very helpful archivist provided him with original copies of ledgers recording the history of local families. The ledgers went back hundreds of years and Bill found that one of his earliest relatives was a shoemaker. None of the staff in the archives spoke English so sign language was the communication medium.

Bill also mentioned that when he researched other branches of his family tree in other countries he found that some of them were also shoemakers. Maybe this explains how Bill was able to 'cobble' together such an interesting story!

Our speaker from the District 9810 Australian Rotary Health Committee did not arrive. Therefore, in honour of Cadel Evans' win in the Tour De France, we had members talk about their bike riding experiences.

Ron Brooks explain how he got back into bike riding when he started to ride the coach's bike instead of rowing with his rowing club. His first major ride was in the Ride Around the Bay in Melbourne. The idea was that Ron would ride the first half of the course down to Sorrento and then his friend would take over for the second half. Unfortunately, the friend didn't arrive so Ron ended up riding the whole way. Fortunately, Robbie Brooks was there in her car so she would drive 10k up the road and wait for Ron who would follow on the bike. After many 10k stages, Ron finally arrived at the finish only to find that everyone else had packed up and gone home.

Since then Ron has become a keen rider and organiser of rides – and a good story teller!

Our second speaker was John Donaghey who has had more falls from bikes that I have had hot dinners! John's injuries include shoulders, legs, arms – and getting stung by a bee!

John has ridden around the bay on many occasions and has also ridden in a number of Great Victorian Bile Rides – on one of them, he got knocked off his bike by a four wheel drive and ended up in hospital!

Stuart Williams was the third speaker. He told us of his many bike rides each of which seemed to end up at a cake shop. One of his early rides was from Melbourne to Warrnambool with Bob Williams. It took them three days and they camped out overnight. The weakies came back on the train – I suspect they stood up all the way home.

Stuart's second major ride was in Tasmania where he and a scout group rode 100k a day for nine days - a great but painful bonding experience with his son, Lachlan.

Other members contributed their biking experiences:

- Bob Laslett's bike had a foot brake but one day he found himself on a friend's bike that had handbrakes. Bob went downhill so quickly he didn't see the car that just missed him at a crossing;
- John McPhee's first ride was in a paddock on the farm and he fell off after 5 yards!
- Bob Williams also told us about his experience of riding from Melbourne to Sydney with his son while Barbara drove the car and provided meals and encouragement.

Ron mentioned that the Australian Rotary Health 2012 Ride to Conference will be the 25th ride and to celebrate the course to be followed when viewed on a map has the shape of "25". Very clever.

SERGEANT'S SESSION

Thanks to everyone for their generous contributions of \$35.75 which will go to the Rotary Foundation.

Sergeant Stuart

MALARIA CONTROL

Global grant project boosts malaria prevention and treatment in Mali



A project supported by a Rotary Foundation Global Grant is giving children in Yirimadjo, Mali, hope for a malaria-free future. *Photo courtesy of Project Muso Ladamunen*

Last year, malaria claimed the lives of almost 750,000 people in sub-Saharan Africa, 85 percent of them young children. Some of the region's poorest residents live in Yirimadjo, Mali, and are receiving protection from the disease through a Rotary Foundation Global Grant project supported by Rotarians in four countries.

Called *Bite Malaria Back*, the project is providing insecticide-treated bed nets, physician services, and medications to help prevent and treat malaria. It is led by the Rotary Club of Bamako-Amitié, Mali, along with the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill (Washington, D.C.) and five others in District 7620 (District of Columbia; part of Maryland, USA).

Club members are working with Project Muso Ladamunen, a nongovernmental organization whose goal is to end the cycle of poverty and disease in Yirimadjo. The Bamako-Amitié club is helping to coordinate Rotarians' roles in the effort.

During its first three months (February-April), Bite Malaria Back made possible more than 3,000 patient visits at the Yirimadjo Health Centre. It also facilitated more than 12,700 visits by community health workers to residents' homes, resulting in the treatment of almost 900 children with malaria -- over 80 percent within the first 48 hours of the onset of symptoms, when medical intervention is critical.

The effort supports the disease prevention and treatment area of focus under the Foundation's Future Vision Plan. It is funded by a \$26,666 global grant and more than \$33,000 in sponsor contributions from Future Vision pilot districts 3140 (part of Maharashtra, India), 7620, and 9100 (parts of West Africa). The Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile, Hong Kong, a non-pilot club, has also contributed funds to the project.

Rotarians in Mali are monitoring malaria-related consultations and services that patients receive from physicians. "We have also gone to see how the field workers go house to house to visit patients and make the project felt by the community," says Sunny Akuopha, until recently a member of the Bamako-Amitié club, now of the Rotary Club of Bamako Ouest. "The project has had tremendous impact by reducing the mortality rate and mortality-prone situations."

In June, Bite Malaria Back completed a survey of every household in Yirimadjo, which has more than 56,700 residents, and determined that over 22,300 bed nets are needed. The Against Malaria Foundation has committed to support the project, which will enable 21,500 bed nets to be distributed in July.

"By leveraging Rotary's bold commitment to mobilize additional partners, Rotary's impact will be multiplied manyfold," says Ari Johnson, co-executive director and founder of Project Muso Ladamunen. He adds that the Mali Ministry of Health is being asked to provide the remaining bed nets needed to reach every resident in the community.

The Capitol Hill club used social networking to raise funds for the project through Crowdrise. It is also using Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to keep Rotarians up-to-date about the initiative's progress and to coordinate media coverage.

"It is not acceptable for nearly one million children to die each year of a disease like malaria, which can be cured with a few dollars' worth of effective medications, efficiently delivered to the thousands of children who need them," says Capitol Hill club member Maria Nelly Pavisich.

"We are seeing incredible changes happening in the communities we serve," says Johnson, reflecting on Rotary's role. "I am at a loss for words to express our gratitude for your efforts in heroically championing the Bite Malaria Back vision."

Dan Nixon
Rotary International News -- 24 June 2011

CLUB MEMBER TALKS

Club members can select from the following range of subjects for their talks:

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

The idea is that speaker can select whichever of the topics appeals to them.

FOOTY TIPPING

Bill (Bomber) Marsh and Bob (Demon) Williams share the lead. The crucial questions are will Bob pick the Demons to beat Geelong and will Bill pick the Bombers to beat Collingwood? Is loyalty still vogue – watch this space next week!

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	Could next week be an opportunity?

BREAKFAST QUIZ & BRAIN EXERCISER

This week's questions:

Q1. Does bone china contain bone?

Q2. Was Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, born in Ireland or did he have Irish parents?

Q3. Does any number from 1 - 100 have the letter "a" in it when written out?

Last week's question: I am the beginning of the end, and the end of time and space. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place. What am I? Answer – I am the letter "e".

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

1 August 2011	August is Membership and Extension Month
1 August 2011	Club meeting
1 August 2011	District - Group Study Exchange team members applications open
6 August 2011	District National Youth Science Forum interviews
7 August 2011	District Youth Exchange - outbound students orientation
8 August 2011	Club meeting
12 August 2011	District - Applications for Group Study Exchange Team Leader close
12 August 2011	District - Presidents and Assistant Governors Meeting
12 August 2011	District - Youth Exchange mid-year dinner
13 August 2011	Blackburn Craft Market
14 August 2011	Whitehorse Farmers Market
14 August 2011	District - Youth Exchange inbound student orientation
15 August 2011	Club meeting
19 August 2011	District - College of Governors meeting
22 August 2011	Club meeting
29 August 2011	Club meeting

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