



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

29 August	5 September	12 September
Email communication Ron Brooks	Tony (or Lisa) Clark Swags for the Homeless	Brad Kyle Walk Across Spain
Chair John McPhee	Gary Baltissen	John Donaghey
Thanks & Meeting Report Ray Smith	Glenys Grant	Chris Tuck
Club Member Talk Bob Laslett	Doug Berwick	David Bremner

DUTY ROSTER

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

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



None this week

DOUG'S DEADLINE – 22 August

Our thanks to the Mayor of the City of Whitehorse - Cr Ben Stennett for taking the time to come and meet with our Club. It was an interesting talk supported by a visual presentation which was made possible by PP Ron Brooks who provided the laptop and projector, many thanks Ron.

We found out on the night that one of our National Youth Science Forum candidates, Jessica Wynn, had been successful. Congratulations to Jessica and we look forward to meeting her and her family at a future meeting. Our second candidate, unfortunately, was not successful. According to PP Ron Brooks, who was involved in the interviews, all the candidates were of a very high standard. Due to the limited number spaces available the interviewers had the difficult job of working out who was the best of the best.

In my closing remarks at our last meeting I spoke about the personal accident and travel cover we enjoy as Rotarians when we are involved in Rotary matters. I have reprinted the article from the DG's newsletter below as I think the detail and contact information is important.

Our Club – Our Future – members of the review team are meeting this week to review and progressively implement the points raised. PP Ron is exploring Fellowship opportunities and the team are looking at service projects in conjunction with the existing Committees. Other points in the review, such as improved communication, Board reports, etc., have already been incorporated into the running of our Club in President David's year and you will have noticed these. There is still a lot of work to do as we approach the 'big ticket' item - membership growth. However, before we address this point we have to get other aspects of the Club right so that we have something to offer prospective members.

Major Club Project - If members wish to undertake a major Club project then a suitable one will have to be identified. The Board, whilst canvassing possibilities, encourages suggestions from members. The drive and will to move forward starts with you and together we will be able to make a difference. This is what we can offer prospective members and what, we hope, will be the motivator for people within our community to join the Rotary Club of Forest Hill.

I also mentioned the '30 second elevator speech' and how I was prepared to provide a quality bottle of red or white wine to the member who was able to provide one for our Club. I was reminded of this topic when watching an episode of the ABC Landline program. An American cattle producer, who is now using social media such as Facebook and Twitter to promote rural awareness, recommended this to local producers. They obviously found it beneficial enough to recommend to their peers and it is something we definitely need to develop. Any suggestions can be sent to me.

Wishing you all the best for the week ahead.

Doug

Doug Berwick
President

Personal Accident and Travel Insurance Matters

As Rotarians, we are fortunate to have an extremely generous and wide covering Personal Accident and Travel policy to cover us whenever we are travelling anywhere in the world whilst engaged in Rotary activities. Most of you will travel without considering who is covered under our policies and what cover is provided should a claim arise. The cover has to be broad. As Rotarians we are engaged in so many activities within Australia and overseas. At present, ACE Insurance are our insurers.

During the last 12 months for District 9810, three major claims arose which shows the importance of the policy. A Rotarian was hospitalised in Adelaide at District Conference for a number of weeks with a medical condition with all expenses covered by the policy. A Rotarian was killed in a motor vehicle accident returning from Conference. His dependents are able to claim a death benefit of \$250,000. Recently, we have been informed a volunteer working in Kenya/Uganda has contracted TB and will require ongoing treatment there for 6 months before being allowed back into Australia.

Rotarian members are not the only people covered under the Travel policy. The following are covered. —*Nominated Rotary Districts and Clubs, Rotaract and Interact Clubs including clubs in the course of formation, incorporated or unincorporated. Members of Rotary including spouses (and de factos and partners), volunteer workers, honorary members, host families, prospective members (from the time their membership has been approved), District, Club and Institute Committees and Sub-Committees, other Rotary bodies and the boards thereof and participants in all Rotary activities for their respective rights and interests.*

What is the scope and cover under the policy? The following is defined —*Cover under the policy applies whilst an Insured Person is engaged on a Journey (as defined) undertaken on the Insured's business, including any private travel (limited to 60 days – noting the maximum trip duration is 90 days). Notwithstanding the above, cover applies whilst an Insured Person is engaged on authorised business or activities of the Insured including direct travel to and from such business or activities of the Insured.* // Everyone must be aware of the 90 day cut off. If the trip extends over 90 days and the insurers have not been notified cover may be denied.

Before travelling, a few things should be considered.

- If your trip looks like exceeding the 90 day limit apply through the District Insurance Officer to have the Insurers extend the trip limit.
- Many third world countries can cause health risks to those travelling. Before travel, make sure all necessary vaccinations are up to date.
- If carrying expensive equipment such as lap tops, cameras etc., ensure you have proof of purchase with values in case of loss.
- It is not necessary to contact the District Insurance Officer for every person travelling overseas on Rotary business/project. What is important is the Club members' Rotary Club has recorded when the trip is and who is travelling. However, if there are any questions in relation to cover, do not hesitate to contact the Insurance Officer.

The amounts covered under the policy will be dependent on age of which there are 4 categories. The main category is for insured Persons aged 18-79 years.

Those travelling on Rotary business travelling should be aware of ACE Emergency Assistance phone number +61-2-8907-5995. This is to be used in emergencies.

Anyone wanting a summary of the Personal Accident and Travel policy can request it from the District Insurance Officer Roger Smith by email at rskmsmit@bigpond.com.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation thanks Clubs for a remarkable year. *Rotarians and friends of Rotary responded with extraordinary generosity again during the 2010-11 Rotary year. Contributions to our Annual Programs Fund exceeded US\$100 million for the fourth time in history, and we far surpassed our goal of \$95.5 million. In fact, contributions to the Annual Programs Fund were the second-highest ever, at nearly **\$108 million**. Thanks to each of you for your efforts and personal financial support.*

Giving to the Foundation. - Some think that there is competition in Rotary between supporting local projects and giving to The Rotary Foundation. In fact, the more we emphasize what Rotary does for people through The Rotary Foundation, the more it increases our overall spirit of giving. When a club emphasizes giving to The Rotary Foundation, most often the club will discover increases in giving to local scholarship foundations, contributions to local community service, and greater participation in local hands-on projects because a club that gets into the habit of giving will give more to all causes. — *Rotarian Ronn Kerr*

Matching Grants. - Even a small club can make a big difference when participating in a Matching Grant. While Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Marana in District 5500 were travelling in Zimbabwe, they found a man who was obviously hungry. These Rotarians worked with the Rotary Club of Victoria Falls and The Rotary Foundation to create a food garden that feeds an entire village and is self-sustaining for future generations. Rotarian Randy Brooks says: —It truly is amazing how our small club contributions translate into opportunity for those in need of help. It is hard to not be overly proud of Rotary, its members, and The Rotary Foundation.

MEETING REPORT – 8TH AUGUST

We had 17 in attendance at our meeting, including one visiting Rotarian, President Tony De Fazio from RC Box Hill Central, Bob Laslett's sister and her husband, and partners.

Our guest speaker was the Mayor of the City of Whitehorse – Cr Ben Stennett. Ben started his presentation with a brief history of Box Hill and Nunawading. According to Ben, the name, Nunawading, is thought to derive from an aboriginal word meaning battlefield or ceremonial ground. He pointed out that this was very apt considering the Council offices are now located in that suburb. As most of you will know, the City of Whitehorse is named after Whitehorse Rd which in turn gets its name from the former White Horse Hotel which stood on the corner of Elgar and White Horse Roads. Ben noted the irony that the 'dry' suburb of Box Hill had been incorporated into a City named after an Hotel.



Ben then told us about the current City of Whitehorse and how the old Box Hill Town Hall is now home to 16 community groups and that one of our sister cities is Matsudo in Japan. This sister city relationship celebrates its 40th anniversary this year and has been strongly supported over the years by Koonung Secondary College.

He then told us about the various services provided by Council. Some facts I found interesting were:

- There are approx 155,000 residents living in 60,000 plus dwellings
- 30% of residents were born overseas
- 110 different languages are spoken within the City of Whitehorse
- 1,200 people are directly employed by the Council
- The Council budget for 2011- 2012 is \$142m

Ben handled our complex and forthright questions with aplomb and provided some insightful responses. Ben presented a refreshing insight into the responsibilities of Council and Councillors and the variety of services provided, many of which we take for granted.

CLUB MEMBER TALK

Sergeant Stuart took the opportunity to tell us about his '15 seconds of fame!'. Stuart told us of the time when he was a member of Apex and was invited to lead a team to participate in the original season of 'It's a Knockout'. This was back in 1984 when he was a fit and agile 40 something. Stuart's team participated in five episodes which were filmed on a property in Dural NSW. The venue was quite extensive and well equipped with hotel accommodation and sporting field. It was apparently the original training ground for the Socceroos when they were preparing for their international debut.

Stuart tells us that participants were flown from Melbourne on Friday night, participated in the games on Saturday and Sunday and flown back on Sunday night. In an insight into how TV producers live in a world of their own they were filming an episode on Christmas Eve which made it nerve wracking for participants to get home for Christmas Day.

Stuart had the opportunity to meet several celebrity judges including – Grant & Lisa Kenny, Victoria Nichols, Debbie Newsome, Tracy Wickham and Ricky May. These were well known names in 1984 even though their 'star status' has faded somewhat now.

Stuart's team was the Eastern Suburbs Eagles and by his account they all had a great deal of fun. Like some of the Block contestants, they did not make any money out of their appearances at the time (Although Apex received \$3,000 - his team won twice). However, Stuart did find out recently that the episodes he featured in were shown on cable TV in Mexico and Argentina. As we know, Stuart has always worked globally in Rotary and this is another confirmation of his international presence. Many thanks Stu for sharing your 15 seconds of fame with us.

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	-

SERGEANT STU'S SESSION

Thank you for your contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Through the generosity of those present we raised \$35.65.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Bob Williams has hip and shouldered his way to the front and is now equal first with the tipping wizard, Bill Marsh. Hot on their heels is David Bremner (holidays don't slow him down) in second place followed in order by Dana Roles, Stuart Williams and Mark Bailey.

BREAKFAST QUIZ & BRAIN EXERCISER

Our quiz this week is again looking at words (just in case you are not sick of them having got this far).

Facetious and abstemious contain all the vowels in the correct order, can you think of another word that meets these criteria?

What English word has the most consonants in a row?

and some trivial facts to aid digestion:

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, and purple.

Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."

A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21-inch tongue.

Something to try on Cup Day - If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.

A Review from Stu in the Stalls

Saw "Doris" at Her Majesty Theatre the other night and it is a pleasant night. The life story of Doris Day - all her good songs - sung by Melinda Schneider. A large orchestra and 2 support dancers/singers. If you can remember Doris day as the top box office gal in the late 50s and early 60s you will enjoy this nostalgic evening at the theatre. I got the tickets on Lasttix web-site. A good place for cheap tickets.
Stuart

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

29 August 2011	Club meeting
30 August 2011	Announce membership of Nominations Committee, ask members to accept appointments of 2 members
1 September 2011	September is New Generations Month
5 September 2011	Club meeting
8 September 2011	District - Group Study Exchange information night for team members
10 September 2011	Blackburn Craft Market
11 September 2011	Whitehorse Farmers Market

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to the Editor at dberwick@invocare.com.au by **5 pm next Wednesday week** (in Microsoft Word format)