



# 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

21 November	28 November	5 December
<b>ABCD Project – Ken Wall</b>	<b>Bert Sloane Youth Achievement Awards</b>	<b>Hope Katolo Nursery School</b>
<b>Committee Meetings &amp; Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>Sarah Heathcote</b>	<b>Leanne and Melanie Pinfold</b>
<b>Chair</b>		
Warwick Stott	Chris Tuck	Bob Williams
<b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b>		
Bob Laslett	Gary Baltissen	Stuart Williams
<b>Club Member Talk</b>		
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### DUTY ROSTER

	<b>NOVEMBER</b>
Cashier	Graham Sharman
Recorder	John McPhee
Greeter	Ray Smith
Emergency	Ron Brooks

### ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY** on 9878 4891 or [rcsmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcsmith@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



26 November – Birthday – Merle Smith

## **DOUG'S DEADLINE**

What an enjoyable night on Monday with our partners taking over the main roles in the meeting and demonstrating great poise and ability. Although the partners in control followed the normal meeting routine, they made it a lighter evening in many ways. I think Heather Bremner has a new role as the Club's rhyming chronicler in the event Stan runs out of typewriter ribbons. I was also happy to pay the 'fine' for the safe return of the honey that I purchased from Ray. It tastes awful but I'll have to buy more to keep Ray happy.

We also enjoyed the presentation from Ashley Mallet on the Oaktree Foundation and the opportunity afforded to her to participate in a project in Cambodia. I don't envy her spending time over there during the monsoon season.

As you all know, the month of November is Foundation Month and some members will be accompanying me to the Foundation Cluster Meeting on Wednesday 16th November. I include some information on the Foundations six areas of focus which may be of interest:

Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation recognize these six areas of focus as organizational priorities, and there are countless ways that Rotarians can address these needs locally and internationally. For ideas, consult the publication Rotary's Areas of Focus

### **Areas of focus resources**

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
  - Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
  - Rotarian Action Groups specializing in this area
- Water and sanitation
  - Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group
  - RI/USAID International H2O Collaboration
- Maternal and child health
  - Rotary's strategic partnership with Aga Khan University
  - Rotary's partnership with the United Nations Population Fund
  - Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development
- Basic education and literacy
  - Rotary's partnership with the International Reading Association and the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library
- Economic and community development
  - Oikocredit International
  - Rotary Community Corps program
  - Rotarian Action Group for Microcredit

I have also included some information in another section on funding a major project and thoughts on Australian Rotary Health Hat Day. I am unfortunately rostered on 'after hours' next week so may not be able to make the meeting. For those of you participating in the home hosting I am sure you will have a very enjoyable evening. Rotary just gets better and better.

Enjoy your week in Rotary

Doug Berwick  
President

## **LAST WEEK'S MEETING - PARTNERS IN CONTROL NIGHT**

Last week's meeting was our Partners in Control Night. The leaders for the night were Tracey "President" Berwick, Judy "Chairperson" Laslett, Sergeants Robbie Brooks and Heather Bremner, and Bev "Thanker" Baltissen. Club reports or 'no' reports came from Judy Marsh, Merle Smith, Margaret McPhee and Christine Stott. There was a comment that the reports were more accurate and less long-winded than normal!

Our guest speaker was Barbara Williams who spoke about a caravan trip that she and Bob took to Longreach in Queensland. The talk was accompanied by a DVD showing some magnificent photographs of the country and the museums and centres they visited. A

photo of Barbara wing-walking on the wing of a Boeing 747 at the QANTAS museum and photos of the country they travelled through were very entertaining.

Sergeant Heather's poem

This Rotary Club of Forest Hill  
Is 36 years and going still.

As our membership now is becoming less  
Our future's really anyone's guess.

Our President tall is Doug Berwick by name  
Arranging funerals is his daily game  
So when all is over and you come to your end  
It may well be Douglas for whom you send.

Mr Bill Marsh, a newer Rotarian is he  
From being a principal he did flee.  
At handwriting, painting and golf he excels  
It seems to us all he does everything well!

At hosting our students Bob Neilson was great  
He may even have had seven or eight.  
He opened his home for fellowship true  
Of dinners he hosted more than a few.

With practised skill Prayer Breakfasts he runs  
Does Graham Sharman-his abilities stun!  
He is calm and quiet-a deep thinker me thinks!  
And from none of his duties at Rotary shrinks.

To market at Blackburn Ray Smith proceeds,  
At raising tents he truly exceeds.  
At wood turning too, he's a real wonder  
You'll never see him make a big blunder.

Only one lady member have we  
A way to help others Glenys did see.  
Her happy face is always there  
With students and parents she's sure got a flair.

Ex-President, Treasurer and Secretary too  
David Bremner always has plenty to do.  
With him I go home at the end of the night  
So I'd best say little – I'll be polite!

With the name of Williams, we actually have two  
Bob is still working, but years left are few.  
With his car and his van he longs to away  
And sit on the beach and stare at the bay.

Stuart we know was so thrilled this year  
When Geelong Football club got into gear.  
Though there are other clubs, whose flags fly high  
Stuart always appears to have only one eye.

Past Sergeant, Chris Tuck grows beautiful  
cherries  
In these he specialises, so grows no berries.  
To a cattle breeder's association he belongs  
For these beasts he tries to right all wrongs.

Our Treasurer for several years he has been  
His accounting is great as I'm sure you have seen.

Warwick Stott often spends his Sundays as well  
At Whitehorse Market, egg and bacon to sell.

An amazing recovery our Stan has made  
Though in hospital for a long time he stayed.  
Great historian and recorder of history is he  
Any fact he will find and charge no fee.

He managed a post office, garage and motel,  
As far as I know, never a hotel.  
It's John Donaghey, who far and wide is known  
As a man who is awfully accident prone.

As "Brooksey" he's known is our Englishman  
Ron,  
At District his work goes on and on.  
For cycling to Conference he's very well known  
But with great joy, he always flies home.

Our nonagenarian is Geoff Hale  
Beside him the rest of us pale.  
At sport for many years he has excelled  
He'll happily tell you the records he's held.

"Gazza's" married to Bev and newly retired  
With bottled gas many barbies he has fired.  
He's learnt the computer as E Mails show  
And now from his home he's about to go.

Our Associate Professor, Bob Laslett by name  
Is a man of wisdom and also of fame.  
The greatest DG of all time was he  
With that I am sure all Rotarians agree.

Home loans were once John's profession you know  
He managed the forms and the cheques and the dough.  
Down at the market the money he collects  
And great tasting sausages each month he selects.

So I think that's mentioned all of you  
And now my attempt at rhyming is through.  
But really I think you're a lazy mob  
Because running this meeting should be your job!

### **THE ROTARY DISTRICT 9810 NORTHERN CLUSTER FOUNDATION ROADSHOW**

Bob Williams, Bill Marsh, Glenys Grant, Bob & Judy Laslett, Gary Baltissen plus approx. 150 other Rotarians joined me at the Beau Monde International Hotel in Doncaster to hear the work of the Rotary Foundation.

Speakers presented information on:

- The GSE teams that will be going to, and coming from, Texas next year
- District Simplified Grants (DSG)
- Matching Grants

- Foundation Giving including the Centurion Foundation, Paul Harris Fellow and other categories of giving.
- The Future Vision Plan
- End Polio Now

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill was mentioned as one of several Clubs that were successful in receiving a DSG. The Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills was also mentioned for their success in leveraging the \$7,000 raised (in conjunction with several other Clubs) into approx. \$18,000 through a mixture of grants to fund a school project in Fiji.

The Future Vision Plan is currently being trialled and is expected to take effect in the 2013 Rotary year. The main change appears to be simplifying the grants process into 'local' and 'global' (may not be the exact terms but it does represent the intent). However, while the funding pie has now been cut into two pieces the 'local' funds may have to go further. I am sure that more information will be forthcoming as the trial progresses.

Overall, it was an informative night and those attending had the opportunity to catch up with the members of other Clubs. Our Club has volunteered to host the International Cluster meeting in April 2012 so we will be calling on members to assist Glenys and her committee early next year.

President Doug

### **DID YOU KNOW?**



Other clubs have PPs (Past Presidents).

We have a WPDGBLPHFJL (Wife of Past District Governor Bob Laslett, Paul Harris Fellow, Judy Laslett).

How about that for an acronym!

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### **AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH HAT DAY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

Last meeting President Doug mentioned the Australian Rotary Health Hat Day fundraising campaign. Following on from this the District Newsletter outlined the plans Clubs and Districts throughout Australia are putting into place for next year's Hat Day in May 2012. These include:

- District 9810 is looking at selling something like paper hats at the main Melbourne railways stations.
- Districts 9500 & 9520 are running a Hat Day sticker project throughout the districts.
- District 9830 is planning a couple of major events and a number of club events. This could include a Race Day in Launceston.
- The Pharmacy Society of Australia (PSA) has indicated that they will seek the involvement of pharmacies throughout Australia
- The University of NSW was so impressed with their Hat Day event that they have written a testimonial urging all other universities to become involved in next year's Hat Day.
- Local Councils are being approached to become involved, as Penrith Council in NSW did this year. We can possibly approach the City of Whitehorse to seek support.
- A schools kit is being prepared and could be of interest to schools in our area.
- Bunnings in Parramatta NSW participated this year and want to help again (there may be an opportunity to work with our local Bunnings store).

Hat Day to support Australian Rotary Health appears to have huge potential as are the opportunities to support this worthy cause. Things have progressed further since Gary brought this to our attention earlier this year and we have plenty of examples to make it bigger in 2012.

### **FUNDING OF A MAJOR PROJECT**

While on the subject of worthy causes, at its last meeting the Board briefly discussed funding a major project from accumulated Club funds. Suggestions so far include:

- Defying *the Drift* program. The program is similar to the Rotary Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) but is aimed at making young people aware of the opportunities for a career in the country – in essence, the program is trying to stop the drift of young people to the city.
- Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Health Scholarship. The object of this program is to provide a scholarship, which can be used to assist Indigenous students to undertake a course in a wide range of health related professions. It will enable students to use this education for the benefit of other Indigenous people in some of our remote areas.
- Supporting the MASH initiative of providing Drug and Alcohol Booklets into local secondary schools. In our case, it could be Forest Hill College.
- Purchasing a major piece/s of equipment for one of the local hospitals – either Box Hill Hospital or Epworth Private Hospital

If members are aware of other projects that they believe are worthy of consideration they should advise our Secretary – Bill Marsh. Detailed information on the above projects will be provided to members via handout at the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

President Doug

### **PERIDOT THEATRE NIGHT**

Last Friday twelve members and partners went to the Peridot Theatre to see their production of 'Caravan', an Australian play about the goings-on when a group of old friends spend two weeks together in a caravan during a wet summer holiday. The play brought back memories for some of us who had experienced similar caravanning holidays in the past although when I went a party at a friend's I had no recollection of seeing people under a hedge doing what was described in the play. Maybe I was looking the wrong way? Congratulations to Peridot for a very entertaining night.

In 2012 Peridot will again have an excellent series of plays for us to enjoy e.g.

- February – *Same Time next Year* – a play about a couple who begin an affair in 1951 and then agree to meet once a year thereafter. During their time together they discuss the births, deaths and marital problems each is experiencing in their lives.
- April – *The Peppercorn Tree* – towards the end of his life a man reluctantly agrees to record his memoirs with a biographer and in the process must confront his demons. It is a story about mateship, love, regret and reconciliation.
- August – *The Shell Seekers* – this is a story about three generations of a family and the passion and heartbreak that have held them together.
- November – *Me and Jezebel* – a true life account by Elizabeth Fuller of what happened when screen legend Bette Davis came to her home to stay for one night and ended up staying for a month.

Attendance sheets will be issued about six weeks before each play for members to indicate if they will attend. We always attend the Friday night performance so it is an excellent way to wind-down from the week and prepare for a relaxing weekend.

### **ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)**

Friends of RAM;

Sincere thanks for your recent contributions for the work of RAM in the ongoing battle against the ravages of malaria.

Forest Hill D. 9810, \$500 towards the Microscopy For Malaria project in Timor Leste.

Largs Bay, D 9500, \$200 forwarded through George Keily.

Great Lakes, D.9650, \$500. I will contact you in the new year re a club visit to talk about the work of RM. Thanks!

East Perth, D. 9455, \$65.60. A special thanks for the great work in the coin collection initiative.

Unless you wish otherwise I will direct your unspecified contributions to the current project in assisting the netting program in Timor Leste.

Whilst there has been some recent encouraging news from the scientific community on the development of a vaccine, the use of treated bed nets and the cleaning up of mosquito breeding sites remain the front line tactics in minimising the harm done by the disease.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

I will advise all supporters of the Timor Leste initiative when the nets are to be distributed - the health authority has indicated that Rotary/RAM observers will be welcome at the time of distribution. It is a recognised RAWCS project.

Again, sincere thanks.

Richmond Manyweathers  
RAM National Bed Net Co-ordinator

### **HOME HOSTING**

The club will be having the first home hosting on Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. Ron Brooks will advise members and partners of the homes to which they are allocated for dessert.

### **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	Change will soon occur!

### **QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of national emergency, even if I'm in a cabinet meeting.

Ronald Reagan

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS**

21 November 2011	Club meeting, Annual General Meeting and Home Hosting
21 November 2011	New Board to meet and decide Sergeant for next year
24 November 2011	District - Future Leader Seminar (Brisbane)
28 November 2011	Club meeting and Youth Achievement Night
28 November 2011	New Sergeant to be announced to club
1 December 2011	December is Family Month
2 December 2011	District - Youth Exchange outbound students orientation
2 December 2011	Friday Night Film and Fellowship Night
5 December 2011	Club meeting

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to the Editor at [djlb91@bigpond.com](mailto:djlb91@bigpond.com) by **5 pm next Wednesday week** (in Microsoft Word format please)