



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

28 November	5 December	12 December
Bert Sloane Youth Achievement Awards Sarah Heathcote	Hope Katolo Nursery School Leanne and Melanie Pinfold	Committee Meetings
Chair Chris Tuck	Bob Williams	Gary Baltissen
Thanks & Meeting Report Gary Baltissen	Stuart Williams	Ron Brooks
Club Member Talk --	--	Glenys Grant

DUTY ROSTER

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Cashier	Graham Sharman	Chris Tuck
Recorder	John McPhee	John Donaghey
Greeter	Ray Smith	Glenys Grant
Emergency	Ron Brooks	Warwick Stott

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



29 November – Birthday – Barbara Williams

DOUG'S DEADLINE

Our AGM has finally been held and my apologies for not being able to attend due to work commitments. Congratulations to the members who have been nominated to the Board for the 2012-13 Rotary year. It will have been noted that there are not too many new faces on the Board for next year and this was in part a deliberate decision by Bob Laslett and I to retain some stability in the Board and to enable Directors to continue to develop in their roles. As still a relatively new Rotarian, it always puzzled, and sometimes frustrated, me that each new Rotary year the mix of Directors and Committee members would change and we ended up moving in a slightly different direction and some things would get lost along the way. I know this is how Rotary has been for many years but this time I sought support from Bob to try and let Directors develop further in their roles. As Kevin Grigsby often said, "If you do what you always did you will get what you always got". If we try something different then we may progress further. There are still a number of challenges ahead of us as a Club and I am sure the Board for next year is very capable of taking them on.

As you know, next week is the Bert Sloane Youth Achievement Awards night and this looks set to be another great evening. Among the many good works that our Club does I think these nights are highlights as we are working within our community. I rank next week alongside the Ford Davis Apprentice Awards as feel-good nights with a very positive effect on the recipients. Even though we support international projects like DisasterAid Australia or even Polio Plus for me it is the projects closer to home that give me the warm glow.

The Board will be considering a large project to support this year and we currently have (from what I am aware) five projects to consider. If any member has another project to put forward to the Board can they send it to the Secretary or to me? It was my intention to provide members at the last meeting with some details on the projects being considered but work got in the way. I will endeavour to email details to members prior to next week's meeting.

Enjoy your week in Rotary

Doug Berwick
President

REPORT ON LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Chairman Warwick Stott took us through the meeting at a rapid pace. Gary filled us in on next week's exciting Bert Sloane Youth Achievement awards. Glenys informed the club about the "intense" cluster Foundation Road Show held last Wednesday. Sergeant Stu in a 'Yahoo, Not Serious' session managed to extract \$30.50 from the members present.

A fast-paced AGM was held under the guidance of Vice-President Bob Williams and President Elect Bob Laslett was delighted to reveal his team for the next Rotary year.

Our well-received guest speaker was Assistant Governor Ken Wall from the Rotary Club of Templestowe. In an entertaining wall-on-wall presentation, creative Ken led us through the origins, present state and future prospects of the ABCD - Art Building Children's Dreams project.

Ken has many talents and they were demonstrated well throughout his talk. He explained the value of the project and the need for ongoing commitment. His sales pitch was directed at our club working with a needy school in Fiji. One fund-raising option was through the adventures of the Thribletts, a product of Ken's lively imagination.

Questions flowed despite the evident need for Rotarians to attend important committee meetings before joining their partners at the most enjoyable home-hosting provided so generously by Barbara Williams and Robbie Brooks.

It was another great Rotary evening.

ELECTION OF BOARD FOR 2012/13

President Elect Bob Laslett has announced that the following nominees have been elected as the Board for next year:

President 2012/13

Bob Laslett

Immediate Past President
 Vice President
 President Nominee (2013/14)
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Director – Community & Vocational
 Director - New Generations
 Director – Membership & Recruitment
 Director – International & Foundation

Doug Berwick
 Stuart Williams
 Chris Tuck
 Bill Marsh
 Warwick Stott
 Ray Smith
 John McPhee
 Ron Brooks
 Glenys Grant

We congratulate the members on their appointments.

Following the club's decision last week, the number of Board members has been increased by one to ten. This will allow responsibility for the Community, Vocational and New Generations responsibilities to be allocated over two Directors.

FUNDING OF A MAJOR PROJECT

While on the subject of worthy causes, the Board recently 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, or to President, Doug Berwick.

CAN YOU OR A FRIEND HELP?

Wesley Home Based Care

Have you ever thought of caring for kids?

- Do you have a spare bedroom?
- Would you like to look after a child for a weekend, a few days, a few months or longer?
- Do you work and still have some time and energy to care for a child?

What is Home Based Care?

Children come into care for numerous reasons and with different needs. Therefore we need people from various backgrounds and different family lifestyles to look after them.

Wesley Home Based Care supports Foster Carers who provide day to day care for children 0-18 years old who cannot live with their own families.

What support do I receive?

As a Foster Carer, you receive full training with formal assessment and accreditation prior to commencement in the program.




Ongoing training is provided by Wesley as well as 24 hour support. Applicants must be 21+ years of age and be willing to undergo a police check and Working with Children Check. A generous tax free reimbursement is also available.

Contact Us

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Hope Compassion Justice
 Part of the Shining Church in Australia and a member of the ShiningCare network

Wesley Youth Children and Family are looking for families who are interested in caring for kids. Please think about this request - we may be able to help or we may know of someone else who might be interested.

Wesley can be contacted on 9871 5333.

FELLOWSHIP CINEMA NIGHT

Our next Forest Hill Rotary Fellowship Cinema Night will be Fri 2nd December. Same format as last month –

- I will get to know what is on when the programme is released on Tuesday evening;
- I will then email everyone with the choice of films on at Forest Hill Chase;
- You need to get back to me by Thursday midnight by email ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au or mobile 0413042043 telling me your choice of film and how many tickets and preferably if you will be joining us at the Melba cafe at 7:45pm for meal/drinks/coffee/light meal/cake beforehand;
- I will buy the tickets and will hand them over in exchange for cold hard cash (note) at the cafe.

An escalator goes from outside the cafe one floor up to the cinema. The cost will be \$0.50 less than the cheapest ticket available on an evening i.e. \$9.50 per ticket.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Last Monday was a very successful Home Hosting after our meeting. The club meeting finished early and then eleven members and Ken Wall (our AG) caught up with their partners who had had their meal at either Barbara and Bob Williams or Robbie and Ron Brooks homes. There was then plenty of chat and dessert plus wine and coffee to wash the evening down with. We plan another home hosting evening in March 2012.

There will be a Fellowship Picnic in the Park for a Sunday lunch in January and a Valentine's Day special Fellowship event on Monday 13th February - the day before you all lavish love and presents on each other on 14th February.

Ron Brooks

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

Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.

John F. Kennedy

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

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
4 December 2011	District - College of Governors lunch
5 December 2011	Club meeting
10 December 2011	Blackburn Craft Market
11 December 2011	Whitehorse Farmers Market
12 December 2011	Club meeting and Board meeting

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