

# 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. Meal cost \$27.00

### CLUB PROGRAM

| 21 May                             | 28 May  | 4 June   |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Committee Meetings</b>          | <b>Ford Davis and Graham Taylor Apprenticeship Awards</b> | <b>Club Forum and Board Meeting (for outgoing and incoming Boards)</b> |
| <b>Chair</b>                       |   |  |
| Graham Sharman                     | Bob Williams  | Doug Berwick   |
| <b>Thanks &amp; Meeting Report</b> |   |  |
| Gary Baltissen                     | Stuart Williams   | --   |
| <b>Club Member Talk</b>            |   |  |
| Bob Williams                       | --  | --   |

### DUTY ROSTER

|           | <b>MAY</b>     |
|-----------|----------------|
| Cashier   | John Donaghey  |
| Recorder  | Bob Williams   |
| Greeter   | Graham Sharman |
| Emergency | David Bremner  |

### ATTENDANCE

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



26 May – Club member anniversary – Bob Laslett

## **LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

Northern Cluster International Service Committee Seminar

Last night the Forest Hill Rotary Club hosted the International Service Seminar at the Casavini Restaurant. It was an occasion of which the club can be proud.

Congratulations to Glenys and her team for their outstanding organisation. The night was programmed down to the last second and like a good Swiss watch it ran pretty much as planned. Everybody who had a job knew exactly what they had to do and they all carried out their duties perfectly.

The compere for the night was David and he did an outstanding job and kept the show ticking over beautifully.

The presentations by the two speakers Brian McDaid and Mick Willis were excellent and certainly highlighted the need to form partnerships when undertaking projects and the huge benefits that flow from successful partnerships. The facts and figures flowed at a rapid rate and the slide presentation was slick and one needed to see it to begin to take it in and certainly a more detailed examination is needed to understand fully what can be achieved. However, it was obvious that this is the way of the future and certainly the way to maximise our scarce resources when looking at International projects, and probably also local projects.

The venue was great, the smaller room suited our numbers perfectly, the food was very good and all of the staff were courteous and unobtrusive.

If you couldn't be there last night, you unfortunately missed an excellent evening of entertainment, information and fellowship.

Congratulations again to all who were involved in putting the night together.

I will see you all on the 4th June.

Bill Marsh

At the end of the night, we thanked Michael Mimmo of Casavini and his staff for the excellent meal they presented and the very professional manner in which it was served. Michael was very helpful with our planning and a delight to work with.

## **MARKET TO MARKET**

What a contrast we had with our markets last weekend.

The weather for the Blackburn market was cool but sunny and we seemed to have a good number of stalls and customers. Coordinator John McPhee collected about \$450 in stall fees and we sold 3.5 boxes of sausages which should produce a profit of about \$200-250.

Once again, the market was a great fellowship event with the club members working hard, interacting very well with the customers and doing a great job for the club and for Rotary International. We did have one problem when the hot water urn refused to work: after four Rotarians had examined it and finally declared it dead, Stan Harper suggested, very quietly, that we turn the power on and then, miraculously, the urn worked!

The Whitehorse Farmers' Market on Sunday was a distinct contrast weather-wise. It was cold and very wet and there some well-soaked Rotarians by the end of the day. Wet weather always affects the market badly and our takings suffered. We collected \$4,536 compared with \$4,877 the previous month.

Many thanks to the members who helped out at each of the markets. The markets are our club's main source of funds for general projects so their success is very important to the club.

## **SWAGS FOR THE HOMELESS - UPDATE**

You will recall that we provided Swags to Wesley Homelessness & Support Services in Ringwood. We received the following update on how the Swags have been used.

"The SWAGS have been very well accepted with us giving out our 8<sup>th</sup> one today.

Kindest regards

Jo McDonald  
Administration Coordinator  
Wesley Homelessness & Support Services"

### **HAT DAY (FOREST HILL)**

Australian Rotary Health Hat Day for Mental Health Research

Our club is celebrating ARH Hat Day (night) at our meeting on 21 May so please come along wearing your favourite hat with a valuable (well, eatable!) prize to be won by the best hat as adjudicated by the judging panel (me).

Our club is making a donation to ARH. So drag that dusty musty crusty trusty hat out of the wardrobe and come and show it off.

Bob Williams

### **HAT DAY (BOX HILL)**

The Rotary Club of Box Hill is conducting the first Victorian-based Australia Rotary Health "HAT DAY" this Friday 18 May, 2012 at the Décor Stone display rooms, 84-90 Highbury Road Burwood, between 10am and 4 pm. One of the highlights of the day will be the opportunity for visitors to win a 'TRADIE FOR ½ DAY'. Whilst enjoying a champers and nibbles, visitors will be able to inspect the new range of Turkish Travertine prior to its release by Décor Stone next month and also be given a 20% voucher to be used to purchase DécoR Stone products at any of the company's 380 Resellers Australia wide.

We are still looking for support from fellow Rotarians in 3 ways.

1. The donation of goods for auction prizes.
2. Donation of TRADIES ½ DAY prize – any service or trade can be offered, to date we have a Masseur, Carpenter, IT Support, Electrician, Business Coach, Social Media but we would like a lot more.
3. Contact friends and arrange to come along wearing a fun hat and get into the spirit of the day whilst supporting Australian Rotary Health Research work into Mental Health.

All expenditure involved in the promoting, catering and other costs for this HAT DAY are being covered by Décor Stone.

### **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                                      | <b>18</b>          | -      |

### **QUOTES OF THE WEEK**

"If ants are such busy creatures, how come they always find time to go to picnics?"

Stan Harper

### **A BRAIN TEASER**

Only 5% of university graduates managed to solve this puzzle. The puzzle is as follows:

The word has seven letters

"It" (the word) precedes God

"It" is greater than God

"It" has more evil than the Devil

All poor people have it

Wealthy people need it

If you eat "it", you will die

What is "it"?

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

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 18 May 2012 | District - Presidents and Assistant Governors Meeting             |
| 21 May 2012 | Club meeting – Ford Davis and Graham Taylor Apprenticeship Awards |
| 25 May 2012 | District - Rotary Program of Enrichment camp                      |
| 27 May 2012 | <b>District Assembly</b>  |
| 28 May 2012 | Club meeting  |
| 1 June 2012 | June is Rotary Fellowships Month                                  |
| 4 June 2012 | Club meeting and Board Meeting                                    |
| 9 June 2012 | Blackburn Craft Market  |


## THE SUPERMARKET TROLLEY

I'm a supermarket trolley; I get pushed around each day,  
Laden with provisions, and for that I get no pay,  
I'm left out in the car park in rain and scorching sun,  
Mine is an occupation that is not a lot of fun.

Occasionally I get fed up with my monotonous round,  
And it's then that I determine to be contrary, and I've found  
That by pointing two wheels east and the others pointing west,  
I can take some flexi-time and have a little rest.

The shoppers push and shove me; they sometimes curse and swear,  
But I simply shake with laughter and won't go "here" or "there".  
When trolleys seem peculiar, have some pity shopping folk,  
It's not that we are really bad; it's just our little joke!

Keeping  
Safe &  
Mobile



FREE  
Older Driver  
Seminar

Support for older drivers, their family and friends.

Hear driving educators and occupational therapists discuss important health information and provide advice on individual driving and mobility issues for older drivers.

Everyone is welcome. So if you're interested in finding out information for your own mobility needs or those of a friend or family member, this seminar will be of value to you.

The seminar runs for 2 hours with a 20 minute break for complimentary light refreshments.

Get all the facts on:

- Safe driving strategies
- Road Rules
- Vehicle safety
- Health and mobility issues
- Driver assessments
- Using alternative transport
- Planning your future mobility needs.
- Local council services

No tests are involved.

You are invited to a FREE seminar — Everyone Welcome

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Call **9262 6369**

10.00am — 12.00pm  
Monday 4 June 2012  
Whitehorse Centre  
rear 379 Whitehorse Road Nunawading

\*We want older drivers to drive safely for as long as they can\*





This is a RoadSafe initiative, supported by Municipal Council, RACV's Years Ahead and TAC's Community Mobility programs.

## ABCD: ART BUILDING CHILDREN'S DREAMS FUND RAISING DINNER



**ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams (Australia) Inc.**  
A project of the Rotary Club of Templestowe  
**Gala Dinner for the Lavena Primary School Project, Tavuni Island, Fiji**



Live entertainment includes singers, dancers, African Drums and the Emma Wall Band playing the new ABCDreams theme song...!

Excellent 3-course dinner with alternate choice of entrée, main and sweet including tea and coffee to follow.





I want to be a nurse - Thanks to ABCD I can go to school and make it possible!

100% of your donations will go to the school through the Rotary Club of Tavuni - and all donations are fully tax deductible

**DATE:** 1 June 2012  
**TIME:** 6.15 for 6.45pm  
**PLACE:** Monte Carlo Receptions  
5-9 Mitchell Street, Doncaster East

**Tickets \$55 per head**  
Book on-line at [www.trybooking.com/BJXJ](http://www.trybooking.com/BJXJ)  
Or call Graham on 0418 416 616

**PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION**  
ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams  
Rotary Club of Templestowe  
Deakin University Global Citizenship Program  
Rotary Club of Tavuni  
Lavena Primary School  
...and the village chief has donated the land!

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