



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

4 June	11 June	18 June
Club Forum and Board Meeting (for outgoing and incoming Boards) Chair Doug Berwick Thanks & Meeting Report -- Club Member Talk --	Club meeting cancelled - Queen's Birthday	Committee meetings and home hosting Ray Smith -- John Donaghey

DUTY ROSTER

JUNE	
Cashier	Gary Baltissen
Recorder	Chris Tuck
Greeter	Bob Williams
Emergency	Ray Smith

ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY** on 9878 4891 or 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



- 4 June - Birthday - Bob Laslett
- 5 June - Membership Anniversary - Ron Brooks
- 6 June - Wedding Anniversary - Barbara and Bob Williams

DOUG'S DEADLINE

Our meeting last Monday was the Ford Davis and Graham Taylor Awards Night which, to my mind, is one of the highlight nights in our Rotary calendar. Thank you to the members and partners who supported the night and to Margaret Taylor for coming along to present the award dedicated to Graham's memory. Sadly, representatives from the Davis family could not be present on the night but John McPhee provided background to Ford's history and association with the Club.

Our thanks also to the award winners and their teachers who participated in the night – Apprentice Ian Marshall and teacher Richard McGibbony from Automotive; Apprentice Tim Woods and teacher Tim Hazelwood from Carpentry; Apprentice Tom Downs and teacher Max Skinner from Electrical and Refrigeration. The teachers provided an informative picture of what each course teaches and an insight into why each student was chosen. They also shared the challenges faced by educators in an ever-changing world. A great night.

Ron Brooks, fresh from his bike riding in Europe (think Giro Italia) reminded us that Friday 1 June is our Cinema night. Please consider joining us at the Melba Café in Forest Hill Chase for a very tasty meal at a very reasonable price and then enjoy a movie (only if there is something that appeals). It's a good opportunity for fellowship (as the regulars will attest) and to do something different. Hope to see you on Friday.

Club Forum – our meeting next week will be a Club Forum and I hope that every member who is able to will come along. It is an opportunity for you to share your thoughts on what the Club has been doing, our future direction and where you see room for improvement. Our President Elect, Bob Laslett, will be outlining his plans for the coming Rotary year and one or two directors will also be sharing their thoughts on possible projects. Please give some thought on how the Club has performed this year, the meeting and Committee format and the speakers that have been invited to address us. Your input helps to keep our Club strong.

Enjoy your week in Rotary.

Doug Berwick
President

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The Ford Davis and Graham Taylor Apprenticeship Awards



The Apprentices with their award certificates and instructors. Left to right: Apprentice Tom Downs from Refrigeration and his instructor Max Skinner. Apprentice Tim Woods from Carpentry and Tim Hazelwood. Apprentice Ian Marshall from Automotive and Richard McGibbony.

FORD DAVIS ENDEAVOUR AWARD GOLF DAY PRIZE

The Rotary Club of Waverley won the Ford Davis Golf Day prize at the District 9810 Conference Golf Day. The club has selected Swags for the Homeless as the charity to which the prize should be paid. We have forwarded a cheque for \$500 to Swags in the name of the Waverley Club.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

We have been contacted by a young man who is considering apply to be a member of the Group Study Exchange team to go to Malaysia later this year.

His application is being considered and further advice will be provided if it proceeds.

ROTARY IN ACTION – A GREAT ROMAC STORY

This brings things into perspective. A report from one of the people assisting Rotarian Alan Samuel.



"On Friday 18 May 2012 I had the joy of spending time with two most beautiful families.

The first, Diane and Alan Samuel who picked me up from home and took me to Monash Medical Centre. They are Rotarians from Glen Eira Rotary are working with ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) and are in charge of co-coordinating the treatment and care of NI Vanuatians, Mepline Terry and her beautiful four year old daughter Failyne at the Monash Medical Centre.

Alan and Dianne have gone the extra mile in their care and love of Mepline & Failyne. From buying clothes, toys, food – setting up her room at Ronald McDonald House to showing how the washing machine, dishwasher & microwave worked to storing their food items in their shelf space in the fridge and the cupboard and making them feel at home.

These two beautiful people who in their life have helped many – deserted and mistreated wives and children getting them into safe houses and supporting them, and helping people to feel safer and treated with love, and helping children in schools, and a host more.

Mepline Terry, a gorgeous mother, who has a deep, abiding and fulfilling faith, who knows that Papa God above will look after her and her beautiful outgoing and joyful child Failyne. Mepline is a kindergarten teacher, and plays the Ukulele and sings – some faith songs from her SDA church and some pop songs and has a smile that warms your heart.

Failyne is one of the most intelligent and beautiful, outgoing and loving children I have ever met. She waves and says hello and blows kisses to anyone, regardless of their color (she sees only people – says her mother) and regardless of their mood.

I've watched as those in a somber mood have eyes that suddenly light up when this beautiful child waves, says hello or kisses the backs of their hand.

Walking behind her whilst going to the Starlight Room to also see the Smile Doctors was a humbling experience and Dianne and I felt as if we were following Royalty as we processed through the corridors of Monash Medical Centre, as Failyne blew kisses of love.

Everyone is touched and in awe of this pint sized angel.

Although she has substantial hydrocephalus – where her head is enlarged due to all the fluid buildup – abnormal large amount of CSF (cerebral spinal fluid) – in the ventricles of the brain.

Her brain has been forced into the frontal lobe down behind the nose and under the eyes – forcing her nasal septum to widen and pushing the eye orbits apart.

People only see the joy and love flowing from this child and not her damaged face.

Without ROMAC – who do such wonderful work and help so many children from overseas – (Please look at the ROMAC website) Failyne's life would be cut short very quickly with Meningitis.

We also thank the 'The Vanuatu Prevention of Blindness Project' Team who were testing Mepline, the mother's eyes, in Louganville, Santo, Vanuatu and noticed that her daughter Failyne had a problem. They rang Don MacRaid and his wife Meg in Vila, John is the project coordinator for the team. Don then contacted ROMAC – who then went into action – and the rest is history.

I watched Failyne run up to a sad looking lady on oxygen who was having difficulty getting into a wheelchair, and saw her kiss the back of her hand. The change was instantaneous. The lady sat down – looked at this tiny "pocket" of joy – smiles all over her face and bent down to Failyne, who gently kissed her on the cheek.

The lady's family, their mood lightened, their hearts gladdened, smiled and waved as we slowly went down the corridor.

I was in the company of Angels today- ageless and beautiful and so giving, and one tiny bundle of love.

Best wishes"

Barbi Everitt

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	-

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

1 June 2012	June is Rotary Fellowships Month
4 June 2012	Club Forum and Board meeting
9 June 2012	Blackburn Craft Market
10 June 2012	Whitehorse Farmers' Market
11 June 2012	Club meeting cancelled - Queen's Birthday
18 June 2012	Club meeting
25 June 2012	Club meeting
30 June 2012	District Governor's Changeover
2 July 2012	Club meeting
9 July 2012	Club meeting & Changeover Night

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