





# 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**



### 9 July - Forest Hill Changeover Night

Come along and enjoy the night as we recognise the achievements of 2011-12 under Doug Berwick's Presidency and we look forward to 2012-13 under President Bob Laslett

	16 July Committee meetings and Board meeting	23 July Speaker to be arranged
Chair	Bill Marsh	Stuart Williams
Thanks & Meeting Report	Ray Smith (report only)	Chris Tuck
Club Member Talk		Davis Barrida
-	Ron Brooks	Doug Berwick

#### **DUTY ROSTER**

	JULY
Cashier	Ron Brooks
Recorder	Bill Marsh
Greeter	Warwick Stott
Emergency	Graham Sharman

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by <u>10.00 am MONDAY</u>** on 9878 4891 or <a href="mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au">rcssmith@optusnet.com.au</a> Any cancellation after 10.00 am should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

#### **CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS WEEK**



14 July - Club membership anniversary - Gary Baltissen

#### **CHANGEOVER NIGHT**

Last Saturday night we had the District 9810 Changeover Night when District Governor Juliet Riseley passed the reins to District Governor 2012-13 Brian Martin during an excellent evening at the Box Hill Town Hall.

This week it is our club's turn as President 2011-12, Doug Berwick, passes the reins to President 2012-13, Bob Laslett, during our Changeover Night at Bucatini Restaurant. We have a number of very special quests coming so it will be an exciting night.

We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **LAST WEEK'S MEETING**

Sergeant Stuart Williams opened the meeting in the usual fashion and passed the banner to the chairman John McPhee. Reports consisted of information about the Farmers' Market roster, the attendance next week at our changeover night when we should have over 50 in attendance and a reminder about the film night. Our guest speaker (PP Robert Leach) on behalf of the Rotary Foundation then made a presentation for a recent donation by Bob Neilson for a RAWCS project of Water for the Hungry Mouths. It was gratefully accepted by the club on behalf of Bob. Sergeant Stuart then extracted about \$31.85 from the members.

Our guest speaker Robert then donned his other role for the evening and gave a very informative presentation on the Australian Rotary Health's Indigenous Health Scholarships, which provide both financial and personal assistance to students. The project was started in 1999 by Geoff Bailey from the Rotary Club of Mitcham, South Australia when they awarded two scholarships, and combines the financial resources of Rotary Clubs, private companies and trusts and federal and state governments.

In 2003 there were 23 scholarships awarded increasing over the years to 82 in 2012, and from these scholars there were 4 graduates in 2003 increasing to 22 in 2011. The students may be studying to be doctors, nurses, podiatrists or other allied health professions, but they are not awarded a scholarship until they have completed their first year successfully. An example is Jessica Connell who was originally living in Mildura then moved to Balranald and had always wanted to be a nurse. She graduated in Melbourne and then some time later commenced a medical degree course.

For all successful recipients the scholarship is for \$5000 half of which is contributed by the Rotary Club or other private benefactor and the other half by the Government bodies. The aim is to endeavour to improve the health of the indigenous communities with the scholars after graduation going back to their communities. Scholarships are awarded in April after interviews earlier in the year, and the Rotary Club keeps in touch with the student on a similar basis to the Youth Exchange program. A very worthwhile program with an excellent presentation providing us with all the facts.

The meeting was closed early by Chairman John in very cold weather.

#### **BEDS FOR DONATIONS IN KIND**

Donations in Kind (DIK) is Rotary program through which goods unwanted in Australia are collected and transported to overseas countries where they are invaluable!

A simple example – our club collects used reading spectacles that are no longer required because they have been replaced by new spectacles. Instead of throwing them in the bin, we collect them and through DIK we send them to Vanuatu where they are given free of cost to local people who could not otherwise afford to purchase them. The result is people who could not read can now read!

This same process is used to send clothing, stationery for schools, equipment for hospitals, sporting goods, etc to overseas communities that otherwise could not afford them.

Recently Louise Wilkinson, Mellor Unit Redevelopment Project Officer for the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre, contacted Gary Baltissen about fifteen foot-operated hospital beds that were surplus to needs. The Rotary network swung into action with Gary contacting John McPhee who then passed the information to the DIK Store at Footscray. The end result – the beds have been collected by DIK and will now go to an overseas hospital free of cost.

A major issue for DIK is the cost of freighting the equipment to overseas countries. Rotary clubs and individuals assist by donating money to fund the storage and freight costs but more money is needed if we are to help as many people as possible.

#### WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET ROSTER



The roster for next Sunday is

7am to 9am Chris Tuck, Ron and Robbie Brooks, Stuart Williams and John Donaghey

9am to 11am Warwick and Chris Stott, Grant Tomietto, David Bremner and Bill Marsh

11am to 1pm John and Marg McPhee, Graham Sharman, Glenys Grant and Bob Williams

#### **BOX HILL ART SHOW**



The Rotary Club of Box Hill's Art Show is on again from 5-8 July at the Box Hill Town Hall.

Many well and lesser known but collectable artists will be displayed and there is the opportunity to purchase just what you need for the wall in the lounge!

#### 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	-

#### **QUOTATIONS**

I always turn to the sports section first. The sports page records people's accomplishments; the front page has nothing but man's failures.

Earl Warren

We didn't lose the game; we just ran out of time.

Vince Lombardi

I cannot for the life of me see why the umpires, the only two people on a cricket field who are not going to get grass stains on their knees, are the only two people allowed to wear dark trousers.

Katharine Whitehorn

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

7/07/2012	Youth Exchange - Inbound students return home
9/07/2012	RYLA camp at Myrnong 9-14/7
8/07/2012	Whitehorse Farmers Market – Forest Hill Egg and Bacon Stall
9/07/2012	Forest Hill Changeover Night
14/07/2012	Blackburn Craft Market
14/07/2012	Youth Exchange Outbound student interviews
21/07/2012	National Rotary Success Conference - Canberra - 21-22/7
22/07/2012	National Youth Science Forum - club nominations close
24/07/2012	GSE Welcome Home Dinner
26/07/2012	District Administration meeting



2012 CHARITY CONCERT 2pm; SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER MELBOURNE TOWN HALL



CONDUCTOR: WARWICK STENGARDS

SOLOIST: NATSUKO YOSHIMOTO

To book tickets and for more information visit www.ado.net.au or www.e-ticket.com.au



All proceeds go to Australian Rotary Health







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