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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	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 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



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 guests 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

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 STENGÅRDS

SOLOIST : NATSUKO YOSHIMOTO

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 visit www.ado.net.au or www.e-ticket.com.au



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