



FOREST HILL FLYER 2012-2013

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

Date	Event	Chair	Thanker and Meeting Report	Member Talk on an aspect of peace
16 July	Committee meetings and Board Meeting	Bob Williams	Ray Smith report only	Ron Brooks
23 July	Old blokes and push bikes Tom Saunders	Stuart Williams	Chris Tuck	Doug Berwick
30 July	Abbreviated meeting and dinner with partners in Bucatini	Glenys Grant	John McPhee report only	--

DUTY ROSTER

	July
Cashier	Ron Brooks
Recorder	Bill Marsh
Greeter	Gary Baltissen
Emergency	Graham Sharman

CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS WEEK



Polio is 'this close' to gone!!

BOB'S BELLBIRD BLOG

Welcome to another Rotary year.

What a great turn-up to celebrate Doug's team's success. A big thankyou to the 3Rs (Ron, Ray and r-David) for making it such an enjoyable night. Thanks too to all who came - District representatives Brian and Sue and Ken and Angela; Peter, Pam and Roger Davis; the 3Js (fellow Presidents Joe, Jenny and Judith) and Melissa and Roger; the Laslett clan; our honorary members and Friends of Rotary; our partners and ourselves. Our Sergeants had a field day and raised over \$170 for our Foundation.

It's great to report \$6008 from Sunday's market - this included \$599 from our hard-working egg-smashing team.

Our best wishes go to Robin Kim who has been sponsored by us to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) camp at Myrniong this week. We will hear about the experience later in the year. Our club's contribution to the Art Building Children's Dreams (ABCD) project has been featured in the Fiji Times - see later. We wish those involved in Youth Exchange interviews this weekend every success.

This week we have our first committee and board meetings as we explore the challenge of translating our focus on Peace at the local level. This will be the focus of our club talks as our members relate stories from their experiences, their reading or their involvement with peace at individual, local, or overseas locations.

Future events that we should monitor and become involved with (if we can) are:

- Texas GSE Welcome Home Dinner- 24 July- Wheelers Hill International-\$35 - numbers by MONDAY 16 JULY
- D9810 Cluster Foundation Road show - 16 August - Dorset Gardens Hotel -\$28-numbers by Monday 13 August. We were involved with these Foundation events last year so let's give them our full support
- Charter meeting of the Rotary eclub of Greater Melbourne - 19 August - \$20 - Sky High Restaurant - numbers by 10 August. The charter of a new club is always exciting

Let us begin with enthusiasm our march along Tanaka-san's road to Peace through Service.

President Bob

LAST WEEK'S MEETING



Changeover night was a great success, the entertainment was fantastic - at least Ron Brooks and I thought it was!

One of the highlights was the presentation by President Doug Berwick to Heather Nielson of an Australian Rotary Health Gold Companion Certificate for Bob Nielson. The certificate recognises the financial support given to ARH by Bob and Heather over many years. This is a significant award presented by a wonderful organisation that has done so much to promote research into the health of Australians. Congratulations to Heather and Bob.

President Bob Laslett was inducted as our leader for 2012-13. In his address, Bob spoke of the World President's theme of Peace through Service and how our club can contribute to that objective through the work we do in the community.

Bob also presented his Board for 2012-13 and we wish them every success for the year ahead.





President Doug also presented well deserved Paul Harris Fellow awards to Glenys Grant and Gary Baltissen in recognition of their excellent efforts as club service directors for 2011-12. Glenys and Gary led their respective committee's with infectious enthusiasm thereby enabling the club to achieve an ambitious program that built safer, better educated and healthier communities here and overseas.

Congratulations to Glenys and Gary!

Our Sergeants, Stuart Williams for 2011-12 and Stan Harper 2012-13 then imposed fines to the value of \$173.45 which will go to the Rotary Foundation to support the wonderful work it does around the world. Many thanks to our visitors for also contributing to the fines.

A certificate of meritorious service was presented to Geoff Hale to mark his service to the club as auditor over the last 20 odd years.

Our going President Doug presented a summary of the club's achievements over the past twelve months and thanked the Board and members for their support and efforts. Doug also thanked the Davis and Harper families for their on-going financial support that enables the club to recognise the efforts of young people in their educational and vocational pursuits and to fund valuable community support projects.

WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET



Forest Hill staffed the Egg and Bacon stall at the farmers' market on 8 July and produced a profit of \$600 as well as having a great fellowship time. Many thanks to Chris Tuck, Ron and Robbie Brooks, Stuart Williams, John Donaghey, Warwick and Chris Stott, Grant Tomietto, David Bremner, Judy Marsh, John and Marg McPhee, Graham Sharman, Glenys Grant and Bob Williams.

Bill Marsh would have been there but for something he ate!

The weather was cool but sunny and we had 63 stallholders and lots of customers which resulted in a very successful market.

PS – Glenys' dog also put in an appearance – he brought Rob with him!

ROTARY CLUBS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN KIDS EDUCATION

Serafina Silaitoga
Tuesday, July 10, 2012

ROTARY clubs of Australia and New Zealand have played a vital role in children's education in Cakaudrove province, helping establish and improve the condition of nine pre-schools.

The assistance from various clubs in the two countries that have worked closely with the Taveuni Rotary Club has seen newly-built pre-schools, new dormitories for boarding students, school fees paid up, teachers quarters built and school building condition improved.

Last week, pre-school students of Lavena Parrot Fish Kindergarten was given a \$35,000 new kindergarten with tiled floors, toilet blocks inside the classroom, murals on exterior walls and bright paintings in the room.

Taveuni Rotary Club president Geoff Amos said the \$35,000 included construction, teacher-training program, school fees and other school needs.

"We funded the pre-school teachers' educational expenses at teacher-training institutions and we chose Lavena because of its remoteness and the community commitment to education," Mr Amos said.

He said volunteers from the Deakin University Global Citizenship Program assisted locals with the painting and construction of the kindergarten.

He said pre-school education was very important for every child and the Taveuni Rotary Club would continue to help the community improve pre-school education.

The donors also gave desks, chairs, library books, educational toys and sports equipment to the new kindergarten.

The project has been funded by Art Building Children's Dreams, Rotary Clubs of Templestowe, Manningham, Box Hill, Warrandyte-Donvale, Boronia, Forest Hill, Doncaster, Chelsea and Taveuni Island, Spirit of Sharing, Sports Aid and Development Fund and Balwyn High School Interact Club.

Head teacher Viliame Kabokoro said, "I know of no other organisation that can bring so many together, create, build and complete a new beautiful pre-school in two weeks — only Taveuni Rotary can do this."

The above report is from the Fiji Times Online Service

In summary, between the Rotary Clubs, we have sponsored 44 children at the Primary School to attend school for a year and we have built the pre-school. We have also applied for a matching grant to help with the fit-out of the pre-school and to complete the playground. And thanks to RAWCS, everyone who was eligible got a tax deduction on their contribution.

This is a wonderful example of partnerships in action - which may well be the way of the future for successful Rotary projects?

Ken Wall, ABC Dreams

VALE

Our Honorary Member, Frank Fricke, died following a long illness. Frank was a member for ten years and served as Treasurer 1992-93, Sergeant 1997-98 and Program Chair 1998-99. Our deepest sympathy goes to Carol and the family. A service of thanksgiving will be held at East Doncaster Baptist Church this Thursday 12 July at 2 pm.

Our sympathy also goes to Barbara Williams whose brother died last week end.

FOREST HILL FELLOWSHIP CINEMA NIGHT REPORT

Last Friday was our monthly visit to the cinema at Forest Hill Chase. We ate in the Food Hall beforehand. Three films were chosen by our cinema goers. I didn't ask Chris Tuck how "Ted" was but they didn't ask for their money back. "Snow White and the Huntsman" got a good report card from Bill & Judy Marsh (Robbie & I saw it last week and thought it fantastic). Robbie & I went to "The Amazing Spiderman". It was really good - a love interest, action, a good story line and the "goodies" won in the end. When was the last time the audience clapped at the end of a film - they did on Friday night. Was the butterscotch choc top better than the boysenberry one? Come next month and try them yourself. See you on Fri 3rd Aug.

BOARD FOR 2012 – 2013

President:	Bob Laslett	New Generations:	John McPhee
Secretary:	Bill Marsh	International/Foundation:	Glenys Grant
Treasurer:	Warwick Stott	Membership:	Ron Brooks
President Elect:	Chris Tuck	Vice President:	Stuart Williams
Community/Voc:	Ray Smith	Immediate Past President:	Doug Berwick

CLUB COMMITTEES FOR 2012-2013

Membership, Recruitment & Fellowship

Chair: Ron Brooks

Members: Chris Tuck, Graham Sharman, David Bremner & Doug Berwick

Foundation and International

Chair: Glenys Grant

Members: Stuart Williams, Bob Neilson and Warwick Stott

Community and Vocational

Chair: Ray Smith

Members: Bob Williams, Bill Marsh and Geoff Hale

New Generations

Chair: John McPhee

Members: Stan Harper, John Donaghey and Gary Baltissen

Additional Roles

Sergeant: Stan Harper

Rotary Info/Flyer Editor: David Bremner

Attendance/ Club Protection: Ray Smith

Program: Bob Williams

PR/Marketing: Doug Berwick

On to Conference: Bob Laslett

Website Maintenance: David Bremner

The first Board and Committee meetings for 2012-13 will be on 16 July.

CLUB DONATION

Following on from a recent talk to the club by Ern Dawes and Frank Evans on the Timor Leste food storage and water drilling projects, the club has donated \$500 to fund the building and installation of some food storage containers. In addition, one of our members has privately donated funds that will be used to drill two wells for villages as part of the Water for Hungry Months Rotary project.

Another example of where we can make a difference in the lives of others!

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

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	-

Operation Bangladesh

Blackburn man helps thousands of children born with a cleft palate. By Kristian Silva

Most Australian children born with cleft lips and palates are operated on at an early age to correct the facial disfigurement. But for children in Bangladesh – one of the world's poorest countries – help is hard to find.

Enter Blackburn resident Michael Kirk and the non-profit Operation Cleft, which has already helped more than 7000 children. The project is run by the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central.

Kirk, chairman and co-founder of Operation Cleft, says the charity raises about \$250,000 each year to pay for clinics in Bangladeshi villages.

"There are 160 million people in the country but only 10 plastic surgeons," Kirk says. "These children are quite disfigured and their chances of going anywhere in the world are very poor."

"Bangladesh is an amazing country. The people are very nice – they're just ordinary people who've had the

misfortune to have a child with a cleft palate."

Bangladesh's population is largely uneducated and the impact of cleft palates is immense. Disfigured children are often disowned and their mothers exiled by husbands who believe their wives have been unfaithful. Others believe the condition is caused by women preparing fish during a lunar eclipse.

In Australia, Operation Cleft volunteers put in tireless hours to co-ordinate their program in Bangladesh and to raise about \$250 for each operation. The group has come a long way since it was founded in 2005, but Kirk admits the program cannot grow unless more volunteers and surgeons come on board.

"For a single club like ours, this is about as large as it should go," Kirk says. "You can only work to the number of surgeons that we have – we don't want to overstretch them. But I would like to see

greater development of speech therapy."

Kirk's work with Operation Cleft, as well as more than three decades of contributions to Australia's healthcare industry, earned him a medal of the Order of Australia last month.

He was Box Hill Hospital's chief executive officer from 1979 to 1990 and has held senior executive roles at hospitals in Wangaratta, Wonthaggi and Ballarat. He has served a stint as president of the Box Hill Central Rotary Club and was part of the original group that set up Whitehorse's Relay for Life and the Whitehorse farmers' market.

"I've enjoyed working for the community and I believe that if you've got skills and have some good fortune, you've got to give back. I've been fortunate enough to get a lot back from society too."

Details: visit operationcleft.org.au.

INTERESTING THOUGHTS

What am I?

People are hired to get rid of me

I'm often hiding under your bed

In time, I'll always return, you see

Bite me and you are surely dead

Answer, next week.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

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
27/07/2012	Rotary Down Under briefing weekend for DG Elects
31/07/2012	Welcome - inbound youth exchange students
10/08/2012	AG Meeting with Presidents at Wheelers Hill 5.30pm
11/08/2012	NYSF applicant interviews
12/08/2012	Youth Exchange - outbound student orientation
16/08/2012	Joint Cluster Foundation Seminar - North and East

"WELCOME BACK DINNER"

The welcome back dinner for the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team recently returned from D5790 Texas USA will be held on Tuesday 24 July, 2012 at the Wheelers Hill International, 242 Jells Road, Wheelers Hill from 7.00-9.30pm. The 2 course dinner will cost \$35.00 per head and group club bookings are requested. Bookings and club cheques should be forwarded to Norm Casey, Rotary Club of Healesville, P.O. Box 72 Healesville 3777.

The Team consists of:-

Team Leader Chris Potter- R.C. Doncaster

Team members Liz Tofelliti- R.C. Box Hill (sponsor)

Susan Burnes- R.C. Manningham (sponsor)

Kate Siebert ne Powne - R.C. Healesville (sponsor)

Andrew Boast - R.C. Moorleigh Moorabbin (sponsor)

They will share their experiences and their personal gains with us and describe their role as ambassadors for our Rotary District, RI and Australia.

Rotary eClub of Greater Melbourne Charter Event – Sunday, 19th August, 2012



Dear Club Presidents,

President Gael and the Charter Members of the Rotary eClub of Greater Melbourne, have pleasure in inviting you and other members of your Club to our Charter Event.

This will be 'High Tea' and held at the Sky High Restaurant, 26 Observatory Rd Mount Dandenong on Sunday 19 August from 3.30 to 5.00pm. The cost is \$20 per person - \$10 each for children 5-12 years old.

In addition, there is a \$5 cost per car to enter the park, however, as you are attending an event you will receive a voucher for free entry next time you visit the park.

Please could you complete and return the booking form by no later than Friday, 10th August, 2012.

Kind regards
Philip Hedley
Secretary
Rotary eClub of Greater Melbourne

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