

# 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

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3 September	Jeannette Moody CEO Eastern Palliative Care	Graham Sharman	Gary Baltissen	of peace Glenys Grant
10 September	DG's Visit/Club Birthday	Ray Smith	Bob Laslett	Bob Williams
17 September	Committees Board	John Donaghey	Chris Tuck	Graham Sharman

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS



4 September Birthday - Margaret McPhee

### **DUTY ROSTER**

	September
Cashier	Stuart Williams
Recorder	Gary Baltissen
Greeter	Bill Marsh
Emergency	Doug Berwick

#### **ATTENDANCE**

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

#### **BOB'S BELLBIRD BLOG**

Some good news –it was great to have the 3Gs (or does that mean our technology) back. Gazza, Glenys and Geoff graced us with their presence. We wished Ron bon voyage as he and Robbie go to North America and welcomed back Stewie from his overseas sojourn.

Congratulations are due to Gary and Bill on receiving their Centurion Certificates and contributing to the Rotary Foundation. Felicitations too to Sneya Arya who has been successful in winning a place in the New Zealand version of NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) and will be part sponsored by our club.

#### Coming up

- DG's visit and Club Birthday- September 10- Come and enjoy the Grigsbey 4. Friends and honorary members most welcome. Partners are invited to meet with Sue Martin and Judy for an informal chat by the fire at 5.15 at Bucatinis.
- Blackburn and Whitehorse Farmers Markets
- Improving Club Communications seminar –September 14-details from me
- Whitehorse Spring Festival-Sunday 21 October- let's support Doug in this important venture
- District Conference 15-17 March 2013 –Wangaratta- 8 rooms booked at Advance Motel-more details later- early bird registrations by October 31

Next week our speaker is the CEO of Eastern Palliative Care Jeannette Moody. Please support her as she tells us about this important area in our community.

How does your garden of Peace through Service grow?.

President Bob Laslett

#### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

#### **Meeting Report 27 August**

Chris Tuck was chairman and it was great to welcome Bev Baltissen and our guest speaker John Benger from the Rotary Club of Richmond.

Information from the reports:

Ray reported on a trip to the Davis property in Leongatha. Stan, Norm, Geoff and Ray had a great day. Ray even drove the restored Fordson tractor.

The DG visit will be on Sept 10

A GSE team from Malaysia will be visiting our cluster, the week commencing March 5, 2013 The next Peridot Theatre show is on Friday 16 November. "Me and Jezebel"

The Footy tipping is very close... Definitely in the running are Dana Roles, Kathy Donaghey, Bob Williams, Bob Laslett and the Bremner family. Good luck this week.

Sarg Stan raised \$45.60 for the Rotary Foundation.

Bill Marsh's Peace talk was held over.

Our guest speaker John Benger has just recently stepped down as Southern Region chairman of ROMAC. John gave us many individual patient stories and showed photos of patients before and after extensive procedures. He gave us insights into the challenges faced by ROMAC and the patients getting them to the operating table. He mentioned that the Royal Childrens Hospital will not accept our patients but that Monash Medical centre are prepared to do 10 operations per year. One recent case saw 22 plastic surgeons in one room planning the challenging operation. He mentioned the excellent service provided by Ronald McDonald House. John in his time as chairman managed to get good publicity for Rotary and its fantastic efforts. ROMAC truly is a life changing aroup.

President Bob closed the meeting just after 8pm.

Stuart Williams

#### **PEACE**

Warwick's story about the German city starting with K will appear at a later date. We wait with eager anticipation Bill Marsh's tale

#### ROTARY CLUBS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN KIDS EDUCATION

Ken Wall is preparing for his next trip to Fiji so is on leave from his honorary position as correspondent for the Flyer. The vehicle project for Fiji is outlined below.

The Rotary Club of Chelsea has a worthwhile project to raise \$20,000 for the Rotary Club of Taveuni, Fiji for the purchase of a 3-5year old Toyota Hilux. This vehicle would be used by Rotary volunteers who visit Taveuni and assist with the endless education projects undertaken by the Rotary Club of Taveuni. DG Brian is looking for a donation of \$300 to \$500 from every club towards this international project and hopes to signoff by the end of September. Vinaka.

The Board has asked the International committee to investigate.

#### **HOME HOSTING**

Home Hosting in October

On behalf of the Membership & Fellowship Committee I am arranging our first Home Hosting for the new Rotary year. To make this event a success we obviously need at least one, possibly two, members and their partners to offer to host the event. As with previous Home Hosting our partners will go to a home at 6:30 pm to have their entree/main course and members will join partners at the end of our normal meeting and have dessert/coffee. Food at the home hosting will be contributed by all partners and members will have their entree/main course at Bucatini. It is proposed to hold the event on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Please give this some thought between now and our next meeting as I will be asking for an indication if you are interested in continuing this activity. Hopefully, we will also have an offer of a home or two.

Doug Berwick Membership & Fellowship Committee

#### CONFERENCE

**Where** The District 9810 Conference in 2013 will be held at the magnificent <u>Wangaratta Performing Arts</u> <u>Centre</u>

When The conference runs from Friday 15th March to Sunday 17th March 2013.

**Speakers** will be revealed sequentially



Simon McKeon is a prominent investment banker and record breaking yachtsman, but it's his efforts to support multiple Australian and international charities which has earned him great admiration. While enjoying a successful corporate career, Simon decided he didn't want to put off serious engagement with the community sector until his most productive years were behind him.

MORE <a href="http://2013conference.9810rotary.org.au/registration/">http://2013conference.9810rotary.org.au/registration/</a>

#### FOREST HILL'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

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# **INTERESTING THOUGHTS**

Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."

— Albert Einstein

Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace."

— Albert Schweitzer

# **IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS**

09/2012	NEW GENERATIONS MONTH
03/09/2012	Club meeting
08/09/2012	Blackburn market
09/09/2012	Farmers market
10/09/2012	District Governor's Visit
14/09/2012	Improving club communications seminar
16/09/2012	Schwerkolt Cottage open day
17/09/2012	Club meeting
24/09/2012	Club meeting

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