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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

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Date	Event	Chair	Thanker and Meeting Report	Member Talk on an aspect of peace
24 September	Paul Stolz Evolve	Warwick Stott	Glenys Grant	Graham Sharman
1 October	Footy Presentations Williams Duo	John Donaghey	Bill Marsh	Gary Baltissen
8 October	Snera Arya Committees	John McPhee	Doug Berwick	Chris Tuck

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS



Stan Harper- Birthday-30 September

Chris Tuck- Birthday- 30 September

DUTY ROSTER

	September	October
Cashier	Stuart Williams	Graham Sharman
Recorder	Gary Baltissen	Warwick Stott
Greeter	Bill Marsh	Glenys Grant
Emergency	Doug Berwick	Chris Tuck

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

BOB'S BELLBIRD BLOG

Great to have Bill back after his "galling" experience. The nominating committee for our President 2014-2015 will meet shortly. Doug has homes for home hosting on October 8. Sergeant Stan raised \$26.95 for the Rotary Foundation.

Coming up

- Do we have a volunteer to look after the club's website? Ron has been volunteered –many thanks
- Grand Final Breakfast at Box Hill Golf Club courtesy RC Box Hill Central
- Whitehorse Spring Festival-Sunday 21 October- let's support Doug in this important venture
- "An Afternoon at the Proms", Sunday 11 November, 3pm- Monash Concert Band, Robert Blackwood Hall
- District Conference – 15-17 March 2013 –Wangaratta- 8 rooms booked at Advance Motel- more details later- early bird registrations by October 31. I would like to have our contingent sorted by then.

This week we learn more about how at risk youth are served by the Evolve organisation- come along and bring your friends.

President Bob Laslett

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

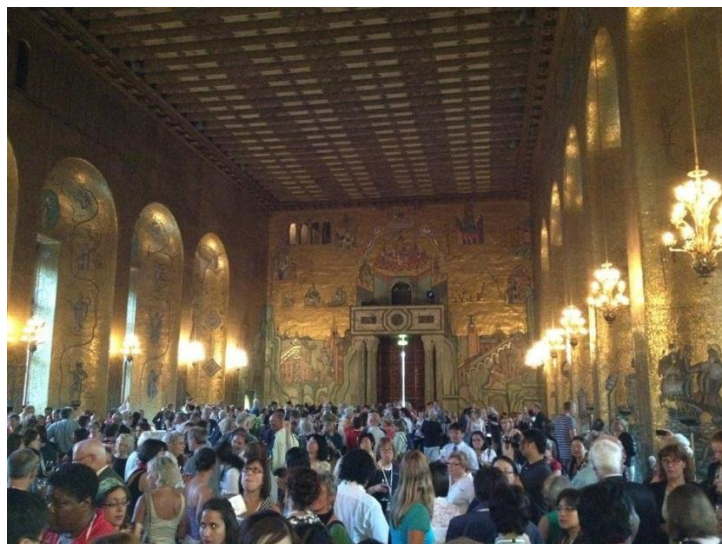
Meeting Report 17 September 2012

It was a much quieter night than the previous one. The President reported on the letter he had received from DG Brian commending the club for its service over many years and reminding us of our biggest challenge-finding new members. Bob thanked the club for its contribution to the visit, birthday celebrations and the various markets. What a pleasing result from our three markets! He sought volunteers to contribute to the forthcoming art exhibition at Wangaratta. If you know someone who could make a worthwhile contribution please tell them to contact Bob or Bill

It was great to hear from John that Paul Kusmanoff is through to the semifinals of the 4-Way Test Speech contest. They will take place on 17 October and we wish Paul well as he faces his next challenge. Ray reported that the Pride of Workmanship awards have been ordered. Glenys reported on acceptance of our offer to assist with the GSE visit.

Ray challenged us to delve further into the meaning of President Tanaka's Theme "Peace through Service". It certainly is a topic worth exploring. There was a buzz of activity as the committees got to work and prepared for the Board meeting to follow.

PEACE



Nobel Prizewinners Banquet Hall in Stockholm

Rotary member talk on Peace

World President Tanaka says "Peace through Service". What does this mean? When we hear "Peace" most people associate it with its opposite "War". Tolstoy wrote a book entitled "War and Peace".

But is he asking us to think further and deeper-even to the extent of the individual, i.e. "Peace of Mind". Will "Service" bring Peace to the "haves" who see the problems of the "have-nots" and the "have-nots" feel more peaceful because they have something. In the Christian churches the benediction often says "Peace be with you all".

Or does President Tanaka mean Service bring peace to areas where there is tension because of racial or religious differences.

Or is he putting emphasis on "Service".

In the past Rotary emphasis has been on international problems. In the Objects of Rotary it states "the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service".

For many years Rotary clubs have had projects promoting peaceful situations within their areas. The best one of these I have seen was at the Rotary Club of Banff. There the club presented an indigenous Chief dressed in head-to-toe full ceremonial head dress with an award for his efforts in ensuring peace in the local community.

Ray Smith

ROTARY CLUBS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN KIDS EDUCATION

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 sign off by the end of September. Vinaka.

The Board has agreed to support the project. The committee is also looking at an ABCD project this year.

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 have two offers 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 8th October.

Doug Berwick
Membership & Fellowship Committee

CONFERENCE

Where The District 9810 Conference in 2013 will be held at the magnificent [Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre](#)

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

Speakers will be revealed sequentially



Phillip Johnson is recognised as an Australian sustainable landscape pioneer in the residential and commercial sectors. He leads one of the most awarded firms in the industry, known for their natural pools, green walls and the creation of thriving habitats – centred on the use of indigenous and native plants, sustainable sourcing and construction practices and integrated water management. Phillip is proud of his team's achievements at the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show, having won the Ford Sustainability Award for the past two years, as well as Gold in the Show Garden category, and Best in Show in 2009. In 2013 Phillip will represent Australia at the centenary of the world's most prestigious horticultural event –the Chelsea International Flower Show.

MORE <http://2013conference.9810rotary.org.au/registration/>

FOREST HILL'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Current 17

Aim 20

HABITAT for HUMANITY FUNDING

Rotarians, friends and family are asked to note that Habitat has 2 **RESTORE** retail outlets. One is at 16 Pilgrim Court, Ringwood (9872 3330) and the other at 172 Canterbury Road Bayswater (9729 6889). Ringwood is open 9-5 Mon-Fri and Bayswater 10-5. They offer both NEW product (donated by manufacturers) and PRELOVED (donated by the general public). Approx 60% of stock is new.

With regular turnover/sales they will always have "*Something of Interest*" in their outlets for sale. Profits go to provide safe, decent and affordable housing to families in need.

INTERESTING THOUGHTS

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.

[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

A people free to choose will always choose peace.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Read more at http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/topics/topic_peace.html#ofgQhtX0J7E0svug.99

VOCATIONAL VISIT TO BMW DONCASTER 22ND OCTOBER 2012

Thanks to Stuart we have been able to organise a tour of the new BMW premises at 812-818 Doncaster Road, Doncaster as our meeting venue for the 22nd October 2012. Please mark this date in your diary and ask any past members and friends who may be interested in coming along.

We will tour all the premises including the showroom and service areas followed by a meal.

We will need to advise numbers a week or so beforehand so please let me know either personally or via the usual attendance folder which will pass around a couple of weeks beforehand.

Bob Williams

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

09/2012	<i>NEW GENERATIONS MONTH</i> District heats for Four-Way Test Speaking Competition
24/09/2012	Club meeting
26/09/2012	Grand Final Breakfast
27/09/2012	District Projects Funds Ltd meeting
10/2012	<i>VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH</i>
1/10/2012	Club meeting
5/10/2012	Social Media Seminar
8/10/2012	Club meeting /Home hosting
12/10/2012	GSE Farewell Dinner
15/10/2012	Club meeting/ Board
19/10/2012	International Seminar
20/10/2012	NYSF Orientation
21/10/2012	Whitehorse Spring Festival
22/10/2012	Vocational Visit

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