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|  | 2013-2014  Weekly Bulletin of the  Rotary Club of Forest Hill |  |
| Edition 44: 2 June 2014  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 $28.00  PO Box 116, Nunawading 3131  **Email**  [**tuck@netspace.net.au**](mailto:tuck@netspace.net.au) **Website** [**www.foresthillrotary.com**](http://www.foresthillrotary.com) | | |

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**Chris’s Corner**

At the meeting on Monday, Ray Smith and his team were recognized for the excellent Apprentice Awards Night held last week.

District Changeover Night is set for Saturday June 28 2014. See Bill Marsh in the next week or so if you would like to attend this event.

Prior to the meeting we had a short membership meeting. It was a pleasure to have Jenny Coburn at our meeting (and also the Rotary meeting that followed). The Membership Group will report to the Club in the next few weeks.

The email from Ron Brooks from Southern Germany was shared with the Club. It sure sounds a tough life that the Brooks are currently experiencing while they travel through Europe.

Ray Smith reported that this week he (and John McPhee) will take a load of Swags for the Homeless to Wesley Mission in Ringwood.

Glenys Grant reported that things are progressing well with the Art Competition (see below).

Do not forget to check out our website, [www.foresthillrotary.com](http://www.foresthillrotary.com) and send Ron Brooks any information and recommendations for the website.

Future Events.

* Film Night Friday June 6
* Whitehorse Farmers Market Sunday June 8
* Blackburn Market Saturday June 14
* Club Changeover Night Monday June 30

# Last Week’s Meeting

Our guest speaker for the evening was Graeme Chester who spoke on ROMAC.

ROMAC stands for Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children.

Of course our Club has had a long association with ROMAC but all the same it was great to have a reminder of the program and recent developments.

The mission of ROMAC is the medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life- saving and or dignity restoring surgery not assessable in their home country.

Children in need are bought to Australia for surgery for treatments such as heart surgery and tumour removal.

Since commencing in 1988 (by Barry Cooper RC Bendigo), some 400 patients have received treatment via ROMAC.

Some challenges ROMAC faces are finding and communicating with children from remote villages, lack of available hospital beds in Australia and insufficient funds.

There are about 100 children currently on the waiting list.

Over the years all of Melbourne’s major hospitals have supported ROMAC.

Next week a child is to receive heart surgery at Monash Medical Centre.

Graeme Chester throughout a challenge to all Club members to support ROMAC by being involved

on the committee, assisting children and families whilst in Australia and providing donations.

Personal donations greater than $2 are tax deductible.

All money donated goes entirely to the funding of patients.

The Sergeant raised $39.25

Chris Tuck

**Art Competition Forest Hill College**

The project is proceeding well with the following activities in the near future.

1. Photo-shoot at Forest Hill Secondary College June 25 2014.
2. Presentation of certificates and vouchers July 25 2014.
3. Book launch Whitehorse Council Library Monday August 18 2014 all welcome including partners.

**Entertainment Books**

We urgently need to sell 3 more Entertainment Books.  These wonderful books that offer thousands of discounts are great gifts.  Children and even grand Children could get hundreds of dollars’ worth of savings.  Only $65.  That money could be recouped with 3 outings.  Fast food, treats, movies, accommodation discounts, activities like mini golf, Puffing Billy ... hundreds of opportunities.  I have given my kids a book each this year.   Our club makes $13 on each book for club funds.  Please contact Warwick Stott, if you would like to purchase one.  I will be away for 3 weeks, but the new book does not start until 1 JUNE.

Stuart Williams

**Harvey World Travel Offer**

Harvey World Travel, Forest Hill Chase, offers to the Club $30 for any booking up to $10,000 and anything over $10,000 1% plus 10% insurance.

Thanks to Glory Britto for making this offer available to the Club.

**Committee Structure 2013-14**

**Foundation & International Chair Stuart Williams**

Members Graham Sharman, Ron Brooks (support on request)

**New Generations Chair Glenys Grant**

Members John McPhee, Warwick Stott, John Donaghey

**Community & Vocation Chair Ray Smith**

Members Bob Williams, Bob Laslett, Garry Baltissen

**Membership/PR/Marketing Chair Doug Berwick**

Members Bill Marsh, Stan Harper and Chris Tuck (support on request)

**Fellowship Chair Ron Brooks**

Member Chris Tuck

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| **Thought For The Week**  The following person has been active or honorary member of a Rotary Club.  John F. Kennedy, President USA (RC Hyannis, Mass.)  **From The Back Paddock.**  Last year the ATO collected $311 billion in total tax revenue including GST. But there is $17.7  billion in unpaid taxes of which $3 billion is overdue for over 2 years. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS Rotary International Convention, Sydney – June 1-4.  District Changeover Night Saturday June 28.  Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to the Editor at tuck@netspace.net.au by **5 pm Wednesday**  (in Microsoft Word format please).  Also if you do not wish to receive this flyer in the future please contact the Editor [tuck@netspace.net.au](mailto:tuck@netspace.net.au) |
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