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|  | 2014-2015  Weekly Bulletin  Rotary Club of Forest Hill |  |
| Number 6: 11th Aug 2014  Club address: PO Box 116, Nunawading 3131  **Website:** [**www.foresthillrotary.com**](http://www.foresthillrotary.com)  Meeting location: Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132  Meeting time: Monday 6.15 for 6.30 pm  **Facebook: ForestHill Rotary** | | |

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| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **CLUB PROGRAM** | | | | | | **Date** | **Event** | **Chair** | **Thanker & Meeting Report** |  | | **11th Aug**  **18th Aug**  **25th Aug** | **Eastern Suburbs Real Estate - Lachlan Williams**  **Bestchance child family care – Chris Thompson, Geraldine Ryan, Kevin Feeney (CEO)**  **Primary Schools speech contest** | **Stuart Williams**  **Glenys Grant** | **Gary Baltissen**  **Graham Sharman** |  |  THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS Aug 10th Jenny Tuck Birthday  Aug 10th Chris Tuck Wedding anniversary DUTY ROSTER  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **August** | **Sept** | | Cashier | Ron Brooks | John McPhee | | Recorder | Chris Tuck | Stuart Williams | | Greeter | Stuart Williams | Doug Berwick | | Emergency | Ray Smith | Bob Williams |  ATTENDANCE  |  | | --- | | **APOLOGY** – **IF A MEMBER IS NOT GOING TO COME TO THE MEETING or you intend bringing a guest**  **Please contact Ray Smith by** **10.00 am MONDAY** on9878 4891 or[rcssmith@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rcssmith@optusnet.com.au%20)  Any cancellation after 10.00 am should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268 | |

John McPhee will be absent from 14th July to 13th Aug

Chris Tuck will be absent from 23rd Aug to 25th Sept

**BILL’S** **BLURB**

This week saw a productive Cluster Presidents' Meeting on Friday at which commitment was given by all clubs to support each other where ever possible; to hold a Rotary Day in conjunction with the Whitehorse Farmers' Market and to combine resources on both a local and international project. A great starting point and now we need to work to put these ideas into practice. The Cluster is not going to be involved in the Whitehorse Spring Festival this year. Rather they are going to pursue involvement in the Whitehorse Volunteers Expo where they feel Rotary will get better exposure. On Thursday I will be attending the first Whitehorse Farmers' Market meeting for this Rotary year, while on Friday I will be attending the District Presidents' Meeting. We have our Blackburn Market and Farmers' Market this weekend so let's hope for good weather and large crowds as these two activities provide the bulk of the money that we spend on our local and international projects. All committees are well advanced on preparing their budgets and I hope these can be passed at our August Board meeting. Friday night a group, went to the movies at Forest Hill. Doug & Tracey Berwick and I joined them for dinner before they ventured off to be entertained. On Monday members enjoyed a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central held at the Box Hill Golf Club. A more detailed report is included elsewhere. Peridot Theatre is coming up on the 15th August and I think we have our largest group ever attending on the night. Always a fun show and a chance for members to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Thanks to Ron Brooks for organising this outing and the Film Night in John McPhee's absence. The social side of club life is very important and it is great to see so many members joining in on a regular basis. On 21st August we have the District Foundation Seminar. I hope most members make the effort to attend this as the information provided will be of assistance in planning funding for projects and will give us a chance to learn about some of the projects being undertaken by other clubs.

**Enjoy your week in Rotary and keep working to "Light Up Rotary"**

**Little known fact:** Two thirds of the world's caviar is eaten aboard the QE2.

Pres Bill

# LAST WEEK’S MEETING

We opted to cancel our meeting at Bucatini and join Box Hill Central at Box Hill golf club who had shifted their meeting to Monday 4th Aug to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1. Very thoughtful of them to recognise the date. The guest speaker was Ross McMullin who gave us a fascinating insight into Harold “Pompey” Elliott. He wrote an outstanding award winning biography on this remarkable Australian in 2002. During the Great War he was a charismatic, controversial and outstanding successful commander. An accomplished tactician and the “the bravest of the brave”, he was renowned for never sending anyone anywhere he was not prepared to go himself. A man of unimpeachable integrity and unwavering commitment, “as straight as a ruled line”, he was also forthright and volatile. His tempestuousness generated a host of Pompey anecdotes that amused his men and disconcerted his superiors. No Australian general was more revered by those he led or more famous outside his own command. An officer on his staff who lived and experienced action throughout the war concluded that “no greater soldier or gentleman ever lived”. He was a solicitor prior to the war and after the war always gave his men free advice and help even after he was elected to the Senate. He was Australia’s most famous fighting general.

We were advised to see the ABC “Home & Away” series starting Tues 19th Aug for 6 weeks, one of which is about Harold “Pompey” Elliott.

Notes by Ron

**BLACKBURN STATION MARKET- SATURDAY 9TH AUG**

It’s on again this week and Bob W is happy to report that everyone has rallied to the cause and he has all shifts filled but others could come and socialise.

# WHITEHORSE FARMERS MARKET- SUNDAY 10TH AUG

Warwick is pleased to see that PDG Bob L, Pres Bill and PDG Jenny have volunteered to fill the three shifts. A big THANKYOU from all members

# WEBSITE

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

# REASONS FOR JOINING ROTARY

Jenny Coburn gave me a list of reasons, I am putting in a different one every week - **think about them when you talk to prospective members**

**Friendship:** Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship

**FUTURE EVENTS.**

* Club birthday and DG visit Mon 15th Sept.

**PERIDOT THEATRE VISIT**

The next production is “House Guest” a bloodier than average thriller by Francis Durbridge (who wrote all the Paul Temple series for the BBC). 16 club members and friends will be going on Fri 15th Aug.

**STAMPS**

Please cut out all the stamps you get on your snail mail leaving an approximate 1cm margin and give to Ron Brooks. They are worth nothing to you but Rotary sells them

Over $89,000 since starting in 1991/92 and $7,091 in 2013/14.

**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.

**OUT AND ABOUT**

1…Your roving reporter went to an excellent talk at **Kozminsky’s** in the city last week. It was entitled “Rings and things”. Telling us about how they originated from the times when people used seals. They found it convenient to put the seal on a ring and thus was born the signet ring. Engagement rings used to be coloured stones but in the 1930’s de Beers persuaded ladies that “diamonds are forever”. They also told us that the only reason diamonds are more expensive than most coloured stones is because there is a deliberate artificial scarcity. Argyle (pink) diamonds are valuable because they are scarce. Art deco rings are the most fashionable at present but they are now starting to go out of fashion. It is a good time to buy because the scarcest things at present are customers.

2. We went to the **King & I** last Wednesday at the Princess Theatre. What an amazing show. So many songs we all know and love come from this musical. The bunch of little Asian kids (the king’s children) are a show stopper when they first meet the governess (Lisa McCune) and doesn’t she have a beautiful voice. The world was certainly made a happier place when Rogers and Hammerstein started their collaboration. I think you only have until the end of August…….. DON’T MISS OUT.

3. **Lucy** was the film of choice by all of our film goers last Friday night. Your roving reporter was there with Robbie. Eight of us dined at the Melba Café first. This is an excellent value for money café. Doug waded into his usual Mexican Parma with gusto. Lucy is about a girl who is kidnapped and has some drugs inserted in her to be a drug mule but they leak out and this drug makes her able to access more of her brain than we normally use. The film then moved from a normal cops and robbers car crash/shoot ‘em up delivery into the science fiction realm. According to the film we normally only use about 5% of our brain potential, however this is a myth long since knocked on the head by brain researchers. We already use all our brain power however it was an interesting concept. It was certainly worth the $8 we pay for our seats. Come along and join us next month.

**FROM THE BACK PADDOCK**

Wine exports volumes have declined in the last 12 months by 2%. Australia exports more red than white wine. Australia’s largest export markets are UK, USA, Canada, China and Germany. Yellow Tail is the biggest value and volume wine exporter to the USA and has now started a sangria label export to the USA but Spain is trying to say that they have the rights to the word “sangria” like France have the rights to the word “champagne”. Will Germany or Austria start claiming the rights to the word “gluwein” next?

Giving up beef will reduce our carbon footprint more than giving up cars. A recent study reported by the Australian Water Association showed red meat uses 28 times more land and 11 times more water than for pork or chicken.

Club officers & Committees 2014-15

**President** Bill Marsh

**Vice President** John Donaghey

**Secretary** Ron Brooks

**Treasurer** Warwick Stott

**President Elect** Bob Williams

**Sergeant** Stuart Williams

**Foundation & International** Chris Tuck

Members: John Donaghey, Bob Williams, Stan Harper,

**Youth Service** Glenys Grant

Members: Ray Smith, Graham Sharman

**Community & Vocation** Bob Laslett

Members: Stuart Williams, Gary Baltissen, Ron Brooks

**Membership & Publicity** Doug Berwick

Members: John McPhee, Warwick Stott, Jenny Coburn

**Fellowship** John McPhee

**Primary Schools Speech Night** John McPhee

**Programme** Ray Smith & Gary Baltissen

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**Historian** Stan Harper

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