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|  | 2013-2014  Weekly Bulletin of the  Rotary Club of Forest Hill |  |
| Edition 05: 29 July 2013  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 foresthillrotary.com** | | |

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| THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION None |
| DUTY ROSTER  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **July** | **August** | | Cashier | Ray Smith | Warwick Stott | | Recorder | Bob Williams | Stuart Williams | | Greeter | Doug Berwick | Ron Brooks | | Emergency | Stuart Williams | Garry Baltissen |  ATTENDANCE  |  | | --- | | Apologies - **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 | |
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# Chris’s Corner

**PHF Doug Berwick**

**Congratulations to Doug Berwick who was presented with a PHF by Past President Bob Laslett for his service to the Club. Well done Doug.**

Hand Brake Turn

Last Thurday night Ray Smith, Garry Baltissen and I attended the graduation night

for Hand Brake Turn at Dandenong.

It was the 86th graduation held by Hand Brake Turn.

Our Club provided a cheque for $5400 to this organization as sponsorship for one student as part of the Gysi-Davis bequest.

The winner was Tum Hrang a young man how showed a high level of dedication to attend and complete the course. I am sure Ford Davis would have approved giving this young man a chance to succeed.

Tum is the third student we have sponsored.

A reminder Hand Brake Turn is a program conducted by Concern Australia which provides training in practical, real-world skills (in automotive) and on-going support for young people aged 15-19 years old at risk.

Hand Brake Turn has an excellent website outlining their work.

Polio Donation

District has asked that each Club donates $35/member to Polio.

We have already committed $500 this year so a $35/member contribution would be

$525.

Sergeant Bob raised $36.75 for Foundation.

Up Coming Events (also see Fellowship below)

* Primary School Speech Contest-26 August-Mount Pleasant PS
* Schwerkoldt Cottage -15 September
* DG Visit and Club Birthday –16 September
* Whitehorse Spring Festival 20 October

**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

# Last Week’s Meeting

The Vehicle Industry in Australia

Our speaker, Andrew White, has just retired after 28 years working for Holden. He was diagnosed with MS just 7 years after joining Holden. His last position was as senior HR manager. At very short notice (he is Programme chairman Graham Sharman’s son-in-law!), he came along to give us a very thought provoking insight into where the Australian Industry has been and where it may be going. He joined Holden just 2 years after the Senator Button review when the import tariff was 37.5% with 5 manufacturers and left when it was 5% and there will only be Toyota and Holden manufacturing in 2016. Holden’s market share here had dropped from 50% in the 60’s to 8% in 2013. It is now a very fragmented market. Toyota are an icon of quality in Japan, VW are an icon of quality in Germany……… however, in this day and age, car manufacturing is global and when Toyota started manufacturing in the USA there were problems and recently VW have had some problems. Cost and Quality and Service are absolutely vital in today’s market-get one wrong and you will not sell a car. His boss coined a word “glocal thinking” ie think global and local at the same time. Toyota build boring cars, but they are value for money boring cars, very reliable boring cars, with a company that gives excellent service. He suspects that Holden will probably stop building cars in the near future. He is concerned that the Elizabeth plant in north Adelaide will then create a large number of highly skilled unemployed people who will be next to impossible to re employ. He thinks that perhaps by 2023, nobody will be manufacturing vehicles here. Evidently, Australia is respected for its engineering and design skills and designers from around the world want to live and work here, Melbourne is a great place to live but unfortunately it is a very expensive place to live……… and to manufacture cars. Overall, it was a very thoughtful, insightful précis of an industry that has been very important to Australia.

Ron Brooks

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| Fellowship Events Monet Exhibition  On Monday August 5 the Club plans to visit Monet’s Garden Exhibition  at the NGV St. Kilda Rd.  The cost is $26.00 but if we are a group of 10 or more we could get a  Group concession of $23.40 per person.  We will meet at 10.30am inside at the reception desk and hope to be part  of a free tour at 11.00am.  After the exhibition those interested could have lunch at the café and visit  the rest of the NGV which is free.  Please contact Ron Brooks if you would like to attend.  Theatre Night Friday Aug 2  Peridot Theatre Friday Aug 16 (confirmed).  Ron Brooks  **Thought for the Week**  The Alphabet of Success- Letter C  Courtesy is always fashionable.  **From the Back Paddock**  The average age of Australian farmers is around 56 and rising.  The 700 agricultural science graduates per year from Australia’s universities do not meet  industry needs. How will Australia meet its food requirements in the future? IMPORTANT UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Aug 9 | Whitehorse Clubs Cluster Meeting |  | |  |  |  | | Aug 16 | DG, AG President  Meeting |  | |  |  |  | | March 20-23, 2014 | District Conference Bendigo |  | | **8/2013** | **Membership** | **Development and Extension** | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  |   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) |