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|  | 2013-2014  Weekly Bulletin of the  Rotary Club of Forest Hill |  |
| Edition 06: 05 Aug 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 Aug 10 Chris Tuck Partner Birthday and Jenny  **Wedding Anniversary** |
| DUTY ROSTER  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **August** | **September** | | Cashier | Warwick Stott | Chris Tuck | | Recorder | Stuart Williams | Garry Baltissen | | Greeter | Ron Brooks | John Donaghey | | Emergency | Garry Baltissen | Doug Berwick |  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

The meeting for the night was a partner’s night where we all met at Bucatini Restaurant for a meal.

It was great to see a large number of partners present.

Before having a meal together the Club met for a short time.

Doug Berwick was presented with his Centurion Member Certificate and Badge. Well done Doug.

Ron Brooks reported he has commenced the library operation (see following).

Ray Smith reported that ’Swags for the Homeless’ has entered the USA and has been well received in a number of States.

Doug Berwick reported we plan to publicize more the activities of Rotary at the Blackburn Market including recent drawings from the children of the ABCD project.

Up Coming Events (also see Fellowship & District 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
* Joint meeting RC Mitcham – 29 October (to be confirmed)

**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

As there was no speaker last week the following is a report from Ron Brooks.

**Open House Melbourne 27th & 28th July 2013**

This is the 6th year that Melbourne has thrown open the doors of many of its buildings for a sneak look inside. There were 108 places to visit this year and they were all FREE!

Robbie and I took off early into town by tram – doors open at 10am! First was a tour of **The Block Arcade**, 45 mins of wandering around the upstairs corridors, the JFK boardroom, and the ground floor with a guide. We learned the site was originally bought for ₤18 and The Hopetoun Tearooms were there in 1892. The Crabtree & Evelyn shop has a wonderful painted ceiling from it’s Singer Sewing Machine days. Then it was up Collins St to visit the **Athenaeum Library** which was founded in 1839 for a self guided tour using a detailed handout. But we had to keep going, so on to the **Scots Assembly Hall** in Gothic style fashioned by H H Kemp where we had soup and sandwiches made by the ladies of the church. Well fortified, we then collected a self guided brochure and looked around the amazing stained glass windows of **Scots Church** built by Dame Nellie Melba’s father and which boasts two visits by the Queen…… but after listening to the organ for a few minutes we just had to keep going ….. so, into Kay Craddocks **Antiquarian Bookshop** and a chat to the jewellers in the **Gray Reid Gallery** before nipping into **St Michael’s church** then rushing on to get in a guided tour of the **Windsor Hotel**. We viewed the Ballroom, the famous stairs, a Prince Albert suite and a top of the line double room plus the old hydraulic lift which they are planning to refurbish for $1million. Got to hear some great stories about the goings on in past times by various politicians and the infamous Peter Janson who lived in the (now derelict) towers. Next stop was **Tasma Terrace**, the home of the National Trust in Parliament Place. Then we spied another “open” sign just a few doors away. Yes! the **German Lutheran Trinity** bluestone church was open. A simple church design inside consecrated in 1874 on the hill where originally all Melbourne’s churches were, but what stained glass – all made in Melbourne from the earliest times up to 2003. We had time to admire the wood panelled ceiling like an upturned ship’s hull before hurrying to get the tram down to the **Old Mint** which is now the **Hellenic Museum** where we saw the safe that once held all of Australia’s gold and a movie on Greek migration to Oz. Times up - 4pm - all closed. Damn, we didn’t get to the **Supreme Court**, the **Police Stables** or the **new National Bank** building. Well there’s always next year. Perhaps you’ll be wanting to have a sticky beak as well.

Ron Brooks

Thanks Ron

The Rotary Club’s Library – A new venture

You must all have shelf loads of books that you enjoyed and are now collecting dust. Why not lend them out to our members and honorary members. Any time you want them back, you can take them, they are still yours. Each time a borrower has finished a book they need to be checked back in with our “librarian” so we can keep tabs on them. They’ll be well looked after. The plan is for the librarian to bring them along each week, or you can always call into his house to pick any up. There is no cost and no period of borrowing – just bring them back when you have finished reading them. Here are the first few. Why not bring a few in yourself.



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| Title | Author | comments |
| Open – an autobiography | Andre Agassi |  |
| Crackers – the Peter Keenan Story | Simon Townley | Very funny |
| Close to Flying | Cadel Evans | His life story |
| Sophie’s World | Jostein Gaarder | Million copy best seller |
| The Key | Simon Toyne | Action, religion, history, fact/fiction |
| Echo Park | Michael Connelly | American crime fiction |
| Taman Shud “Somerton Man Mystery | Kerry Greenwood | Melbournian who wrote the Phryne Fisher books (TV fame) |
| The Track of Sand | Andrea Camilleri | Sicily, humour, despair. An Inspector Montalbo book |
| Gomorrah Italy’s other Mafia | Roberto Saviano | Organised crime as it really is. |
| Tim Flannery Country | Bill Bryson | Evolution, the kangaroo, travel thro Oz |
| Chinese Alice | Pat Barr | Exotic. Life in 19th century chinese household |

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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** This week - See email from Ron.  **Peridot Theatre Friday Aug 16** (confirmed).  Ron Brooks  **Thought for the Week**  The Alphabet of Success- Letter D  Don’t be too brief, or you’ll become obscure.  **From the Back Paddock**  Recent rains and the lower Australian Dollar has seen a lift in cattle prices from  recent lows but still well behind last year’s levels for young cattle. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Aug 9  Aug 15 | Whitehorse Clubs Cluster Meeting  Rotary Foundation Information Seminar |  | |  |  |  | | Aug 16  Aug 21 | DG, AG President  Meeting  On To Conference Launch |  | |  |  |  | | March 20-23, 2014 | District Conference Bendigo |  | | **9/2013** | **Youth Service** |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  |   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) |