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|  | 2013-2014  Weekly Bulletin of the  Rotary Club of Forest Hill |  |
| Edition 07: 12 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 15 Doug Berwick Wedding Anniversary Tracey |
| 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

It was a great pleasure to present to Graham Sharman his Centurion Club certificate and badge. Thanks Graham on behalf of Foundation.

A group of Rotarians and friends visited the exhibition of Monet at the NGV on Monday. It was a very enjoyable and interesting event. Thanks to Ron Brooks for the excellent organization which included a very informative guided tour. (see report to follow).

This Saturday is the Blackburn Market and Sunday the Whitehorse Farmers Market. Thanks to all who have put their names down to assist.

**A special reminder of the upcoming major event, The Primary Schools Speaking Contest to be held on Monday August 26th at 7.00pm.**

**Please see Glenys Grant if you can assist with this event in any way.**

The Sergeant raised $37 for Foundation.

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 Farmers Market Egg & Bacon Stall –Oct 13
* Whitehorse Spring Festival - 20 October
* Joint meeting RC Mitcham – 29 October (to be confirmed)
* Whitehorse Farmers Market Egg & Bacon Stall –Apr 13 2014

**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

Thanks to Graham Sharman we again had a very interesting speaker for the evening **Mr David** **Spittler who runs The Asylum Seekers Centre** based in Dandenong which responds to the needs of Asylum Seekers and refugees.

This organization is wholly voluntary and funded by donations. Five Rotary Clubs have donated funds to this cause.

As at August 5 this year they have 221 Asylum Seekers ‘on the books’.

Since it commenced operation in February 1997 the Centre has assisted 2126 asylum seekers.

David explained to us that asylum seekers must prove they come from a situation of persecution to then be classed as a refugee.

Asylum seekers who live in the community are not allowed to work (in a paid or voluntary capacity) but do get assigned a case worker and do get some Government support (less than the current dole payment).

The issue of being usefully occupied for an asylum seeker is a major concern while their application to become a refugee is being determined.

David also explained that you cannot assume that asylum seekers will be helped by other refugees from the same country of origin due to ethnic differences.

The centre is primarily focused on providing food, shelter and security and where possible some language training.

Chris Tuck

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 if you want to read any ask Ron to bring it along on Monday night, 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. If you would like to contribute any just tell me the Title, Author and a short comment and I’ll list it below.



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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 Last Monday**  NGV visit to Monet’s Garden exhibition  The Musee Marmottan Monet, in Paris has sent over 60 paintings related to Monet to the NGV. What an opportunity to see such a selection without the expense of an overseas trip. The NGV have then added a few of their own including one of the last to picture people in the view. A group of 12 of us were at the entrance to the exhibition in plenty of time for the free 1 hr tour at 11am. So, we all fitted on our headphones and adjusted volumes then we were off for a fantastic commentary on his life, his garden his paintings, his travels to London and Norway, his financial circumstances which we learned were made very secure when he sold his “haystack” paintings. It was a solid hour of well researched information. After the tour finished, we still had two rooms to go. First a room full of large “hands on” touch screens going through the timelines of Monet’s life and then a 270 degree screen giving a virtual tour of the house and garden at Giverny. What a kitchen! blue and white tiles floor to ceiling with a vast array of copper pots of all sizes. As luck would have it, the exit from the final room was ………. the entrance to the shop. What a coincidence! Jenny used the opportunity to let Chris buy her a birthday present (or was it a 40th wedding anniversary present?). Don’t know. Just overheard a mumbled “Yes, dear” from Pres Chris and lo and behold – a green, blue and purple scarf was the result. Thought I saw someone familiar walking through Monet’s garden at Giverny (see photo). There is still time to see these wonderful paintings, Friday is late opening night, Wednesday is special seniors discount, and the “Australian Impressionists in France” exhibition is on at the NGV Ian Potter Centre til 6th October.  Hope to see you at our next Fellowship event. Ron Brooks  Ron Brooks  **Peridot Theatre Friday Aug 16** (confirmed).  Ron Brooks  **Thought for the Week**  The Alphabet of Success- Letter E  Employment should always be enjoyment.  **From the Back Paddock**  It is reported that Australia today produces enough food to feed 60 million people.  Australia has a population of 23 million. 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) |