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|  | 2013-2014Weekly Bulletin of theRotary Club of Forest Hill |  |
| Edition 09: 26 Aug 2013The 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 $28.00PO Box 116, Nunawading 3131**Email**  **tuck@netspace.net.au** **Website foresthillrotary.com** |

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| CLUB PROGRAM |
| **Date** | **Event** | **Chair** | **Thanker and Meeting Report** |  |
| **26 Aug** | **Primary Schools Speaking Contest** |  |  |  |
| **2 Sep** | **TBD** |  |  |  |
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| THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONNone  |
| DUTY ROSTER

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|  | **August** | **September** |
| Cashier  | Warwick Stott | Chris Tuck |
| Recorder | Stuart Williams | Garry Baltissen |
| Greeter | Ron Brooks | John Donaghey |
| Emergency  | Garry Baltissen | Doug Berwick |

ATTENDANCE

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| Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by** **10.00 am MONDAY** on9878 4891 orrcssmith@optusnet.com.au  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**

**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.**

I attended the Presidents meeting chaired by DG Merv Ericson last Friday night.

Not only were a number of District projects presented which our Club could possibly participate in outlined but importantly a presentation on strengthening Rotary branding was made. Along with a new website to be launched later this month these activities will assist in improving the image of Rotary to the community.

Also at the meeting it was announced that there will be a GSE team to the USA in Feb.-Mar. 2014 with a focus on health services.

A forecast plan of Club expenditure (both fund raising and general account) has been prepared with the approval of all budgets. It clearly outlines what this Club does and will be presented to all Club members at the next appropriate Club meeting.

The Sergeant raised $44.20 for Foundation.

Up Coming Events (also see Fellowship & District below)

* Primary School Speech Contest-26 August-Mount Pleasant PS (see below).
* 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

Report on Meeting Speaker 19 August 2013

**Len Brear, PHF, and Advocate for Interplast.**

Personal History:

Magistrate – 24 years (now Retired),

Rotarian – 15 years ( RCNunawading),

Past involvements:

Intercountry Adoption – 1974 -

Other overseas Aid programs

Family:

Widower of Pam

Married Rotarian Jill – 2010

**Interplast**

Len gave a very informative talk that collated the history of Interplast through to the present day status of the program.

Facts and highlights:

Established in 1983, so now celebrating 30 years of operation

Interplast:

* Originally an initiative between the Cheltenham Rotary Club and the Royal Australian College of Surgeons
* Developed into a partnership between Interplast Australia and New Zealand, and the RACS
* A not for profit organization with nine Board members, including three Rotarians
* Established for the purpose of repairing bodies and rebuilding lives in developing countries
* Staffed by volunteers, ie Doctors, Nurses, Allied Health support staff

To Provide:

* Free plastic reconstructive surgery to underprivileged people in disadvantaged, 3rd World countries
* Quality surgical outcomes for disabling conditions
* Targeting patients whose health problem affects the whole family, typically cleft palate and lip, or burns.

Also

* Training and mentoring of medical and support staff in those developing countries to achieve self sufficiency.
* At times giving some the chance to study here.

Plan and action – having chosen a needy country:

* Organize a team of volunteer plastic surgeons, anaesthetists and support staff
* Obtain funding plus donated equipment and all clinical and surgical supplies
* Get local authority approval and liaise with local surgeons
* Team goes for two weeks, running clinics and surgeries
* Always an overabundance of patients, so most needy chosen
* Volunteers reward - success rate and patient satisfaction.

Statistics from 2012 Annual report:

* 48 Activities
* 31 locations across 17 countries
* 21 training activities
* 103 Doctors, 53 support staff – all volunteers-
* performed 1113 surgical procedures
* Currently costs for two weeks with all services voluntary and supplies and equipment donated = $45,000 (in 1983, $22,000)

2013

* Target funding – $35,000 -50,000
* Global Grant funding model - $1000.00 per club suggested
* Projects in Fiji and Cambodia

Len was thanked for his very interesting and thought provoking talk, and presented with a Ray Smith hand crafted Australian Redwood pen.

Glenys Grant

 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.

Thanks Stan for your contribution of books and congratulations Chris Stott for being the first to take advantage of this new idea.

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| Title | Author | comments |
| Open – an autobiography | Andre Agassi |  |
| 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 |
| The Somerton Man Mystery | Kerry Greenwood | Footscray writer, Phryne Fisher fame |
| The Track of Sand | Andrea Camilleri | Sicily, humour, despair.  |
| Gomorrah another 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 china |
| Flying Doctor Stories | Bill Marsh | Over 60 short stories by “Swampy” |
| On Cricket | Michael Parkinson | Over 50 short stories  |
| Lilee-My life in cricket | Dennis Lillee |  |
| Maggie | Maggie Tabberer | Autobiography |
| Macarthur’s Secret Bureau | Jean Bou | The General’s signals intelligence organisation story |

**Rotary District 9810**

**Rotary Club of Forest Hill Primary Schools Speech Contest**

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill in conjunction with the Principals of five local Primary schools will be hosting the inaugural Primary Schools Speech Contest

on Monday 26/8/2013, at 7.00pm.

Venue:

Mount Pleasant Primary School and Kindergarten,

105-107 Mount Pleasant Road, Nunawading.

Aim:

- to provide Grade 5 and Grade 6 Primary School students with an opportunity to gain valuable public speaking skills at an early age.

- to introduce Rotary to families / schools and raises awareness of Rotary International and Rotary Youth Programs to further benefit those students.

Schools hold preliminary events to select their two candidates.

At the finals two students from each school are required to present a three minute speech, judged by Toastmasters.

Whitehorse Council and Rotary dignitaries, students, their families, friends, school representatives and Rotarians will be present.

All welcome.

A light supper will be provided.

Parking:

Only limited parking is available on site

\*6.00pm for helpers

**Fellowship Events**

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| **Film Night Friday Sep 6****Bucatini Partners Night Sep 30****Thought For The Week****The Alphabet of Success –Letter G****Great men know the value of inspiration.** **Francis G. Monks****From The Back Paddock.****Today there are 4 jobs for each graduate in agricultural science.****The issue for universities is to attract enough young people to study agricultural science.****(written by a former ag. student)**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

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| Aug 21 | On To Conference Launch |  |
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| Aug 30 | District Membership Workshop |  |
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| March 20-23, 2014  | District Conference Bendigo |  |
| **9/2013** | **Youth Service** |  |
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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   |
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