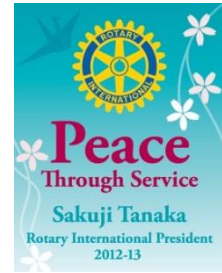


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CLUB PROGRAM

Date	Event	Chair	Thanker and Meeting Report	Member Talk on an aspect of peace
21 January	Linda Hammond Board	Bob Williams	Ray Smith	
28 January	No meeting			
5 February	Interclub meeting with Box Hill			



THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION

Doug Berwick-birthday- January 26

Ron Brooks- birthday- January 27

Warwick Stott – birthday – January 30

DUTY ROSTER

	January
Cashier	Graham Sharman
Recorder	Ray Smith
Greeter	Glenys Grant
Emergency	Warwick Stott

ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY** on 9878 4891 or rcsmith@optusnet.com.au. Any cancellation after 10.00 am should be made direct with the management of Bucatini Restaurant on 9873 0268

BOB'S BELLBIRD BLOG

Another year of peaceful and peace-oriented service is underway.

We enjoyed a meaningful club forum last Monday where all present had their say. I was stunned to receive a totally unexpected second sapphire- many thanks to all involved.

Coming up

- Egg and Bacon Stall – 10 February.-please help-contact Warwick
- Peridot -15 February-
- Youth Exchange Welcome Home Dinner- 16 February- Mulgrave Country club
- Paul Harris celebrations- Sorrento-23 February
- Club day for visiting GSE team from Malaysia -4 March 2013
- District Conference – 15-17 March 2013 –Wangaratta- 5 rooms booked at Advance Motel

This week we will listen with interest to Linda Hammond from the Good Shepherd Foundation as she tells about her newish role at a school in Richmond where she assists difficult kids. Linda is one of the only two non-religious chaplains in Australia. Partners and friends are most welcome. See Program later in the bulletin.

Important board meeting this Monday also.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Stan reminded us of the peace forum in Hawaii dedicated to young people and raised \$31.70 for our Rotary foundation. He also alerted us to the recent long-awaited publication of Macarthur's Secret Bureau.

A minute's silence in memory of charter member Bob Neilson was observed.

The Board will consider our response to recent bushfires next Monday.

The meeting ably led by incoming President Chris focussed on the well-thought –out document produced by Bill Marsh on the future of our club. The full range of options was considered taking account of our strengths and weaknesses and the opportunities presented by the examples of other clubs and our position in the local community. The continuation of our club in its present structure was strongly affirmed and a possible name-change will be investigated. The 3 Ps (President, President- Elect and President Nominee) were charged with planning the future while all members are invited to ask new prospects to join this active club with its emphasis on service.

PEACE



Please note RIP means Rotary International President !!

ROTARY CLUBS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN KIDS EDUCATION

The Rotary club of Forest Hill has committed to support the poor and underprivileged children of the island of Taveuni, Fiji. Our support will enable a number of these children to regularly attend school by providing a year's funding (\$250). This amazing and worthwhile project will be an ABCD project. (Art Builds Children's Dreams).

We had hoped to support at least 14 children at \$250 per child but we have had a hiccup in our endeavours. Three Forest Hill Rotarians have pledged to donate \$250 each. All donations are tax deductible. Are there any other Rotarians, Rotary friends or families that would like to be involved in this satisfying project? Even two people sharing a student would assist us to fulfil our original commitment. A sponsor receives the student's art work, regular reports and information re the student's progress at school. Please contact Stuart Williams or Glenys Grant if you are interested in this very much needed project.

Stuart Williams

(Editor's note- We have had some other donations but please give to this most worthwhile cause.)

CONFERENCE

Eight people from our club are planning to attend and all have paid their registration dues.

Where The District 9810 Conference in 2013 will be held at the magnificent [Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre](#)

When The conference runs from lunch time Friday 15th March to Sunday 17th March 2013.

Speakers

include

Jon Cattapan: Artist in a War Zone. You'll find Jon's work in the National Gallery of Australia, the National Gallery of Victoria and other major galleries. Jon will provide an illuminating, creative insight into the conflict and recovery in Timor Leste following his time in 2008 with the Australian Defence Forces as an official artist for the Australian War Memorial's art museum.

Susan McLean: Combating Cyber Bullying. This former policewoman is passionate about combating cyber bullying, especially where vulnerable young people are concerned. Timely for all parents and grandparent to learn what they can do to prevent the younger members of our community and Rotary family from this growing menace.

MORE <http://2013conference.9810rotary.org.au/registration/>

FOREST HILL'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Current 15

Aim 20

INTERESTING PROPOSITION

This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though.

Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching.

Stan will say if you pay.

PROGRAM

Our guest speaker for the 21st January will be Linda Hammond whom I worked with at Good Shepherd where she helped troubled young people and she now works at Lynall Hall Community school in Richmond, again assisting troubled young people and she is an excellent speaker with a great story to tell.

So, please contact Ray and come along to hear her if you can. She will bring her husband Shane Flynn who also worked at Good Shepherd and unfortunately suffered a brain aneurism a couple of years ago and is unable to now work.

Some program statistics for the half year to date.

Following our Changeover on the 9th July we have had 22 meetings up to the 31st December with one of these being a joint cluster meeting.

We have had a total of 15 speakers with 11 of these being non Rotary, speaking on subjects such as bicycles, diet, palliative care, young people, BMWs, men's shed, kidney health, policing, hearing loss, travel and Christmas.

Our 4 Rotary speakers have been on the District conference, ROMAC, Youth Science Forum and Rotary spectacles.

We have had 2 Rotary only meetings, being our Joint Cluster meeting and DG visit plus 2 committee only meetings, 2 social only meetings and our footy presentations night (which I can't classify!)

I have had a few suggestions for speakers for the second half of the year (a dunny cart man being one) and would appreciate any other ideas.

Thanks

Bob Williams

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

1/2013	ROTARY AWARENESS
21/1/2013	Club meeting/ Board
28/1/2013	Australia Day holiday
2/2013	WORLD UNDERSTANDING
5/2/2013	Interclub meeting at Box Hill
10/2/2013	Egg and Bacon Stall-help needed
11/2/2013	Club Valentine night
16/2/2013	Welcome Home dinner for Youth exchange
23/2/2013	Rotary anniversary celebrations at the Baltissens

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