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|  | 2013-2014  Weekly Bulletin of the  Rotary Club of Forest Hill |  |
| Edition 24: 9 Dec 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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**Chris’s Corner**

Our thanks to Barbara and Bob Williams for inviting us to their home for Home Hosting last

Monday night.

It was a most enjoyable night, particularly the chocolate desserts.

It was great to see Stan Harper at our meeting last Monday night after his recent short stay in hospital.

The way Stan continues to bounce back after occasional setbacks is an inspiration to us all.

Again our thanks to the New Generations Team, led by Glenys Grant, for again running The Youth Achievement Night for 12 Primary Schools from the region. This Club has conducted this award night since around 1978.

I attended The Presidents meeting last Friday night.

A reminder early bird registration for the Sydney conference next June closes Dec 15 2013.

I have passed on to Stuart Williams the details of the GSE visit next year.

We received a certificate and letter of thanks from The Asylum Seekers Centre for our $150 donation.

This organization has raised nearly $4million and assisted over 2500 Asylum Seekers.

We received a request for a donation from the Parkmore Primary School for Christmas hampers for needy families.

This week Bill Marsh took a cheque for $1000 to the school on behalf of The Rotary Club of Mitcham

($300) and The Rotary Club of Forest Hill ($700).

A number of aspects regarding this donation were very pleasing.

These include,

1. The identification of those in need in our community,
2. The ability to have a joint project with The Rotary Club of Mitcham,
3. The Club discussion last Monday night regarding the conditions of the donation,
4. The proactive action taken by Ray Smith to speak with the Principal and assess the need,
5. The willingness of Bill Marsh to actively manage the process and deliver the funds personally

to the school, in a timely manner.

I think this is a great example of Rotary in action.

The school has committed to promoting the donation from Rotary.

Cherry Visit

For those coming to the cherry farm this Saturday bring good footwear as over the last 2 days we have had over 40mm of rain. Fly repellent would also be a good idea.

Also as the farm is next to the Goulburn River please feel free bring your fishing rod as there are some good fishing spots.

A reminder,

* Film Night – Dec. 6
* ARH Indigenous Health Scholarship End of Year – Dec 6
* Cherry Farm Visit – Dec. 7
* Whitehorse Farmers Market –Dec. 8
* Blackburn Market –Dec. 14
* Whitehorse Farmers Market Egg & Bacon Stall –Apr 13 2014.

# Last Week’s Meeting

It was home hosting night so Chris Tuck provided a short overview of the cherry industry in Australia in preparation for our visit to a cherry farm this Saturday.

Cherries in Australia are produced primarily for the fresh domestic cherry market,

but also important is the export market particularly Asia.

In the export market Australia suffers from exclusion and barriers to trade because of the presence of Queensland Fruit Fly in mainland Australia.

Chile is a threat to our export markets due to their low labour costs.

Australia produces cherries from October to February with the first fruit of the season coming from

NSW and the later fruit from Tasmania. This is counter seasonal to the northern hemisphere.

Key to producing cherries is to match the variety of cherries planted to the micro climate of the

local area.

Cherries are a high risk crop and can suffer from extensive damage due to frost, rain and hail at

critical times of the year.

The health benefits of eating fresh cherries are well recognised.

Chris Tuck

The Sergeant raised $30 for Foundation.

**Group Study Exchange**

The team from D6580 Indiana USA will arrive Sat 22 Feb. 2014.

If you would be interested in hosting a team member in week 1, please contact Stuart Williams.

The Club will make a decision about hosting the team for a day next week.

If you have any ideas for the visit please mention them.

The team focus is Health and Education.

Stuart Williams Foundation Chairman.

**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

**Conference**

**Bob Laslett advises the conference website** [**http://2014conference.9810rotary.org.au/**](http://2014conference.9810rotary.org.au/) **is open. Registrations for Bendigo can be lodged online Bob and Judy Laslett have checked out**

**the accommodation.**

**A reminder to pay our Treasurer the deposit for the accommodation at Bendigo.**

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| **VISIT TO A WORKING CHERRY ORCHARD Sat 7th Dec**    **Pres Chris and Jenny have invited us to have a BBQ at their cherry orchard on Sat 7th Dec. Plan is to arrive about 12:30pm, have a BBQ (BYO) and look around the more than 40 varieties of cherries they grow. A great time to learn lots about cherries (and their taste?), and Farmer Chris also plans to give a talk about cherries on the previous Monday at Bucatini (see Newsletter for details). We can car pool. Its a 1½ to 2 hr drive. Put it in your diary. We hope some of our honorary members can make it as well. Please tell me you can come.**  **Ron Brooks, Fellowship coordinator**  [**ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au**](mailto:ronbrooks1@optusnet.com.au)  **0413-042-043**  **Directions To The Cherry Farm at 438 Halls Flat Rd. Alexandra (approx. 1 and ¾ hours)**   1. Take the Maroondah Hwy to Healesville. 2. Drive through Healesville past the Healesville Hospital and Maroondah Reservoir. 3. Continue over The Black Spur (not labelled but 15 km long) to Narbethong. 4. Drive through Buxton and Taggerty to Alexandra. 5. As you approach Alexandra cross the Goulburn River. 6. Continue on the Maroondah Hwy to The Secondary School on your right. 7. Turn right at The High School into Halls St which becomes Halls Flat Rd. 8. Continue for 1km and the road becomes a dirt road. 9. Continue past Blackmore Wagu Beef on the right. 10. Continue as the road swings right and after 4.8km you reach the farm. 11. The name on the gate is Beau Rivage. (End of the road). 12. Drive through and go to the yellow house. 13. If you have a problem telephone me on 0419337923.   Chris Tuck  **Thought For The Week**  **The Alphabet of Success-Letter V**  **Variety is the harmony of life. Francis G. Monks**  **From The Back Paddock.**  Victoria’s agricultural exports have increased 5% to a record $9.4 billion. Grain was our  most valuable export ($2.2billion) followed by dairy exports ($1.85billion). IMPORTANT UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS District Conference – Mar 20-23 2014  Rotary International Convention, Sydney – June 1-4.  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) |
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