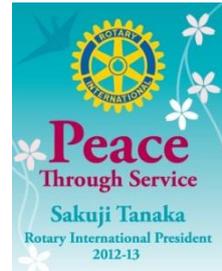


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CLUB PROGRAM

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27 May	Box Hill Institute Awards	Ray Smith	Graham Sharman
3 June	Club Forum	Chris Tuck	

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION

Warwick & Christine Stott – Wedding anniversary – May 28



DUTY ROSTER

	May	June
Cashier	Stuart Williams	Graham Sharman
Recorder	Graham Sharman	Warwick Stott
Greeter	John Donaghey	Gary Baltissen
Emergency	Ray Smith	Bob Williams

ATTENDANCE

Apologies - **Please contact Ray Smith by 10.00 am MONDAY** on 9878 4891 or rcssmith@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

A great night – what an inspiration Twanny is. Stan raised \$43.80 for our Foundation. Great news too about Phillip Johnson gold medal winner at the Chelsea Flower Show and speaker at the recent 9810 conference –his dad is in the Box Hill Club and is frequently on “tap” at the Whitehorse Farmers Market.

Some other great news

- ABCD Gala Dinner-24 May -6.15 for 6.45pm
- Healesville Freeway Community Open Day 26 May
- Monash Concert Band-2 June-2.00pm
- DG Changeover- 15 June
- Jonathon Usher-30 July-7pm- The Beaumaris
- Primary school speech contest-26 August-Mount Pleasant PS
- Schwerkoldt Cottage -15 September
- District Conference – 20-23 March 2014 –Bendigo

Our Box Hill Institute Awards night this week - an important night for the club. Come along and bring your friends and partners. It should be fun. As this is my last Blog for the year, many thanks to all who have contributed. Don't forget flyer submissions should be sent to Chris tuck@netspace.net.au from now on.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Reporter's note. As temporarily I don't have the full use of both my arms (and by association, hands and fingers) this will probably take twice as long to type and so I apologise if anyone takes twice as long to read it.

To the work at hand (singular) - sorry an “armless” joke.

As well as our speaker, Twanny Farrugia and his lovely guide dog, Val, we had in attendance Jenny Coburn from MASH and partners Judy Laslett, Judy Marsh and Barbara Williams.

Sergeant Stan opened with a peace story on our involvement many years ago in a Rotary project to assist in the Chernobyl Children's Village and even had a poster to show us. Only you would go to this trouble Stan. Thank you.

It should be noted that Val was lying beside me and stood when we all stood for the toasts. A very loyal, smart and observant dog!

Jenny spoke of the need for assistance for a community radio program which is due to fold unless volunteers are found to assist the Canterbury Rotary club and so they are looking to Whitehorse clubs for help. Contact Jenny if you think you could assist.

Pres Bob spoke of the need for someone to attend the District Governor's changeover as he and Judy will be away from the 28th May. Contact Bob if you can attend. He also advised to send bulletin material to Chris when he is away.

Glenys spoke of the District Assembly on the weekend. Ray advised that all is in hand for the Apprenticeship Awards night next Monday. John told us that Handbrake Turn starts a new program soon and he has applications for the National Science School starting to come in.

Bill was allowed several goes (spoilt), finishing with reading an email from Ron and Robbie about them having a great time in Belgium and living on beer and chocolate.

Stan's usual entertaining and informative sergeant's session which raised \$43-80. There is a lot of pressure on whomever? is doing it next year to keep up the standard.

Warwick introduced Twanny by informing us of the early days of kidney experimentation involving the Lady Nell Dogs Home and felt privileged to be able to introduce our speaker.

Twanny Farrugia was 18 when he had his kidney transplant and by coincidence was the 18th kidney recipient in 1971 at St. Vincent's hospital. He is a retired grief counsellor and now works for Donate Life speaking to many organisations such as schools, Probus and Rotary clubs.

Before his operation his weekly routine was 8 hours on a dialysis machine each Monday, Wednesday and Friday with the next day recovering so had only Sunday “free”.

He also has low vision, has had new hips (5?), heart valves etc etc, so seems to be working on replacing all his body a piece at a time.

He has made the most of his life since receiving his life saving organ donation, including car racing amongst many other varied pursuits.

He is an honorary member of Kidney Health Australia and Dialysis and Transplant Association of Victoria for his many years of work.

He is so grateful for his wonderful guide dog and advised that it costs \$30,000 to train a guide dog and all by donations.

Up to 10 people can benefit from one organ and tissue donor but there is always a long waiting list with currently 1600 in Victoria waiting from 6 months to 4 years with many not living long enough

to receive a transplant. Australia uses the "Opt In" method where potential donors need to fill in forms and register with Medicare and he advises that this should be done in consultation with family members. Anyone can be a donor with the oldest being 83 so far.

You need to die in hospital for your major organs to be transplanted. Victoria has the best record of donors in Australia but there is a world-wide shortage so he urged all of us to consider becoming a donor and left various pamphlets for us to take to assist.

A thought provoking and informative presentation and our thanks to Twanny (and Val) and Donate Life.

Bob Williams

PEACE



RI President Sakuji Tanaka (center) joined Rotary leaders in placing wreaths in Hiroshima Memorial Park during the third Rotary Global Peace Forum in Japan. Participants adopted a declaration, "Peace Begins With You."

In a ceremony heavy with symbolism, RI President Sakuji Tanaka joined other Rotary and community leaders on 17 May in laying a wreath in Hiroshima Memorial Park, dedicated to the victims of the atomic bomb dropped on the city during World War II.

The subject of peace has been at the heart of Tanaka's year as Rotary's president. A member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Japan, Tanaka selected Peace Through Service as RI's theme for his year, and he organized three global peace forums to motivate Rotarians and others, particularly youth, to work for peace in their daily lives.

ROTARY CLUBS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN KIDS EDUCATION

2nd Annual ABCD Gala Dinner - Lavena Primary School Project, Taveuni Island, Fiji

Date: 24 May 2013

Time: 6.15 for 6.45pm

Place: Monte Carlo Receptions
5-9 Mitchell Street, Doncaster East

Tickets \$58 per head

Book on-line at www.trybooking.com/CQBS or call Ken on 0412 561 768

100% of your donations will go to the school through the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island – and all donations are fully tax deductible – ask us for a receipt. This year's major project is the installation of solar power to the schools and the teacher's quarters!

INTERESTING PROPOSITIONS

More Paraproductians

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

PROGRAM

3rd June is set for our club forum with a club speaker.

10th June is the Queens holiday.

We have the 17th June for our joint committee meetings, joint Board meeting plus possibly an extended talk from one of our members or?

24th June is Changeover.

So, plenty of options for our partners to come along and join in the fun.

Bob Williams

DG CHANGEOVER

All District 9810 Rotarians, Partners & Friends are invited to the
 2013 District 9810 Changeover Dinner
 Saturday 15 June 2012 7:00 for 7.30pm -11:00pm
 Kingston Links Golf Club
 14 Corporate Avenue Rowville

Dress: Black Tie or Jacket & Tie for gentlemen, After Five for ladies

Cost: \$60 per head

RSVP via attached Registration Form by 1 June 2013

Enquiries:alphagla@bigpond.net.au phone 0414 187 796

Alan Bamford

Healesville Freeway Community Open Day

All Welcome

Date - Sunday 26th May from 10 - 2pm

- Activities at various sites from 10am - 12.30pm
- BBQ at George Street entry of BBD from 12.30pm - 2 pm.

Activities - To be held at various sites along the reserve

1. **Springvale Road car park** - Whitehorse cyclists will have a display and take groups of riders from Springvale rd to Terrara rd and back, bring your bikes along.
2. **Strathdon Orchard** - Whitehorse Historical Society will have a display about the Strathdon site and all the other historical sites along the reserve. Learn about the history of the site.
3. **Davy Lane Reserve** - Vermont Junior Football club to have a game and clinic. Come along and support the kids or bring your children for a clinic
4. **Nunawading Community Gardens** - A display on the history of the gardens, which is the first community garden established in Australia. Tours will be held, with people on hand to talk to you about growing vegetables and flowers.
 The Horticulture Center toilets will be open for the public on the day from 10 - 12.30pm
5. **Bellbird Dell reserve** - The Blackburn & District Tree Society, Greenlink & Bungalook nurseries will put up displays on Indigenous Flora & Fauna and be on hand to talk about their activities.

Live Music - School Bands / ensembles will perform at the George road picnic ground.

Vermont Secondary College 10 -11am and Emmaus College from 11 - 12noon.

Nature Walks - Nature walks will be conducted in the BBD, starting at the George road entrance - duration 1 hour.

Bird walk - 10am - bring along binoculars if you have them.

Nature Walk - 10.30am - Focus on plants, animals, insects and fungi

Nature Walk - 11am - Focus on plants, animals, insects and fungi

6. **NADRASCA Farm, 82 Morack road-** Display and site tours. Toilet facilities available.
7. **Nethercote, 140 Boronia Road** - Equestrian activities.
8. **Free Sausage sizzle from 12.30 - 2pm** - At George Road entry to BBD, to be run by the Lions Club. Toilet facilities at Terrara Park

HOPE KATOLO FUNDRAISER

Great Gatsby in 3D. -June 11-8pm- Balwyn Cinema-\$20.

Phone Leanne Pinfold 0402114877

JONATHON USHER

The conference magician is on stage again. \$60.00 per head for 2 course dinner and coffee. Proceeds for the Reflection Garden at the Sandringham hospital and the Water and sanitation project in Sabu. Details above.

JUNE CINEMA NIGHT

Don't forget June 7

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

5/2013	AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH
24/5/2013	ABCD dinner
27/5/2013	Club meeting
6/2013	ROTARY FELLOWSHIP
3/6/2013	Club Forum

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to the Editor at tuck@netspace.net.au by **5 pm Wednesday** (in Microsoft Word format please)
