



# FOREST HILL FLYER 2010-2011

## Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill

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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. \$27.00 per head

### CLUB PROGRAM

| <u>31 January</u>   | <u>7 February</u>   | <u>14 February</u>  |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Judy Leibel &amp; Liz</b><br><b>Tarquinio- Victoria</b><br><b>Police- Confident Living</b><br><b>Partners Night</b><br><b>Chair</b><br>Bob Williams<br><b>Thanks &amp; report</b><br>Bill Marsh<br><b>Memorable Christmas talk</b><br>Doug Berwick | <b>To be advised</b><br><br>Chris Tuck<br><br>Ron Brooks<br><br>John Donaghey | <b>Our Club –our future</b><br><b>Ken Wall</b><br><b>Seminar session</b><br><br>Stuart Williams<br><br>David Bremner<br><br>Nil |

### DUTY ROSTER

|           | January         | February     |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------|
| Cashier   | Stuart Williams | Doug Berwick |
| Recorder  | Bob Laslett     | Bob Williams |
| Greeter   | Bob Williams    | John McPhee  |
| Emergency | Glenys Grant    | Bob Neilson  |

### ATTENDANCE

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

### CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS WEEK



Nil

**DAVID'S DIARY**



Bob Neilson has advised that Charter Member and inaugural Treasurer, John Gumley, died on January 18. Our thoughts are with John's family and friends.

It was very exciting to be advised by District that our club has been selected to host a visit by the incoming Group Study Exchange team from California on the afternoon of 18 March. Gary Baltissen and his team of Geoff Hale, Ron Brooks and Stuart Williams will plan the visit. They will let us know what roles each of us will play on the day.

Dean Troth from Concern Australia will be featuring our involvement in the Hand Brake Turn project in his next newsletter. The following is the article he will print:

**Remembering Ford: HBT Scholarships Change Lives**

Hand Brake Turn has been radically turning around the lives of disadvantaged youth like Ashleigh and Scott who struggled through or left school early with no hope of employment or training, for many years now. However, after a number of difficult years with reduced government funding, Hand Brake Turn decided last year to be more entrepreneurial and give local businesses, families and service clubs the opportunity to invest directly in the futures of young people at the margins by sponsoring one, five or ten Hand Brake Turn Scholarships.

Already, HBT Scholarships have been sponsored by a number of families, small and medium businesses, philanthropic trusts and foundations, churches and local service clubs including the Forest Hill Rotary Club, who've developed their own innovative approach to remember their founder, friend, colleague and local businessman Ford Davis.

Rather than sponsor an individual from the start of Hand Brake Turn's life-transforming experience, members of Forest Hill Rotary Club established the Ford Davis Endeavour Award which, in addition to sponsoring a place in the first program in Dandenong each year, also includes an award to be made at the Hand Brake Turn Graduation Ceremony.

The winner will be nominated by the HBT Manager, based on his or her full commitment to the course and showing the character strengths that Ford himself personified, including:

- Endeavour to achieve the greatest amount of personal growth and improvement;
- Respect for their trainers and fellow course participants;
- Teamwork in their interactions with others.

The Award will be presented by a senior member of the Club and includes an inscribed Rotary achievement plaque and a certificate of appreciation.

Supporters of Hand Brake Turn and its work with marginalised youth are invited to join members of Forest Hill Rotary Club at the presentation on Friday 11 March 2011 at Hand Brake Turn, Hilton Street Dandenong.

Thanks to those who were able to attend the Whitehorse Council Australia Day Awards ceremony on Wednesday. District Governor David Alexander also attended. Thanks for your support. It was great to see Matthew White receive the award of Young Citizen of the Year; he was our National Youth Science Forum student in 2006. I also had the pleasure of talking to his parents, each of whom asked after the club. They still greatly appreciate the club giving Matthew the opportunity to attend NYSF.

Best wishes to you and your families for the week ahead as we continue building communities and bridging continents.

**David**

David Bremner  
President

**This week's meeting is a partner's night. We would like to see a good roll up.**

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## NOTICES

Congratulations to our President David on being awarded a Whitehorse City Council Community Service Award.

The award was presented on Wed 26th Jan at the Whitehorse Centre Theatre. Celebrations commenced at 4:30pm with a Citizenship ceremony followed by the Australia Day Civic Awards. This was followed by an Australia Day concert at 6:00pm with a grand finale of fireworks at 9:45pm.

## **ROTARY RIDE FOR RESEARCH \$\$\$\$'s DONCASTER TO ADELAIDE 1<sup>st</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**Ride Coordinator****P.P. Rob Henry**

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## **The 2011 Rotary Ride For Research Dollars \$\$\$\$ is "The not quite outback tour". We leave on the 1st of April**

Giddyee All,

What are you doing before the District Conference in Adelaide this year? Why not join the other fifty or so riders and support crew to come with us and be part of this great event, Rotary Ride for Research Dollars \$\$\$\$.

Join the group and ride for as much or as little as you can to Adelaide. We will travel up to Mildura through Ballarat and Ouyen. The group then rides through the little desert area and into Renmark. After Renmark we ride to the historic copper mining town of Burra and then onto the magnificent wine area of Clare for a bit of sampling. Leaving Clare we travel down into the picturesque town of Grawler before finally arriving in Adelaide in time for the district conference. Some of the travellers will stay for this, while the others will travel with the bikes straight back to Melbourne.

## **At only \$650 for the riders and \$550 for the support crew - it is great value for money.**

Details and the application form can also be down loaded from the district web site

<http://www.9810rotary.org.au/get-involved/bike-ride/ride-for-research-dollars/> or

<http://operations.9810rotary.org.au/community/ride-for-research-dollars/>

Rob Henry

### **District 9810 Conference, Adelaide 7-9 April 2011**

Preparations for the next District Conference in Adelaide from 7 to 9 April 2011 are well

underway.

The theme for the Conference is "Leadership in Challenging Times" and a comprehensive program is being put together to expand on this theme.

Another exciting change will be the inclusion of a "Global Village" where clubs and interested parties can display details of their projects and community involvement in an interactive environment.

The Gala dinner will be the finale on the Saturday evening and the theme of a "Garden Party" will give everyone an opportunity to dress up and enjoy the evening.

The Conference promises to be a great experience.

Our On-to-Conference Chair is David Bremner. Please see David for more details, and to register your interest.

### **Meeting Report for 24 January 2011**

Heather Barton gave an interesting talk on the Smith Family, corporate giving and the role of a manager of a not for profit organisation.

Acting Sergeant Stuart raised over \$38.00

### **Rotary Thought**

You may have seen the article below which appeared in the Age and Sydney Morning Herald.

The facts are that ROMAC was geared to treat this patient. The parents were too scared to come to Australia and disappeared. This is not frequent, but it is not uncommon, and sometimes patients even seek the advice of elders etc and then refuse treatment. Our contact in East Timor made extensive efforts to find them but with no luck. The patient reappeared at Dr Dan's clinic. By then the hospital slot had passed and there were no other slot immediately available. Unfortunately, the little girl passed away before another slot could be found.

Regretfully it is a fact of life that most children of the world will not have the availability of the health services we take for granted.

From this angle the article gets that story across but the facts are quite different to what is written.

## **Timorese girl, 9, dies as doctor pleads for help**

Lindsay Murdoch

January 18, 2011



Noel Bayley examines Ila Amaral at a clinic in Dili last year. *Photo: Basil Rolandsen*

A NINE-YEAR-OLD East Timorese girl has died because no Australian hospital would give her a life-saving operation.

For more than 12 months Dan Murphy, a doctor who runs a clinic for the poor in Dili, tried to persuade Australian hospitals to accept Ila Amaral for surgery to correct her defective mitral heart valve.

"I blame myself first - I was unable to find the words to make things move for her," Dr Murphy said from the Bairo Pite clinic where Ila died four days ago.

A cardiac team from Sydney had offered to go to East Timor to perform the operation but was refused permission to use a local operating theatre.

Dr Murphy asked the US Navy for the use of one of the 12 operating rooms on its hospital ship Mercy when it docked in Dili late last year, but the request was also refused.

After being unable to get a hospital in Australia to accept Ila, Dr Murphy appealed to others in the US and then a small cardiac hospital that is opening in Vietnam but "a massive effort for something ridiculously simple as correcting a small girl's problem failed".

He and staff at his clinic are devastated by her death, which came only months after two teenage patients from the clinic had successful operations in Australia.

Responding to a story in *The Age*, readers helped raise more than \$30,000 to bring the girls to Melbourne for their operations.

Dr Murphy, an American seen as a saint-like figure among the poor in Dili, where he has worked for almost 15 years, attacked "bureaucratic entanglement" in Australia for failing to save Ila.

Money was available through the Rotary organisation ROMAC for Ila to travel to Australia, but Dr Murphy said an intensive effort to find a hospital that would accept her had failed.

Richard Woodburn, ROMAC's operations director, said hospitals gave Australian patients on waiting lists priority over foreign patients, even children.

He said more than 300 children in East Timor required cardiac treatment. "We are exploring the possibility of setting up specialist facilities in East Timor so some could be treated there," he said.

Dr Murphy called for a system that would fast-track help in Australia for Timorese who would die without treatment.

Noel Bayley, a Warrnambool cardiologist who has helped Timorese patients for years, saw Ila at the Bairo Pite Clinic when he visited in November.

He said her situation was more complicated than the two patients from the clinic whose lives were saved in Australia because she needed open-heart surgery.

Stuart - ROMAC committee member.

## **SENIOR'S CORNER**

**The following movie is for seniors (or those aspiring to get there)**

### **Square Eyed Stu at the Movies**

**Another Year – a typically British film that beautifully captures the life of ordinary people. Superb acting by some wonderful character actors. At times a bit slow, at times moving and sad and often delightfully funny. Not the 5 stars some are saying, but no sex, no swearing and a good two hours in a comfortable seat. Put it on your list.**

### **FOREST HILL'S MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE**

We publish the table below to keep us aware of the challenge.

| Membership at the beginning of the year | Current Membership | Change |
|---|--------------------|--------|
| 18                                      | 18                 | --     |

### **BREAKFAST QUIZ**

Something to chew on over breakfast – TWO (well!!) three questions again this week seeing a member got last week's questions correct.

#### **1. Answers to last week's questions**

1. At what point, or time, in the day are men less likely to win an argument with their wives?  
A. 3pm
2. Around what per cent of holiday romances end in failure?  
A. 93%
3. How many litres of water can a large camel drink in ten minutes?  
A. Between 80-150 litres.

#### **This week's QUESTIONS**

- Q1. After Tasmania which is Australia's largest island?
- Q2. What do the words arbour, eight, itch, and owl have in common?
- Q3. Approx. how many subjects were beheaded during the reign of English monarch Henry VIII?

If you don't know the answers, you should pay a fine to the Sergeant. If you get the correct answer, the Editor will pay (this is costing me big time). The answer will be in next week's Forest Hill Flyer

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS**

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 31 January 2011  | Club meeting                                    |
| 1 February 2011  | February is World Understanding Month           |
| 3 February 2011  | Presidents & Assistant Governors Meeting        |
| 6 February 2011  | District Leadership Seminar                     |
| 7 February 2011  | Club meeting & Board meeting                    |
| 12 February 2011 | Blackburn Craft Market                          |
| 13 February 2011 | Rotary Leadership Institute - Part 3 (Series 2) |
| 13 February 2011 | Whitehorse Farmers Market                       |
| 14 February 2011 | Club meeting                                    |
| 21 February 2011 | Club meeting                                    |

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to me by **5 pm next Wednesday** (in Microsoft Word format,) Stuart Williams gsestu2@yahoo.com.au