

# 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>7 February</u>	<u>14 February</u>	<u>21 February</u>
<b>Club member talks - Most interesting Rotary experience</b> <b>Graham Sharman</b> <b>John Donaghey</b> <b>Ray Smith</b> <b>Warwick Stott</b> <b>Chair</b> Chris Tuck <b>Thanks and meeting report</b> Ron Brooks <b>Most interesting Rotary experience</b>	<b>Our Club –our future</b> <b>Ken Wall</b> <b>Seminar session</b> <b>Commences 6.30pm</b> <b>Finishes 9.30pm</b>  Stuart Williams  David Bremner  Nil	<b>To be advised</b>     Bob Neilson  Bob Laslett  Bob Laslett

### DUTY ROSTER

	February
Cashier	Doug Berwick
Recorder	Bob Williams
Greeter	John McPhee
Emergency	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



9 Feb Club membership Anniversary Ray Smith

## DAVID'S DIARY



Our Acting Sergeant Stuart Williams performed up to expectations last week and collected \$53.20 for the Rotary Foundation. Well done, Stuart. Sergeant Stan hopefully will be back soon after his medical problem has been fixed. Best wishes to Stan (and Joan who will be caring for him). I visited Stan in hospital on Wednesday where he is awaiting further tests. He looked well and is looking forward to being back with the club.

Gary Baltissen, assisted by Stuart Williams and Ron Brooks, is well underway with planning for the Group Study Exchange Team visit on 18 March. Gary has arranged for the team to enjoy a lunchtime barbecue followed by a visit to Yarra Valley Water. Gary will be looking for Rotarians to act as drivers and cooks so please mark that date in your diary.

You will have seen various notices from District Governor David regarding the situation in areas affected by the Victorian floods. One I saw contained summaries of the impact of the flood on towns in the region and was prepared by local Rotary clubs. We obviously have a big task ahead of us but I am confident that Rotary will be up to the task. The funds to be raised for flood relief from our Blackburn Craft Market and the Whitehorse Farmers' Market will be a great help. I urge everyone to be involved in the two markets this month.

The Rotary International President Elect, Kalyan Banerjee, will ask Rotarians to *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity* during the 2011-12 Rotary year. Banerjee unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2011 International Assembly, a training event for incoming district governors.

He urged participants to harness their inner resolve and strength to achieve success in Rotary when he said "In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on. And the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves,"

Banerjee's theme is very relevant. How many great Rotary projects in our club and elsewhere have started as an idea in the mind of one Rotarian who had the passion and drive to make it happen?

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

### **David**

David Bremner  
President

### The following article appeared in this week's Leader Newspaper

## **Students standouts**

THE Rotary Club of Forest Hill has presented the Bert Sloane Youth Achievement Awards to a group of grade 6 students from around Forest Hill.

Students awardees were Matese Synaphet (Blackburn Lake Primary School), Kaitlin Morris (Burwood Heights Primary), Aaron Drew (Livingstone Primary), Jupinder Grewal (Mount Pleasant Primary), Emma Klein (Orchard Grove Primary), Sarah Kimberlet (Parkmore Primary), Emily Long (Rangeview Primary), Campbell Whelan (Vermont Pri-

mary) and Emily Hegedis (Weeden Heights Primary).

Winners were chosen by their schools on academic, sporting and leadership skills as well as efforts as role models for younger children within the schools.

Rotary gave a prize of a book voucher and certificate of achievement, presented to students at a special dinner in Mitcham. The awards are named in honour of Bert Sloane, who was a school teacher, principal and senior education department officer as well as a founding member of the Rotary club.

**Below is a summary of the club's nomination to the Council.**



NOMINATION for CITY of WHITEHORSE  
COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2011

DAVID BREMNER

David Bremner PHF, Pres RC of Forest Hill received a Community Service Award from the City of Whitehorse on Australia Day. During his 23 years in Rotary, he has held every position in the club. He has been President twice, Secretary three times, Treasurer twice, and has chaired the New Generations, Community Service, Vocational Service & Fund Raising committees plus newsletter editor twice, and is the club's Public Officer. His activity is shown by his average attendance of 92% of all club weekly meetings since he joined. He is Secretary of the very successful Whitehorse Farmers' Market run by the six Rotary clubs in the City of Whitehorse, served two years on the District Foundation committee and was the Secretary General of MUNA for two years

He was a player and club official for the Forest Hill Cricket Club for 28 years and was President of the club. He also umpired in the association for 5 years and was president of the umpires association.

David has been a strong member of Forest Hill (formerly the Mount Pleasant) Uniting Church. He has been in charge of the Planned Giving Programme for over 20 years, has served as Treasurer and for a number of years has been the chairman of the Church Property and Resources Committee. He also maintains the church website.

Prior to retirement he was the Executive Director of the Victorian Bar (1997-2004), and was the first Executive Director of the National Electricity Consumers Advocacy Panel in 2004

David Bremner's life has been devoted to working for the improvement of his fellows in his local community, his national community, and his international community most of whom he will never know or meet. He is an excellent example of a fair minded, community spirited person who has never sought any reward for his community work, in giving Service above Self.

**Meeting Report for 31 January, 2011**

Guest Speakers: Judy Leibel and Liz Tarquinio

Liz is the Youth Resource Officer and Judy is the Crime Prevention Officer for the Whitehorse Police District.

Both officers gave entertaining and informative talks about their roles and how they fitted into the overall policing strategies for the region. Their talks were based on hands on experiences and were illustrated with actual case studies from their work.

The group of Rotarians and guests were fully involved and the number of questions that followed the presentations demonstrated the depth of interest and complimented the manner in which the presentations were made.

Acting Sergeant Stuart raised \$53.85.

Bill Marsh

## Rotary Thought

Our lives have been enriched by those who have passed our way. Rotary has delivered many lifelong friends through its programs such as youth exchange, GSE, vocational exchanges and ambassadorial opportunities.

Many of us fondly remember the charming Marie-France METRAS. Marie wrote a delightful letter to Bob and Heather and I have included a few pieces.

Her children are Christophe 4, Pauline 8, and Camille 11. Her husband Pierre works 6 days a week but regularly takes Fri afternoons off and they go cycling or walking. Marie works part-time Marie does not go to “stich and bitch” but heads out once a month with the girls for a chat -It is called “men in- women out”. The cheap fares allow the family to travel extensively through-out Europe.

Contact Bob and Heather for Marie’s contact details

### **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**

Q1. After Tasmania which is Australia’s largest island?

A. Melville Island (NT)

Q2. What do the words arbour, eight, itch, and owl have in common?

A. When preceded by the letter “H” they form new words.

Q3. Approx how many subjects were beheaded during the reign of English monarch Henry VIII?

A. 72,000

#### **Something a little different this week.**

Q1. Can you think of a tree with a seven letter name that has all five English vowels?

Q2. Swap two letters in the phrase “fire ants” to make another common two-word phrase.

Q3. See if you can fill in the missing words in the following phrases (hint: they’re all animals)

...’s life, ..... work, ....’s share, ..... sense, .... brain.

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

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



### AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

#### DISTRICT 9810 2010 SEMINAR

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February > 7pm to 9pm

Lecture Theatre 2 at Monash Medical Centre Clayton

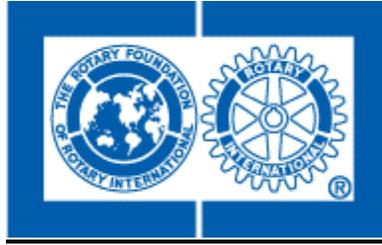


Australian Rotary Health is owned and financed by ALL the Rotary Clubs in Australia

**Its survival and future success depends on all of us.**

JOIN US AT THIS SEMINAR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ARH TO THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY AND HOW YOUR CLUB CAN HELP

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



**DISTRICT 5240 CALIFORNIA USA  
GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM  
WELCOME DINNER**

The Inbound GSE Team from District 5240 in California will be hosted at their first major Dinner Meeting by Rotary Club of Templestowe with all Clubs of the Manningham and Whitehorse Clusters invited to attend

*on*

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> March**

*at*

**6:30 for 7:00PM**

*at*

**MONTE CARLO RECEPTIONS**

*(5 Mitchell Street Doncaster East - Melways 47:J1)*

**All Club Members and Guests are welcome**

This combined Club meeting provides the opportunity meet our 2010/2011 Inbound GSE Team and hear about their home District and to learn a little more about this great Rotary Foundation Program promoting goodwill and understanding throughout the World.

**Cost: \$36 ph**

*(2 Course Dinner, Soft Drinks, Tea & Coffee Service; Cash Bar)*

**Club Representatives are requested to complete and return the Registration Form**

**by**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**to**

**David Forster**

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