

# 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>14 February</u>	<u>21 February</u>	<u>28 February</u>
<p><b>Our Club –our Future Ken Wall Seminar session</b>  <b>Note: 6pm start Chair</b>            Stuart Williams  <b>Thanks and report for Flyer</b>            David Bremner  <b>Most interesting Rotary experience</b></p>	<p><b>A very special night Geoff Hale’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>             David Bremner</p>	<p><b>A celebration of New Generations</b>             Doug Berwick             Bob Laslett</p>

### 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



18 February Rotarian birthday      GEOFF HALE - 90

## Monday 14 February – the meeting starts at 6pm

### DAVID'S DIARY



Last Friday I attended the quarterly meeting of club presidents organised by District 9810. The meeting included presentations on Rotary projects and one in particular that caught my attention was a report by Rob Pelletier, the Flood Coordinator for District 9780 which includes areas like Charlton which was one of the worst hit towns during the flood. Rob noted that one of Rotary's concerns is the mental health of the affected people during and after the recovery phase.

The District is emphasising that it is money rather than second hand goods that is the key need in the recovery. Bob's committee has built a website (<http://www.ruralsupport.org/>) on which are listed recovery and assistance projects reported by local Rotary Clubs. The website allows other Rotary Clubs to inquire about the listed projects and to negotiate directly with the local club on how they can get together to deal with the project. The website is a clever answer to a key question – where is help needed and how can I help?

It is still early days in the recovery but we will monitor the website in case there is a project we can help with.

We have a big weekend coming up. Blackburn Craft Market on Saturday morning followed by the Whitehorse Farmers' Market on Sunday morning. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help. Both markets are in aid of flood relief in Queensland and Victoria so we want the markets to be very successful. It would be great if everyone could attend the markets, either as a volunteer or as a shopper.

Ray Smith and I have just loaded the new barbecue onto the market trailer and rearranged all the other equipment. There is a great need to be able to store the trailer in a garage or shed where it is out of the weather and we have easy access to it. Does anyone know of such a space? Please let me know if you do.

The ***our club our future*** seminar is on next Monday evening. Our meeting will start at **6pm** at which time dinner will be immediately served. As soon as we can, the seminar will commence and will finish about 9pm. Ken Wall will run the seminar and, as we have already seen, he will run an interesting and stimulating session. See you there at 6pm.

As of Wednesday, Stan is recovering well from his operation. Please think of him and Joan.

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

**David**

David Bremner  
President

### This is the VALENTINE'S DAY issue.

**Although our club has an important night planned, we are not forgetting the lovers. Maybe a romantic lunch will have to suffice on Monday. If you are an old school romantic, these beautiful romantic quotes will inspire you, certainly.**

**Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit. (Peter Ustinov)**

**All love shifts and changes. I don't know if you can be wholeheartedly in love all the time. (Julie Andrews)**

**"If I know what love is, it is because of you." - Herman Hesse**

**"Sometimes your nearness takes my breath away; and all the things I want to say can find no voice. Then, in silence, I can only hope my eyes will speak my heart." - Robert Sexton**

**"For every beauty there is an eye somewhere to see it. For every truth, there is an ear somewhere to hear it. For every love there is a heart somewhere to receive it." - Ivan Panin**

**"My heart is ever at your service." - William Shakespeare**

**"If I had a flower for every time I thought of you, I could walk in my garden forever". - Alfred Lord Tennyson**

**"Love is like the wind, you can't see it but you can feel it all over" - Meredith**

**"For an instant, love can transform the world." - Anonymous**

**"I love you not because of who you are, but because of who I am when I am with you." - Anonymous**

Enough of this sentimentality – on with a vision for our club.

Editor Stuart – a hopeless romantic.

## NOTICES

A blast from our past:

Most of you will remember Mizuki, an exchange student from Tokyo who came back with her mother a few years ago. Robbie and I went to her wedding. She and Yuji had a beautiful baby daughter on the morning of 26th Dec, their first. Everyone is very healthy and all is going very well.

Ron Brooks

### **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.

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### **ANOTHER JOINS THE CLUB**

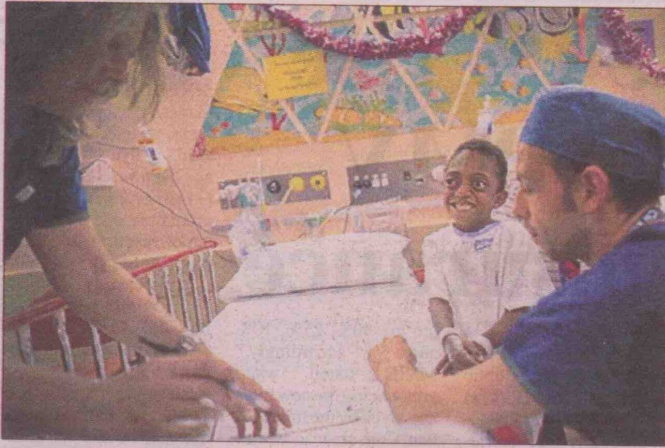
Gary has retired. Bev and I are hoping to purchase a computer in the next few days. In the meantime send my emails to Bev on

[bevbaltissen@gmail.com](mailto:bevbaltissen@gmail.com) Gary

### **Meeting Report for 7 February, 2011**

Acting Sergeant Stuart raised over \$39.00 for the Rotary Foundation.

## Rotary Thought



Gregory Jack at the Royal Children's Hospital prior to surgery in December last year.  
— Picture courtesy of MICHAEL COPP

## Rotary rescues boy

PNG boy Gregory Jack may have only turned seven on Sunday, but he has an amazing story to tell.

As reported by the *Moonee Valley Weekly* last year, Gregory has been in Australia since last month to receive life-saving surgery for a genetic disorder called Crouzon syndrome.

By luck he was discovered by holiday makers on a remote tropical island east of the PNG mainland more than 12 months ago.

He was brought to Aus-

tralia as part of the Rotary overseas medical aid for children programme and is being hosted by the East Keilor Rotary.

His condition had left his skull and facial bones unable to expand as he grew, and he had been unable to close his eyes.

He required surgery at the Royal Children's Hospital to cut and release his facial bones to bring his face forward.

On Dec 7 Gregory received the surgery.

Rotary member David

Barnes said it was originally feared surgery had not worked when it appeared one side of Gregory's face was not pulling forward.

On a return trip to hospital, just days after Christmas, it was found that the frame had also resulted in a broken jaw and widening a crack in his jaw.

But Gregory remains in Australia with his uncle Paison Vilen and the support of Rotary, and now finally appears to be well on the way to recovery.

This article was in the PNG National

Greg has Crouzon's Syndrome where the skull stops growing but the internal organs continue to grow and, seeking the line of least resistance, they force the eyes out and continue with inevitable results. Greg had reached the stage where he had not been able to close his eyes for the last four years.

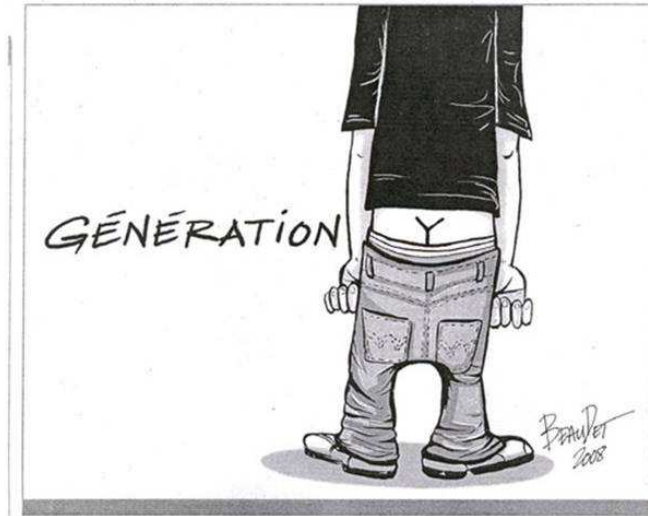
Attached is a photo showing an apparatus that has screws on the front and his carer has to tighten the screw a mm a day and it forces the front of skull out.

Greg and carer are fantastic as they love to visit clubs.

Greg turned 8 last Sunday and at a BBQ party his carer broke down and cried as he spoke about the debt they had to ROMAC, Rotary and Australia.



Why do we call them Generation Y?



### **Visit to Chris and Warwick's farm at Longwood Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Chris and Warwick have kindly offered for club members present and past to visit their farm and have a tour and a BBQ lunch. Longwood is 149km North of Melbourne and according to Warwick is about a 1 ¾ hour drive from Forest Hill.

The suggestion is to arrive at 11am and Chris and Warwick will show us around and see their cows and calves, shearing shed, chemical shed, new spray unit with GPS, paper work involved, Merinos and white Suffolk sheep etc.

1pm lunch and they have a BBQ and have tea and coffee with everything else BYO please. So please bring your plates, glasses, chairs drinks and utensils and whatever you wish to BBQ and, as per our bbq meetings at Heather and David's, if you can bring either a salad or dessert (after checking with Barbara and Bob as we don't all want to bring a green salad etc).

A good idea to arrange your own car pooling if you wish.

I'll be sending around a tick sheet over the next few meetings and if any of our past members wish to come please call me on 9874 7350 or [bandbwil@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bandbwil@bigpond.net.au) to save your spot at this once in a lifetime (well we have been before so maybe twice in a lifetime?) social event of the year.

I'll also provide a map to their farm and from memory of my last time there, it is easy to find.

Bob Williams

### **SQUARE EYED STU at the Movies**

BLACK SWAN – hard to know what to say about this movie. Natalie Portman's acting is amazing. It is about a dancer getting her first big break. It is a dark movie, essentially a horror story. If you like Swan Lake you might like it. But a ballet movie with bitchiness, sex, lesbian sex, violence, revenge and the anxieties created by a mother who wants to live her life through her daughter's success. A roller coaster ride through emotions that sort of wallows in her suffering. Look at the rating – MA15+.

### **Rotarians Against Malaria – Adopt a Village**

I wish to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, the contribution from the Rotary Club of Forest Hill of \$1,000. In due course formal notification of the village you have adopted



will be forwarded to you.

There is no doubt that the use of the treated nets together with efforts to remove mosquito breeding sites from around villages is having a most significant impact on the rate of death and illness from malaria. The 'holy grail' remains an affordable vaccine. Recent developments announced by some Australian researchers promise new avenues of research to this end but we continue to provide as much protection as we can in the short term - especially for children and pregnant women.

Thank you all again for being part of this significant humanitarian effort.

Best wishes.

Richmond Manyweathers

RAM National Adopt A Village Co-ordinator

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

**Answer: sequoia**

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

**Answer: fine arts.**

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

...'. life, ..... work, ....'. share, ..... sense, .... brain.

**Answer: dog's life, donkey work, lion's share, horse sense, hare brain (or it could be bird).**

This week's questions:

Q1. Over a period of seven years, a person will lose contact with what % of their friends?

Q2. Women are attracted to men who wear which colour more than any other?

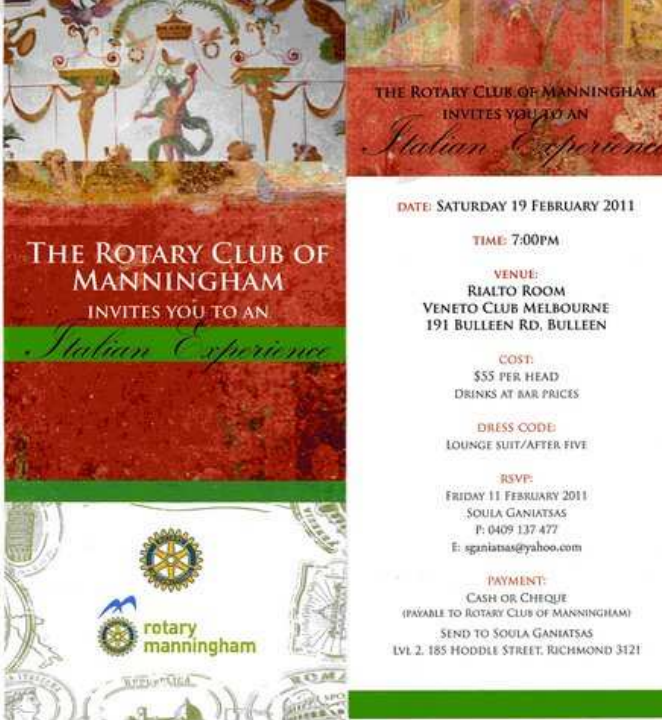
Q3. A passenger train in which country has set the unofficial world-record speed?

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**

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	Ninety not out –celebrating Geoff Hale's Birthday

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to me by **5 pm next Wednesday** (in Microsoft Word format,) Stuart Williams [ggestu2@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ggestu2@yahoo.com.au)



**THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANNINGHAM**  
INVITES YOU TO AN  
*Italian Experience*

**DATE: SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2011**

**TIME: 7:00PM**

**VENUE:**  
RIALTO ROOM  
VENETO CLUB MELBOURNE  
191 BULLEEN RD, BULLEEN

**COST:**  
\$55 PER HEAD  
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

**DRESS CODE:**  
LOUNGE SUIT/AFTER FIVE

**RSVP:**  
FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2011  
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**DISTRICT 9810  
CONFERENCE  
GOLF DAY**

**THE GRANGE  
GOLF CLUB**

**PROGRAM**

11.15am Registration and Sandwich Lunch  
12.10pm Briefing  
12.30pm Shot Gun Start  
5.15pm Club House

**COMPETITION**

- Stableford for AGU Handicap players (Maximum AGU Handicap – Men 32 / Ladies 45)
- Calloway for players without AGU Handicap
- Rotary Club team event (Teams of 2 – must be nominated prior to hit off)

**PRIZES**

- Best individual score and runner-up (A&B Grade)
- Best Individual Calloway
- Winning Team – Awarded DG's perpetual trophy and a \$500 Ford Davis Endeavour Award for the club's nominated program. (Donated by The Rotary Club of Forest Hill)

**Date**  
Thursday  
7th April 2011

**Venue**  
Grange Golf Club  
White Sands Drive  
Grange, South Australia

**Registration**  
11.15am

**Tee off**  
12.30pm

**Attire**  
Golf Shoe  
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