



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

<p>11 April Multiple Sclerosis Wendy Oliver</p> <p>Chair Warwick Stott</p> <p>Thanks & meeting report Bob Williams</p> <p>Most memorable Rotary Experience Gary Baltissen</p>	<p>18 April Apprenticeship Awards – Ford Davis Award and Graham Taylor Award</p> <p>Bill Marsh</p> <p>Doug Berwick</p> <p>Glenys Grant</p>	<p>25 April No meeting – public holiday</p>
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DUTY ROSTER

	APRIL
Cashier	Ron Brooks
Recorder	Bob Neilson
Greeter	Doug Berwick
Emergency	John Donaghey

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

CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS WEEK



Nil

Honorary Members, Friends of Rotary and Partners attending meetings

During the course of the year, we have special meetings and social events to which Honorary Members, Friends of Rotary and members' Partners are specifically invited.

However, Honorary Members, Friends of Rotary and Partners are always very welcome at any club meeting or event they may wish to attend. All you need to do if you see an item on our meeting program that you are interested in is ring or email Ray Smith to advise you will be attending and we will be delighted to have your company.

DAVID'S DIARY



Our District Conference is being held on 7-9 April. Bob and Judy Laslett, Glenys Grant and Heather and I will be attending.

The speakers' program looks very interesting with Ian Cover (the 'Coodabeens') as master of ceremonies, Tim Costello (World Vision Australia), Tara Winkler (Cambodian orphanage), Simon Bryant (celebrity chef), Jimmy Little (the Jimmy Little Foundation), Mike Quarmby (Sustainable Indigenous Communities), and Professor Hubert Gijzen (UNESCO and water education). In addition, there will be the usual reports on a wide range of Rotary projects and plenty of fellowship, fun and entertainment! The special guest performer at the gala dinner will be Normie Rowe.

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill Ford Davis Endeavour Award for the winning Rotary club team in the Conference Golf Day will be presented by District Governor David Alexander during the prize-giving ceremony.

The Rotary International President's Personal Representative is John Blount and Patti. John is a Rotary International Director (2009-2011) and is from California.

Our Blackburn Craft Market will be held next Saturday. Due to some of us being at Conference or away or on the injured list, the number of available workers will be far less than usual so it would be greatly appreciated if everyone else (including Partners) would carry the load on this occasion. Our market coordinator, John McPhee, will certainly appreciate your help.

The same goes for the Whitehorse Farmers Market on Sunday which will be heavily impacted by absences due to Conference – please let Warwick Stott know if you can help.

Our injured list is reaching AFL proportions – Stan Harper is still recovering as is Bill Marsh, Ray Smith has pulled up well after his surgery but full recovery will a few weeks yet, Ron Brooks is soldiering on after his surgery and our Honorary Member, Norm Durham is recuperating from knee replacement surgery. To those people and any anyone else who is feeling below par, and their carers, we extend our best wishes.

An update on the club's generous decision to assist flood relief in Queensland and Victoria – Ray Smith is finalising arrangements with the Rotary Club of Gatton and Lockyer in Queensland for assistance to the value of \$1,000 to be given to a suitable relief project in the town of Forest Hill which was hugely impacted by the floods and Bill Marsh is looking into a flood relief project to the value of \$1,000 in the Carisbrook area in Victoria which was hit by two enormous floods. We hope to make these donations as soon as possible now that the extent of the damage has been fully assessed.

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

David

David Bremner
President

Meeting Report for 4 APRIL, 2011

Acting Sergeant Stuart raised \$46.45 last week – not sure whether that was because it would be his last one for a month! Thanks all those who generously supported the Rotary Foundation.

Steve Haylock, the Community Liaison Officer with the Eastern Health Foundation was guest speaker. He told us that to live longer we need to socialise. People from the "Blue Zones" in parts of Costa Rica, Japan, Sardinia and California have been found to live longest because they regularly get together in community groups. So keep attending Rotary! The Eastern Health Foundation was recently established to raise funds to improve the health and wellbeing of patients and their families in our community. Eastern is the 2nd largest provider of Health Care services in Victoria with 8 main hospitals and 50 campuses covering an area which is home to over 800,000 people. It has over 1 million patient attendances last year. The Foundation has a new patron, Peter Hitchener. They raised \$226,000 last year. Steve left us with a wish list of items they need at the hospitals and pointed out that like Rotary, 100% of money donated is spent on the items and they are very big on ensuring Recognition is given unless specifically requested otherwise.

John McPhee spoke about his "most memorable Rotary experience". It was over 25 years ago when he attended his first Rotary annual conference in Ballarat. Memorable because of the first night (with the Tinkers and the Smarts) they stayed at Craig's Hotel.... well the rooms were so bad they did not stay! They then stayed in different accommodation each night of the conference. An amusing and different slant on this regular feature in our speaking programme.

Ron Brooks

Happy landings to our Flyer Editor Stuart

I understand that the last time he flew on an aeroplane, Stuart heard the following conversation between the air traffic controller and the pilot

The traffic controller, obviously in a frivolous mood, transmitted the following message to the plane just after it landed: "Speedbird 123. Nice landing Captain, but a little left of the centre-line, I think."

Quick as a flash, the Captain replied in a cool English accent: "Roger Frankfurt Tower. Perfectly correct. I am a little to the left of the centre-line. And my co-pilot is a little to the right of it."

FOOTY TIPPING

*** Well week two threw up a couple of surprises and a draw – therefore no one gets 8 winners. Bill Marsh (recovering from a knee replacement) Mark Bailey and Rob Roles are 3 of our leaders. Still slow to get on the board, Chris Tuck, Barbara got her act together this week and jumped a few places. Good tipping to you all this week. I wonder if I will hear about AFL in Thailand? Go Cats

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ATTENTION ****

Entertainment BOOK – Is for sale NOW

We will be selling the book again this year. Same price - \$65 and the club makes \$15 from each purchase. Tell your family – please order them from The Rotary Club of Forest Hill. Stuart Williams has order forms – please contact him. (I used it this year and have had over 25 meals and saved over \$600 and used the aquarium voucher and cinema vouchers – excellent value. Stuart)

One copy has already been sold. I have 10 copies.

Weekly Foundation Thought

This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about Changing and Saving Lives.

Have you ever considered that your contribution to The Rotary Foundation may mean the difference between life and death? Rotary Foundation Matching Grant projects have helped provide the Malawi Children's Village (MCV) with everything from clean water, food and medications to blankets, sewing machines and a windmill. The Rotary Club of Canandaigua, New York, USA and Chakunga Sibale, director of the MCV, founded the program in 1997 and it is supported locally by the Rotary Club of Limbe. "The MCV has had a very great effect to relieve the suffering of children in my country," says Sibale. Rotarian's contributions to this project have literally meant the difference between life and death for many of the children in the MCV program.

SENIOR'S CORNER

Subject: Some things are better left unsaid....

My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Dust."

...And then the fight started.

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My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds."

I bought her some scales.

...And then the fight started.

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When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive...

So I took her to a petrol station...

...And then the fight started.

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 – THREE questions this week seeing a visitor got last week's questions correct.

Answers to last week's questions

Q1. On average how many days earlier are twins born than single babies?

A. 19 days earlier.

Q2. Can you name the South American foods that Europeans wouldn't have tasted before 1600?

A. Beans, chillies, chocolate, potatoes, sweet corn or tomatoes.

This week's quiz

Australia has the world's largest sand island. What is its name?

If you don't know the answer, you should pay a fine to the Sergeant. If you get the correct answer, the Editor will pay. The answer will be in next week's Forest Hill Flyer

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

7-9	April	District Conference -Adelaide
9	April	Blackburn Craft Market
10	April	Whitehorse Farmers Market

Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to me by **5 pm next Wednesday week** (in Microsoft Word format,) David Bremner djlb91@bigpond.com