

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

2 May	9 May	16 May
Retirement and pre-retirement planning Gray Foreman (Board meeting) PARTNERS NIGHT Chair Bob Laslett Thanks & meeting report Ray Smith Most Memorable Rotary Experience Gary Baltissen	Prepaid funerals and funeral insurance Joe Markham & Doug Berwick PARTNERS NIGHT Bob Neilson John McPhee Glenys Grant	Yarra Valley Water Pat McCafferty, General Manager PARTNERS NIGHT John McPhee Warwick Stott Bill Marsh

DUTY ROSTER

	MAY
Cashier	Gary Baltissen
Recorder	John McPhee
Greeter	Bob Laslett
Emergency	Graham Sharman

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



6 May – Wedding anniversary – Glenys and Rob Grant

DAVID'S DIARY



In the Rotary calendar, April is Rotary Magazine Month.

I find that spending some time, preferably over a hot latte with one sugar, reading *Rotary Down Under* is a very pleasant way to update my knowledge about what Rotary clubs are doing in other parts of Australia as well as overseas. It's a great way to get inspiration and ideas.

A member or two in our club also subscribe to *The Rotarian*, Rotary International's magazine. For the technology buffs among us the *The Rotarian* digital magazine debuts in July and a link to it can be delivered to your email inbox every month. It can also be delivered to your iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, or Samsung Galaxy. Details of the new service can be found on the Rotary International website.

I find that making a phone call from my mobile is a technological challenge so I think I will stay with the printed version!

A key issue for some Rotarians is the amount of information they receive. I have occasionally heard comments to the effect that not enough information is provided or that too much information is being provided. Obviously each of us has a need to keep up to date on what is happening in our club, District, Zone and the RI world. At the same time, we need to be conscious of using our reading time effectively to gather the information that informs and excites us. Please enjoy your reading!

We have the District Assembly on 7 May and the Whitehorse Farmers Market on 8 May so it will be a busy weekend. President Elect Doug Berwick will be organising attendance at the Assembly and at next Monday's meeting, Warwick Stott will be looking for volunteers to work at the market.

May is a month when the farmers market and our Blackburn market are not on the same weekend so it is an opportunity to be involved in both markets without taking up the whole weekend. Both markets are fun and a great way to raise money for our community service program. I look forward to seeing you there.

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 25 April 2011

No meeting last week.

Celebration of 90 years of Rotary in Australia

2011 marks the 90th year anniversary of Rotary in Australia and the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Australia's first Rotary Club, invites Rotarians to a Gala Dinner to celebrate this occasion in the presence of Her Excellency, Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

This is an opportunity to acknowledge in a formal way the work of the current 37,000 Australian Rotary volunteers both male and female, from the 1,202 Clubs in Australia to mark their 90 years of service.

The 90th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Monday 23rd May 2011 at 6.30pm in the Members Dining Room of the Melbourne Cricket Club, Brunton Avenue, Jolimont. Dress is Black Tie and cost \$155.00 per person.

All Rotarians throughout Australia are invited to join the Rotary Club of Melbourne for the 90 years of Rotary in Australia celebration dinner.

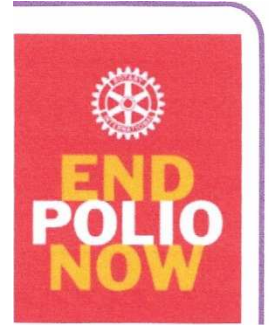
For enquiries and bookings, contact Jo Mavros, Rotary Club of Melbourne, PO Box 18388, Collins Street East, Melbourne Vic 3000 Tel 9654 7242.

An Update on Polio - The Final Hurdle

This article is based on a talk given by Past District Governor, Jenny Coburn, to the Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills.

There are four countries where polio is endemic, that is where polio has never ceased to exist, - Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria. While there are outbreaks of polio in non-endemic countries which require mop exercises, it is the endemic countries which have provided the challenges to the world health organisations.

In 1988 there were more than 350,000 polio cases, in 2009 just 1,604! The figures presented below show that enormous inroads have been made towards eradication over recent years.



	Pakistan	Afghanistan	India	Nigeria	Overall Endemic	Overall Non Endemic	Overall Total
2009	89	36	724	388	1,256	348	1,604
2010	144	25	42	21	232	1,062	1,294
2011	20	1	1	2	24	43	67
As at 23/3/11							

The increase in 2010 in non-endemic countries was due to an outbreak in Tajikistan with 458 cases.

The decrease of cases can be attributed to the new vaccine now being used as well as the National Immunisation Programs in place and the significant changes in attitudes at government level in the endemic countries.

The partners in driving the eradication of polio are World Health, Rotary, World Bank and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Gates has provided US\$355mil, with a challenge to Rotary to raise US\$200mil. To date US\$160mil has been raised.

Jenny emphasised that it is vital that we continue to support the polio campaign and she spoke of the new advertising campaign "We Are This Close". The campaign uses famous figures from different countries and cultures to keep the focus on polio when we are "this close" to eradicating the disease from the world.

Like all big challenges big milestones have been set. The next Polio Eradication Targets are:

- End 2011 - Cessation of all polio transmission in at least 2 of the 4 endemic countries
- End 2012 - Cessation of all wild poliovirus transmission
- End 2013 - Initial validation of 2012 milestones

It must be remembered that once gone, this disease will NOT reoccur.

Jenny concluded her talk with a quote from Margaret Chan, the Director General of the World Health Organisation - "As an international community, we have few opportunities to do something that is unquestionably good for every country and every child, in perpetuity. Polio eradication is one of these opportunities".

It's so nice to be appreciated!

Last week we featured several reports on our Apprenticeship Awards Night held on 18 May. The following email responses were received in relation to the reports:

"Great job. The article on BMW is fantastic. Your club is to be commended and I know I speak for others in America who also see your newsletter. Fantastic my friend.

*Mickey Kempf, Past President Littleton Rotary
Manager/Vice President, Bradford Auto Body, Inc.
2659 W Main St, Littleton, Colorado, USA"*

Always look forward to reading the FH Flyer, and was especially impressed with the details of your apprenticeship awards. What a sensational project - I know there are a

few others around the District, but what you are doing at Forest Hill is very special. Congratulations!

Juliet Riseley, District Governor Elect"

Summary of business from the April 2011 Board Meeting

- Forest Hill Secondary College – has not responded to the club's offer of funding for Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) and National Youth Science Forum (NYSF).
- Prey T'Biang project in conjunction with Croydon club – project is on hold for the time being as a result of delays in Cambodia.
- Country club relationship – At its May meeting, the Board will consider providing funding for the District 9780 "Defying the Drift" program which seeks to make teenagers aware of the advantages of living and working in the 'bush'.
- Lily Harper Family bequest – no progress as yet.
- Our Club Our Future - a questionnaire asking for guidance on a range of issues was circulated to club members. A report on the outcome will be prepared.
- Major Project - nothing further to report.
- ShelterBox – District 9810 is not providing guidance on which of ShelterBox Australia (SBA) or Disaster Aid Australia (DAA) should be supported. Board to consider a ShelterBox speaker and a donation.
- Monash Community Raffle - club has ordered two books.
- Treasurer – accounts and report were passed.
- President-Elect, Fundraising - Doug Berwick will coordinate club member attendance at Assembly (7th May). Blackburn and Whitehorse markets are progressing well. A trivia night is being organised, possible venues are NADRASCA and TARALYE.
- Immediate Past President – Stuart Williams reported that the footy tipping project is underway.
- Fellowship – the Board established a subcommittee of Doug Berwick, Chris Tuck, Bob Laslett and David Bremner to develop a program, action plan and budget for a membership drive. Chris Tuck is investigating a wine and cheese night at Blackburn Cellarbrations.
- Vice President - Ray Smith reported that Roger Davis has pumpkins for us to collect and sell. It was decided that we have insufficient members available at the time to collect the pumpkins. They will instead be given to the local fire brigade as a fundraiser.
- Foundation, International - Gary Baltissen is planning a guest speaker on Safe Water Save Lives (SWSL) for June. May will be promoted as "Wear a Hat" Day.
- Community, New Generations, Vocational - Graham Sharman is investigating supporting disadvantaged youth to play soccer by paying their association affiliation fees. A vocational visit is being considered to either the School of Nursing (Box Hill TAFE), NADRASCA, Hand Brake Turn or Nunawading Toyota. Volunteers for the mock job interviews at Forest Hill College are being recruited. No applicants have been received for MUNA. No response from Forest Hill Secondary College for NYSF. The possibility of funding an indigenous community leader to attend a pastoral care training course is being investigated. The Ford Davis and Graham Taylor Apprenticeship Awards will be presented in April.
- Artwork for a generic RC of Forest Hill business card to be finalised and printed.

Footy Tipping

We have a tie for first place following last weekend's matches – Stuart Williams, Mark Bailey and David Bremner. How come no one picked the Gold Coats Suns to win!

I hear that Stuart may not have picked the mighty Cats last weekend – probably for the first time in 6 or 7 years!

Mock Job Interviews

The mock job interviews will be conducted at Forest Hill College on the evening of 18 May. Thanks to those who have volunteered to act as interviewers. If anyone else is interested, please contact Graham Sharman.

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.

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 – a riddle this week "What is a room you cannot enter?"

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*

Answers to last week's question - Which former Australian prime minister once managed a rock band called The Ramrods? Ans: Paul Keating

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

30 April 2011	Model United Nations Assembly
1 May 2011	International Friendship Exchange Florida (1-19 May)
2 May 2011	Club meeting & Board meeting
6 May 2011	Camp Awakening (6-8 May)
7 May 2011	District Assembly
8 May 2011	Whitehorse Farmers Market
9 May 2011	Club meeting
13 May 2011	Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN 13-15 May)
14 May 2011	Blackburn Craft Market
16 May 2011	Club meeting
20 May 2011	RI International Institute - New Orleans, USA
21 May 2011	RI International Convention - New Orleans, USA (21-25 May)
23 May 2011	Club meeting

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