

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

9 May	16 May	23 May
Prepaid funerals and funeral insurance Joe Markham & Doug Berwick	Yarra Valley Water Pat McCafferty, General Manager	Club Forum
PARTNERS NIGHT	PARTNERS NIGHT	
Chair		
Bob Neilson	John McPhee	Bob Williams
Thanks & meeting report		
John McPhee	Warwick Stott	Graham Sharman
Most Memorable Rotary Experience		
Glenys Grant	Bill Marsh	No talk

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



Nil this week

DAVID'S DIARY

Our Board meeting finished very late last Monday night – my apologies to the Board for the late night but we had a very long agenda and a lot to discuss.

The Board has been considering several large projects and some decisions were made on them and research on the others is continuing. The matters were as follows:

- Prey T'Biang project – we committed to assist the Rotary Club of Croydon by providing \$1,200 to help fund the purchase of equipment for a school in Cambodia. Croydon has advised that due to delays in Cambodia, the project has been cancelled for the time being. The Board resolved to advise Croydon that we will therefore withdraw from the project. The funds set aside for the project will be diverted to an alternative project – the building of nurses' quarters at a teaching hospital in the Solomon Islands. District Governor David Alexander requested clubs to consider the project and after reviewing the project details, the Board has agreed. Much of the building work will be carried out by apprentices from Box Hill TAFE and District will match us with an apprentice who will report back to the club on their involvement in the project;
- Carols in the Vines – the concert didn't proceed. The Board decided to add the \$500 set aside for it to the nurses' quarters project. The Board also agreed to add a further \$300 to the project to enable a total of \$2,000 to be provided;
- Defying the Drift – the Board is considering providing \$1,000 to support this project in District 9780. The program is similar to the Rotary Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) but is aimed at making young people aware of the opportunities for a career in the country – in essence, the program is trying to stop the drift of young people to the city. The matter will be discussed again at the next Board meeting;
- Alcohol and Drugs Booklet – this involves the club funding the printing of a booklet about alcohol and drugs and their impact on teenagers to be given to parents of year 7 students at a local secondary school. The cost of the project would be in the order of \$1,500 per annum for three years. The Board has decided to discuss the matter with local secondary schools to see if one wishes to be involved in the project;
- A major project – for some years the club has been on the lookout for a new major project. The Board has identified several projects and has decided to investigate one in detail. The project is a scholarship through which the club would fund an indigenous person to obtain medical qualifications in order to use the training to assist outback communities. The scholarship is provided through Australian Rotary Health and could cost \$2,500 a year for up to four years. The club would have an on-going relationship and contact with the student during the scholarship. Further details on the project are being obtained so the Board will be able to present full details to the club for consideration;
- Blackburn North Baptist Soccer Club – the Board resolved to provide \$2,000 to fund affiliation fees and equipment for five players. The club actively encourages participation by children who are refugees or have a disability. On occasions, the parents have limited financial means which can preclude the children from taking part. Our funding will assist at least five children to participate in sport;
- Pastoral care worker – the Board is considering providing financial assistance to an indigenous pastoral care worker in Queensland in order to assist him to attend a year-long course to better equip him to assist his people. Further details are being sought from the applicant. Potentially, the project could cost \$3,000;
- Support for a local child – a local family has asked for financial assistance to convert their vehicle to make it wheelchair accessible for their disabled child. The club is going to discuss the project with the other Whitehorse Rotary clubs.

As you can see, there were some very complex matters considered at the meeting. Hopefully, we can complete our research and then formally consider the outstanding matters at our next Board meeting.

Thanks to those who have agreed to attend District Assembly next Saturday. I am looking forward to a very interesting day. Next weekend we also have the Whitehorse Farmers Market – many thanks to those who have volunteered to be part of this valuable and enjoyable project.

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

David

David Bremner
President

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to those who kept the Flyer coming whilst I was in Thailand. Big thanks to David Bremner for being editor and president. I am back and looking for "good stuff" to publish.

Meeting Report for 2 May 2011

No report provided

***Wear A Hat in May +++ Money to Australian Rotary Health.

Square Eyed Stu out and about a long way from home.

Fantasea – in Phuket Thailand- this is an amazing experience. Like a mini Disney land - theme park, side shows, shopping etc then the show and dinner. A huge production. It leaves Siam Niramvit - which I saw in Bangkok - for dead - sssooooo much better. At one stage there were 17 elephants on the stage, amazing (but animal libbers would be up in arms). They looked happy and well fed. Also we had chickens, goats, water buffalo and a tiger that ran off stage on a dog lead. The elephants walked into the theatre across the middle of the seating. There was humor, high wire trapeze act, and an opera-like spectacular... The theatre was massive, probably seated 2,000+ Colorful, lively and visually stunning. A must see in Phuket. And afterwards - I had an international buffet dinner. A palace that dwarfed the old Ferntree Gully "Swagman", and the food was well cooked and of high quality. Not the sort of food quality you usually get at such venues. I even had 2 plates of roast duck, served in a single discreet alcove. I did not sleep that well last night but it was probably due to over indulging at 9pm.

It was not a cheap show but still meal, show and transport there and back for under A\$80. Outstanding. If you go to Thailand, make sure you see this show.

(No Rotary frequent Flyer points were used by Square Eyed to travel - he was not sponsored by the operators – but always the diligent reporter to "bring the best to our readers")

Worth a smile: Having just returned from holidays I thought these were appropriate

This is a listing of some guests' complaints received by an international tour:

1. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."

2 "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time - this should be banned."

3. "On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served

curry. I don't like spicy food at all."

4. "We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our swimming costumes and towels."

5. A tourist at a top African game lodge overlooking a water hole, who spotted a visibly aroused elephant, complained that the sight of this rampant beast ruined his honeymoon by making him feel "inadequate".

6. A woman threatened to call police after claiming that she'd been locked in by staff. When in fact, she had mistaken the "do not disturb" sign on the back of the door as a warning to remain in the room.

7. "The beach was too sandy."

8. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as yellow but it was white."

9. A guest at a hotel in Australia complained his soup was too thick and strong. He was inadvertently slurping the gravy at the time.

10. "Topless sunbathing on the beach should be banned. The holiday was ruined as my husband spent all day looking at other women."

11. "We bought 'Ray-Ban' sunglasses for five Euros (£3.50 or \$5.00) from a street trader, only to find out they were fake."

12. "No-one told us there would be fish in the sea. The children were startled."

13. "There was no egg slicer in the apartment..."

14. "We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish..."

15. "The roads were uneven..."

16. "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It only took the Americans three hours to get home."

17. "I compared the size of our one-bedroom apartment to our friend's three-bedroom apartment and ours was significantly smaller."

18. "The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the accommodation'. We're trainee hairdressers - will we be OK staying here?"

19. "There are too many Spanish people. The receptionist speaks Spanish. The food is Spanish. Too many foreigners."

20. "We had to queue outside with no air conditioning."

21. "It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."

22. "I was bitten by a mosquito - no-one said they could bite."

23. "My fiancé and I booked a twin-bedded room but we were placed in a double-bedded room. We now hold you responsible for the fact that I find myself pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."

Footy Tipping

We had our first tipsters to pick all the winners last round. Congratulations Bill Marsh and John McPhee. Bill has taken the lead after the Bombers lucky win over the Suns. The field is tightly packed behind Bill and I am sure there will be changes after the weekend as there are again some challenging games.

Good tipping.

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** get in quickly – we have sold 6 copies already.**

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) 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

Having a rest due to space problems

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

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** (in Microsoft Word format,) Stuart Williams gsestu2@yahoo.com.au

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Hat Day

for Mental Health Research

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Saturday 14th May 2011

10am - 4pm

Manchester Unity Hall
8 Main Street, Blackburn

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David Freeman (Antiques & Art)

Scott Crombie (Jewellery)

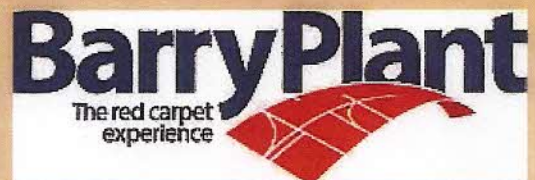
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Rotary Business Breakfast

Wednesday 18 May 2011

Organised by the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

Book early places are limited

Details

Guest Speaker: Harold Mitchell AC

Date: Wednesday 18 May 2011
7.00am for 7.30am
Concluding at 9.00am

Theme: 'Australia: A great place to be right now.'

Venue: Box Hill Golf Club
Station St, Box Hill
Melways Ref 61 D 3

MC: Ross Mitchell
Managing Director
NESSO

Cost: \$50 (Full Breakfast)

Bookings: Payment Details—See Below

Harold Mitchell AC

Harold Mitchell AC — is a leading Australian businessman and regarded as the country's most influential media planner and buyer. The son of a saw-mill worker, Harold's career in advertising started at the age of 17 when he left the Victorian country town of Stawell for Melbourne with £2 in his pocket and found a job as an office boy in an ad agency. At 24, he became the media manager at USP Needham, and by the time he was 33 he was running the media buying operations of Masius Wynne Williams, Australia's third-biggest ad agency. Harold Mitchell pioneered the idea of an independent media agency in 1976 when he opened the doors of his



own business Mitchell & Partners. He felt that the business community had a need for an enterprise that was totally dedicated to the task of researching, analysing and buying media made sense. Mitchell & Partners is recognised as one of the first media specialist agencies in the world and has a distinguished 30+ year history, including many industry firsts and the proud ability to respond to the changing and evolving media landscape. In May 2007 Harold sold his family business to the listed company emitch and formed Australia's largest independent communications group, "Mitchell Communication Group".

Registration Form

For Enquiries contact: Bruce McEwen 0413 144 700
Bernie Millane 0418 996 757

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