



# 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

30 May	6 June	13 June
<b>Rotary Fundraiser Dinner proposal Jeffrey Tan Chair</b>  Chris Tuck <b><u>Vote of thanks and meeting report</u></b> John Donaghey <b>Most memorable Rotary moment</b> Bob Williams	<b>East Timor Roofing and Water project Ern Dawes</b>  Stuart Williams  Gary Baltissen  Chris Tuck	<b>Queen's birthday holiday – No club meeting</b>

### DUTY ROSTER

	<b>MAY</b>
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](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



- 2 June Birthday David Bremner (do we get a public holiday?)
- 2 June Birthday Heather Neilson
- 4 June Birthday Bob Laslett
- 5 June Club membership anniversary Ron Brooks

**DAVID'S DIARY**

Thanks to the Partners and Honorary Member for attending the special Partners Dinner in the Bucatini Restaurant last Monday. From what I saw and heard, it was a very enjoyable night.

You will recall that the club has been seeking an appropriate project to which to devote this year's interest on the Harper Family Fund donation to the club.

The Board has resolved to recommend that the \$3,000 available this year from the Harper Fund be applied to assist a young Indigenous man, Josias Dixon.

Josias lives in Lajamanu, a small town in the Northern Territory. It has a population of 669 and is located around 557 kilometres from Katherine and approximately 890 kilometres from Darwin. He is a pastoral care worker for his community and is being groomed to be a community leader in the near future.

In order to prepare himself for his future role in his church and community, Josias is going to Brisbane to attend a theological college. The training will give him the knowledge he needs to lead and care for his people. Josias' community has raised the funds to enable him to attend the college for six months. Our contribution will enable him to extend the training to twelve months and will greatly enhance his skills and experiences.

Josias will be asked to provide the club with quarterly reports on his experiences at the college and his plans for the future when he returns to Lajamanu. This will enable us to share his experiences.

I visited Stan Harper and gave him a report on the project and the Board's decision. Stan was very pleased with the project and was sure his family would also be pleased. He had seen reference to it in one of my recent reports in the *Forest Hill Flyer* and thought it to be a good project.

The Ford Davis Endeavour Award for 2011 for a carpentry apprentice has also been awarded. The Board has accepted the nomination of Indiana Hangan as the recipient of the carpentry apprenticeship award for 2011. Indiana was nominated by Martin Los and Tim Freeman, lecturers in the furniture and carpentry schools at the Box Hill Institute. Indiana is a very good fit for the selection criteria for the award.

Indiana, Martin and Tim will attend the club in July where we will present the prize of a toolkit and tools of trade to the value of \$1,400.

Subsequent to him being given the award, I was told that Indiana has volunteered to be an apprentice working on the building of the nurses' quarters in the Solomon Islands – a project to which we have contributed \$2,000. The fact that Indiana has volunteered to give up his time to be part of a Rotary project is a very good indication that he is an excellent person to receive the award.

At last week's meeting, a club forum was held at which we reviewed the club's performance for the year to date. A report on the forum is set out below.

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

**David**

David Bremner  
President

**Preliminary Announcement  
Blackburn Shopping Centre Evening**

On Wednesday 8 June 2011 the Club will hold a wine and cheese evening at Cellarbrations Wine Shop at the Blackburn Shopping Centre commencing at 5-30pm for approx. 2 hours

The purpose is not only for a Club social night and taste some good wine, but also to meet representatives of the Blackburn Chamber of Commerce and local shopkeepers to discuss future ideas for the market.

The Chamber is interested in building the market's presence.

The Club will also make a presentation about how the funds raised by the market are used within the community.

Please advise partners, friends of Rotary and potential members of this event, all welcome.

A small financial contribution will be requested and final details will be advised in the next week.

Further details please call Chris Tuck 0419337923

### Meeting Report for 23 May 2011

**Egg and Bacon Stall at the Whitehorse Farmers Market in 12 June** - Warwick Stott reminded the club that we will be running the stall at the June market. So far, we don't have enough volunteers to fill all of the positions on the roster. Please review your calendar and see if you, your family or friends can volunteer to assist on the day.

**Wine and Cheese Night** - Chris Tuck reported on planning for a wine and cheese night at the Blackburn Station Village Cellarbrations shop - see separate report.

**Club Forum** - a review of the year's activities was conducted in order to measure progress with the club's program of activities.

In April 2010, the 2010-2011 Board presented to a club forum a list of possible new programs for this year and a list of programs from last year which could be continued this year. The club considered the lists and resolved on what projects should be undertaken. This review looks at our plan for the year and compares it with what we have actually achieved.

Foundation and International Avenues of Service chaired by Gary Baltissen.

What haven't we done?

Foundation & International Projects	Budget	Actual
<b>What haven't we done?</b>		
Donations in Kind	\$200	-
ShelterBox	\$1,200	-
Carols in the Vines	\$500	-
Cambodian School Project	\$1,200	-
Group Study Exchange Team Member	\$500	-

For Donations in Kind we set aside \$200 to pay for freight on the used spectacles that we collect and send to the people of Vanuatu. To date, we are still collecting a suitable sized load for freighting and therefore the freight cost is yet to be incurred.

We are in the process of organising a speaker from ShelterBox so it is likely that this contribution to disaster aid recovery projects will not occur until next year.

The Carols in the Vines and Cambodian School projects were projects we were to assist other clubs with but they didn't proceed. The funds set aside for the projects were therefore used to fund a new project - the nurses' quarters to be built by Rotary and the Box Hill Institute at the Helena Goldie Hospital in the Solomon Islands.

Due to the timing of this year's Group Study Exchange Team selections, we were not able to propose a team member and therefore the cost of advertising for the project was not incurred.

What have we done?

<b>Foundation &amp; International Projects</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>What have we done?</b>		
Rotary Foundation Donation	\$1,980	\$2,162
PolioPlus Contribution	\$660	\$360
Group Study Exchange Visit	\$200	\$86
Australian Rotary Health Donation	\$500	\$500
TAFE Global Vocational Exchange	\$1,000	\$1,000
Rotarians Against Malaria	\$1,000	\$1,000
Interplast Donation	\$500	\$500
Operation Cleft Donation	\$500	\$500
ROMAC Donation	\$500	\$500
Safe Water, Save Lives Donation	\$500	\$500
Nurses' Quarters in the Solomon's		\$2,000
Hope Katolo Nursery School		\$200

On District 9810's recommendation, we reduce our contribution to PolioPlus and increased our contribution to the Rotary Foundation. District recommended this approach because its PolioPlus contributions are well ahead of budget.

Our strong support for the various Rotary medical aid programs such as Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) has continued, as in past years. We also enjoyed updates on the projects through our club speaker program.

The club decided to support two new projects that arose during the year – the nurses' quarters and the Hope Katolo Nursery School.

The club has provided \$2,000 to help build nurses' accommodation at a teaching hospital in the Solomons. Eight apprentices in the 20-24 age bracket and two supervisors will erect the building at the Helena Goldie Hospital (Munda). The project will take place on 15–30 June 2011. Mick Willis from the Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills will supervise the project and our Ford Davis Carpentry Apprentice, Indiana Hangan, has volunteered to work on it.

The total project cost is \$73,500 of which the Planet Wheeler Foundation has contributed \$41,500, Box Hill TAFE \$12,000 and Rotary District 9810 will be funding the balance of \$20,000. Makita Tools has also generously donated \$3,000 of tools for the project.

Following an inspiring presentation, the club decided to donate \$200 to the Hope Katolo Nursery School in Kenya to support its work. The school has been developed and supported by four young Australians, including our guest speaker Leanne Pinfold.

It is interesting to reflect on the key areas of human need covered by our projects – education, health and humanitarian assistance – each of which reflects Rotary International's strategic goals.

New generations, Vocational and Community Service Avenues of Service – chaired by Graham Sharman

What haven't we done?

<b>New Generations, Vocational &amp; Community Projects</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>What haven't we done?</b>		
Four Way Speaking Test	250	-
Rotary Youth Leadership Award	\$500	-
Model United Nations Assembly	\$600	-

It's disappointing that we were not able to be involved in these projects. The club approached the Forest Hill College and advised that we would be delighted to accept applications from their students for RYLA and MUNA but, unfortunately, none were forthcoming.

What have we done?

<b>New Generations, Vocational &amp; Community Projects</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>What have we done?</b>		
Graham Taylor Refrigeration Apprentice	\$1,500	\$1,500
NADRASCA Plough	\$1,900	\$1,400
Ashcare Garden Maintenance	\$1,200	\$1,665
Youth Achievement Night	\$1,000	\$1,002
National Youth Science Forum	\$1,200	\$1,200
Baptist Children's Centre Sound System	\$1,450	\$1,452
Hamlin Fistula Relief Hospital, Ethiopia	\$200	\$200
Blackburn North Baptist Soccer Club		\$2,000
MS Society Donation		\$200
Flood Donations		\$2,000

The club undertook a comprehensive range of projects. As in past years, the Apprenticeship Awards and Youth Achievement events were highlights of our club meeting program and we continued our support for the NADRASCA Farm by purchasing a plough to maintain the garden that we established.

We also undertook three new projects.

Through Rudi Klein, the guest speaker at our Youth Achievement Night, we have supported the Blackburn North Baptist Soccer club which encourages participation by handicapped children and disadvantaged and refugee children. Our contribution will pay

for the affiliation fees, jumpers and boots for five children who otherwise could not afford to play soccer.

We also donated \$200 to the MS Society to assist its valuable work in the community. Our guest speaker, Wendy Oliver, gave us an informative and personal insight into the condition and its treatment.

The club was deeply moved by the plight of people affected by the floods in Queensland and northern Victoria and therefore donated \$1,000 to each of Forest Hill in Queensland and Carisbrook in Victoria. Our donations have assisted in repairing community activity centres that are the social hub of the two communities.

Again, it is interesting to reflect on the groups we have helped through these projects - apprentices starting out their careers, people with physical and mental challenges, primary school children, pre-schoolers with autism, African women who suffer from fistulas and people affected by devastating floods. This is what Rotary does – it does good in the community!

#### Major projects

Major Projects	Budget	Actual
Harper Family Fund - Josias Dixon Project		\$3,000
Ford Davis Endeavour Awards	\$15,000	
Box Hill High School Scholarships		\$6,225
Hand Brake Turn Sponsorship		\$5,400
Conference Golf Day Award		\$500
Carpentry Apprentice Award		\$1,500
Motor Apprentice Award		\$1,500
New Major Projects		
Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Health Scholarship (4 x \$2,500pa)	?	?
Drug Booklet for Schools (3 x \$1,500pa)	?	?

Through the generosity of the Gysi, Davis and Harper families, we have been able to undertake two major new projects – the Harper Family Fund project and the Ford Davis Endeavour Awards program.

The Josias Dixon project is reported on above. It is an innovative and long-term project that will greatly assist Josias and his community at Lajamanu and is a worthy inaugural project for the Harper Family Fund.

The Ford Davis Endeavour Awards program reflects the late Ford's interest in young people and his love of golf. The program has assisted young people through three scholarships for year 10 students at Box Hill High School, awards for apprentices in the carpentry and motor engineering schools at the Box Hill Institute and sponsorship of a participant in the Hand Brake Turn program conducted by Concern Australia which provides training, support and a second chance for young people who otherwise would be at risk of not having a future to look forward to.

Once again it is important to reflect on who we have helped – a young man who is try to make a difference to the future of his people, apprentices and secondary school students and young people who for various reasons would not otherwise have a future.

The club has also been investigating a new major project. To date our research has been in the area of Indigenous health and this has identified several projects that could be undertaken.

At the moment, we are researching the Indigenous Health Scholarships provided in conjunction with Australian Rotary Health. This project could see the club contributing to the training of an Indigenous health professional who afterwards would return to their local community to service its needs. Depending on the particular area of health being studied, the project could cost \$2,500 for each of four years. A report on the project will be tabled at the June 2011 Board meeting for consideration.

Another option as a major project is to fund the printing of a booklet on alcohol and drugs to be presented to parents of children in their first year at secondary school. The booklet provides valuable information and advice for parents as they assist their children through the process of dealing with the temptations and dangers of alcohol and drugs. The project could cost up to \$1,500 for each of three years. Further research is being conducted on the project.

How have we funded our community service projects?

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Whitehorse Heritage Day Sausage Sizzle	\$500	\$744
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	\$1,000	-
Trivia Night	\$800	-
Blackburn Craft Market	\$4,400	\$5,500
Pumpkin Sales	\$500	-
Bank Interest	\$1,000	\$2,200
Sergeant's Fines	\$1,300	\$1,700
Whitehorse Farmers Market Funds	\$8,000	\$8,554
Harper Family Fund Interest		\$3,000
Gysi-Davis Families Trust	\$15,000	\$15,000
Other	\$50	\$542
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,550</b>	<b>\$37,240</b>

Unfortunately, three of the income projects – the Bunnings sausage sizzle, the trivia night and the pumpkin sales - could not be organised during the year but we look forward to conducting them next year.

Our Blackburn Craft Market has been very successful under the leadership of John McPhee and we have both earned valuable revenue and contributed to the life of the Blackburn Station Village shopping centre through the market.

Our Sergeant, Stan Harper and Acting Sergeants Stuart Williams and Bob Williams have done an excellent job entertaining us and earning funds for the Rotary Foundation.

The Whitehorse Farmers Market, which we and the other Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the City of Whitehorse operate, has continued to be a valuable earner for the clubs and for the stallholders who support it. Our thanks go to Warwick Stott who organises both the market rosters and the fun we have interacting with customers and stallholders.

We also need to recognise the valuable contributions that members and their Partners make to the raising of funds to support our community service projects. Each person gives a lot of time to Rotary and the review of the club's community service program demonstrates the value of their commitment to the club. Their time has enabled wonderful projects to be undertaken and has made a significant positive difference in the lives of the many people we have helped through the projects.

The club's net financial position at yearend is anticipated to be in line with budget. We budgeted for a deficit of \$3,670 and the anticipated deficit is \$2,172.

#### Membership

We began the year with nineteen members and now have eighteen following the retirement of a great Rotarian, Kevin Grigsby. The Board has appointed a sub-committee of Chris Tuck, Doug Berwick and David Bremner to look at membership recruitment.

The sub-committee has noted that over the past almost six years, we have inducted only five new members and have lost eighteen members, mostly to retirement or job moves in some cases. In recent years, the club has continued to rely on members to introduce new members but this strategy has not worked as well as previously.

The sub-committee will be suggesting that the club adopt a more focussed approach to recruiting new members e.g. focus on particular professions and target them in a careful, well-researched manner. This approach would be in addition to seek prospects through members.

#### Our Club Our Future

Earlier this year District 9810 Trainers Ken Wall and Jenny Coburn conducted the *Our Club Our Future* planning program at the club. The sub-committee set up to work on the outcome of the planning session anticipates presenting its report to the club by 30 June 2011. The objective of the program is to describe what we want our club to be like in three years' time and to suggest the strategies that need to be adopted to achieve the desired changes.

The work of the sub-committee has been greatly assisted by the inclusion of our two newest members – Glenys Grant and Bill Marsh. They have brought a fresh perspective to how the club should operate and this has been valuable to the review process.

#### Summary

How has the club performed?

It's up to others to judge how we have performed.

The club members set themselves a comprehensive and challenging community service program and it has largely been completed. We can feel happy about what we have achieved and especially about the way we have been able to help other people in our local and international communities.

Rotary International's objective is to 'do good' in the world through programs that address areas of significant human need and this has been the cornerstone of our community service program. Hopefully, we have contributed to making the world a better place.

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 \*\*\*We wore A Hat in May – the \$35 raised went to Australian Rotary Health.



## Flyer readership is worldwide

Follow-up on last week's Flyer where we featured a story about the parking attendant at the Bristol Zoo in England who managed to make-off with just over £3.6 million by posing as the Council car parking attendant. We received the following email response from Antti Leppanen, our former exchange student, who said

"Hiya,

Having spent three months in Bristol last year I can confirm that the story about the parking lot attendant is apparently true - at least the legend is being told there by the locals."

Regards

Antti

## Congratulations to Rotarian Fred Hay

Fred was recently awarded the prestigious Service Above Self Award by the Rotary International President. This award is presented to only 150 Rotarians worldwide each year. Fred was Rotary's representative on the State government's Victorian Service Clubs Committee when I first met him. (I was the representative of Apex). Fred has always been a hard worker and a friendly chap. Fred has done most things in Rotary. A very worthy recipient. Stuart

## Footy Tipping \*\*\* Bill is still on top.

### Mock Job Interviews

The mock job interviews for year 11 students at Forest Hill College that we and the Rotary Club of Nunawading conducted went well – thanks to Graham Sharman for organising our participation.

## Thanks to the Rotary Club of Euroa -- fascinating trivia

THIS IS THE ONLY TIME WE WILL SEE AND LIVE THIS EVENT

I don't believe in Feng Shui, but think this is interesting nonetheless!

# Calendar for July 2011

## July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	4	5	6	7	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	11	12	13	14	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	18	19	20	21	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	25	26	27	28	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>						

## Money bags

This year, July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This happens once every 823 years. This is called money bags. So, forward this to your friends and money will arrive within 4 days. Based on Chinese Feng Shui. The one who does not forward.....will be without money.

Kinda interesting - read on!!!

This year we're going to experience four unusual dates.

1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, 11/11/11 and that's not all...

Take the last two digits of the year in which you were born - now add the age you will be this year,

The results will be 111 for everyone in whole world. This is the year of the Money!!!

*Thanks to all those who purchased the Entertainment BOOK – our club made over \$140*

### **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 not after that long report.**

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS**

1 June 2011	June is Rotary Fellowships Month
6 June 2011	Club meeting & Board meeting
9 June 2011	Presidents & Assistant Governor Meeting
11 June 2011	Blackburn Craft Market
12 June 2011	Whitehorse Farmers Market
13 June 2011	Club meeting cancelled (Queen's Birthday)
20 June 2011	Club meeting
27 June 2011	Club meeting & Club Changeover Night
2 July 2011	District Governors Changeover Night
4 July 2011	RYLA 2011

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