



# 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

6 June	13 June	20 June
<b>East Timor Roofing and Water project</b> <b>Ern Dawes</b> <b>PARTNERS NIGHT</b> Chair <b>Stuart Williams</b> Thanks and meeting report <b>Gary Baltissen</b> Talk <b>Chris Tuck</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday</b>  <b>NO CLUB MEETING</b>	<b>Australian Rotary Health</b> <b>Gail Robertson</b>  <b>John McPhee</b>  <b>Bob Laslett</b>  <b>Ray Smith</b>

### DUTY ROSTER

<b>JUNE</b>	
Cashier	John Donaghey
Recorder	Chris Tuck
Greeter	Graham Sharman
Emergency	Bob Laslett

### 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



6 June Wedding Anniversary Bob and Barbara Williams

**DAVID'S DIARY**

June is going to be a very busy month!

At our meeting on 6 June, Rotarian Ern Dawes will speak on the East Timor Roofing and Water Project. The roofing project was created by the Doncaster club and has been an enormous success. The water project will be equally as successful as it provides sustainable water supplies during the 'hungry months' when there is no rain in East Timor. The meeting will be a Partners Night as we anticipate that many of the Partners would like to hear Ern's report.

On 8 June, we have the Wine and Cheese Night at the Blackburn Ristorante in conjunction with the Blackburn Chamber of Commerce and Industry (see below). This will be a social night for the club and Chamber and the cost of \$5 per head is very reasonable taking account of the excellent wines and food to be provided by Blackburn Cellarbrations. Members and Honorary Members and Partners are encouraged to attend as are Friends of Rotary and prospective members. The function will commence at 5.30pm and will not be a late night. There is plenty of parking in the car park immediately outside the restaurant.

June is also the month for changeovers – we have the District Changeover on 2 July, our club changeover on 27 June and the Whitehorse Rotaract Club changeover on 29 June. Attendance sheets for the changeovers will be circulated at Monday's meeting so we can get an early assessment of the likely numbers.

We have our final Board meeting for 2010-11 on 6 June to which the 2011-12 Board has been invited. This will be an opportunity to finalise our program for this year and to pass on to the new Board any ideas or projects that we have not been able to complete. The 2010-11 Board members are reminded that their contributions to the club's annual report will be required by 9 June. Both our Secretary and Acting Secretary are away during June and therefore we have limited resources available to prepare the annual report by 27 June – punctuality would therefore be appreciated.

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

***David***

David Bremner  
President

**Blackburn Shopping Wine and Cheese night**

On Wednesday June 8, the Club will hold a wine and cheese evening in the Ristorante (Old Bellbird Cafe) at the Blackburn Shopping Centre commencing at 5-30pm - 7.30pm.

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 shop keepers to discuss future ideas for the market. The Chamber is interested in building the market 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.

COST \$5.00 per head. Entree style nibbles and Italian and local wine tasting. Further details please call Chris Tuck 0419337923

Please RSVP to Chris by 5 June.

**Meeting Report for 30 May 2011****The Serg had a record haul. \$57.45 to the Rotary Foundation from 14 members and 2 guests.**

Chris Tuck chaired the meeting which was attended by 15 members and 2 visiting Rotarians – Jeffrey Tan and Geoff Roberts from Manningham. Our guest speaker was Jeffrey Tan. Bob Laslett tabled a make-up from the Port Macquarie club.

Chris extended an invitation to the club to attend a wine and cheese night at the Blackburn Ristorante on 8 June at a cost of \$5 per person. The Blackburn Chamber of Commerce and Industry has also been invited so we can discuss the Blackburn Craft Market. RSVP to Chris by 5 June.

Warwick Stott requested assistance for the egg and bacon stall at the Whitehorse Farmers Market on Sunday, 12 June.

Our Sergeant, Stuart Williams, extracted \$53.85 in fines which went to the Rotary Foundation. However, the best part of the fine session was the cross-fines against the Sergeant by Jeffrey Tan.

Bob Williams gave a 'Most Memorable Rotary Moment' talk and spoke of the importance of team work.

Jeffrey Tan spoke on his fundraising dinner idea which, if the club took up his offer, would be held in the second half of next year.

Jeffrey told us of his passion for cooking and how Rotary needs passion. His fundraising dinners have raised \$699,115 for charity. Jeffrey listed all the important dinners he has been responsible for in Australia and overseas and spoke of the Rotary clubs and causes that have benefited from his dinners.

Jeffrey's talk was well-planned, interesting and entertaining.

John Donaghey

### **Support the Whitehorse Community Chest**

The Whitehorse Community Chest has a proud history of supporting the local community with more than \$3.4 million provided to charitable and not-for-profit organisations since its formation in 1962.

The Chest aims to promote local giving by raising and distributing funds to organisations that provide health, wellbeing, education, recreation and support services. Currently, the Chest assists over 40 charities and welfare agencies in Whitehorse across a broad range of groups and services including aged; childcare and families; community groups; disability; hospitals; welfare agencies; and youth. In 2010, these groups shared in more than \$140,000.

Each year the Chest conducts many fundraising activities, the main one being its annual appeal held each June.

For more information, including a full list of beneficiary organisations, please visit the Whitehorse Community Chest's website at [www.whitehorsecommunitychest.org.au](http://www.whitehorsecommunitychest.org.au) or phone Community Partnerships Manager Wilda Kerr on 9894 4744 or 0422 168 220.

### **A message from President Elect - Doug Berwick**

Proposed meeting program for 2011 – 2012

One of the outcomes from the 'Our Club – Our Future' workshop was the desire of members to return to a more structured Committee involvement. In order to address this need the current Board considered changes to the meeting program and President David referred to these recently. However, there was insufficient time in this Rotary year to canvass an alternate program and seek member views. Moving forward (no political reference intended) into the new Rotary year the new Board has endorsed the following meeting program:

#### **EXAMPLE OF PROPOSED MEETING PROGRAM 2011 -2012 FOR ROTARY CLUB OF FOREST HILL**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
04-Jul-11	Speaker & Board
11-Jul-11	Committees
18-Jul-11	Ford Davis Endeavour Awards - Carpentry Apprentice Indiana Mangan

25-Jul-11 Cr Bob Stennett - Mayor of the City of Whitehorse

01-Aug-11 Speaker & Board  
 08-Aug-11 Rotary information night  
 15-Aug-11 Speaker  
 22-Aug-11 Committees  
 29-Aug-11 Social/Partners night

As you can see, the idea is to have a meeting night where Committee business is discussed instead of having an external speaker. This should enable Committee meetings to be held and business finished within the normal meeting time. Where discussions take longer, meetings should still finish at a reasonable time.

The purpose of the Rotary Information Nights is to invite relevant District speakers to present on various Rotary topics/projects in order to keep members informed. The meeting program can be amended as necessary to reflect relevant topics, availability of interesting speakers and needs of the Club.

The above example for July includes two activities that had already been booked; hence there is no Rotary Information Night topic planned during July at this time.

An opportunity to discuss the above will be available at our next meeting and your thoughts, comments and ideas would be appreciated.

Doug

## Club Member Talks

Over recent months, members have given 3 minute talks on the topic of "my most memorable Rotary moment". The talks have been inspiring and illuminating.

Commencing 20 June, we will take a different approach to the talks by introducing a range of topics from which the speakers can select the subject for their talk. The topics are:

- My 15 seconds of fame!
- What I am most proud of;
- I got a kick out of...;
- My most enjoyable holiday.

Speakers can select whichever of the topics appeals to them.

Club member talks are a fun way of getting to know each other better and to discover what interests and experiences we each have.

## Footy Tipping

**Bill Marsh has cleared out – 3 ahead. He even “fluked” one at the weekend. Well done Bill.**

## Peridot Theatre

**\*\* The Glass Menagerie -** Written by Tennessee Williams and Directed by Vicki Smith

**Evening of Friday 19 August** at 8:15pm at the Unicorn Theatre, Mount Waverley Secondary College, Lechte Road, Mount Waverley.

Written by one of America’s most highly regarded playwrights, The Glass Menagerie is accounted by many to be an autobiographical play about Tennessee Williams own life.

Abandoned by her husband, Amanda Wingfield a faded Southern Belle comforts herself with recollections of her earlier, more genteel life when in her youth she was pursued by her many ‘gentleman callers’. Her son Tom longs to escape from his mother’s suffocating domination

while Laura, her painfully shy and crippled daughter finds sanctuary from the outside world by fantasizing over her collection of glass ornaments.

An expression of interest attendance sheet will be circulated at the meeting on 6 June.

**PLEASE REGISTER SO YOU DON'T MISS THIS PERFORMANCE!**

### THE GREEN THING

In the line at the supermarket, the cashier told the older couple that they should bring their own reusable bag because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologised and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day."

The checkout chick responded, "That's our problem today. The former generation did not care enough to save our environment."

He was right, that generation didn't have the green thing in its day. Back then, they returned their milk, cordial and beer bottles to the supermarket. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilised and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

But they didn't have the green thing back in that customer's day.

In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator in every shop and office building. They walked to the supermarket and didn't climb into a 300hp machine every time they had to go two blocks.

But she was right. They didn't have the green thing in her day.

Back then, they washed the baby's nappies because they didn't have the throw-away kind. They dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts - wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that old lady is right, they didn't have the green thing back in her day.

Back then, they had one TV, or radio, in the house - not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief, not a screen the size of the state of NSW. In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you. When they packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, they used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, they didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. They used a push mower that ran on human power. They exercised by working so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right, they didn't have the green thing back then.

They drank from a water fountain when they were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time they had a drink of water. They refilled their writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and they replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But they didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the tram or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead

of turning their mums into a 24-hour taxi service. They had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And they didn't need a computerised gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

Sad, isn't it, that the current generation laments how wasteful old people were just because they didn't have the green thing back then?

Thanks Glenys for The Green Thing

## **SQUARE EYED STU at the MOVIES**

Based on the acclaimed bestseller, **Water for Elephants** presents an unexpected romance in a uniquely compelling setting. Veterinary school student Jacob meets and falls in love with Marlena, a star performer in a circus of a bygone era. They discover beauty amidst the world of the Big Top, and come together through their compassion for a special elephant. Against all odds -- including the wrath of Marlena's charismatic but dangerous husband, August. It is a gritty film with a story. Depression era USA is not a pretty place and the film reflects this. There is violence (mainly fighting) but it is an absorbing and enjoyable film – a slice of old fashioned Hollywood. Stars Reece Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson. It runs 2 hours but worth seeing.

## **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 to be answered by women.**

**Q 1. What does the average man take 8 – 12 months to do?**

**Q 2. Where is the tallest statue of Jesus?**

**Answers next week – If you don't know you might be fined at the meeting.**

## **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 Governors 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,) to [gsestu2@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gsestu2@yahoo.com.au) Stuart Williams**