





# 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**

20 June Australian Rotary Health Gail Robertson Chair	27 June CHANGEOVER Partners and friends welcome	4 July Independence Day Sophie Dowse & Ariel Magnes
John McPhee	Bob Laslett	Ray Smith
Thanks and meeting		
report		
Graham Sharman		David Bremner
Talk on a chosen topic		
Ray Smith		Chris Tuck

#### **DUTY ROSTER**

	JUNE	JULY
Cashier	John Donaghey	Warwick Stott
Recorder	Chris Tuck	Geoff hale
Greeter	Graham Sharman	David Bremner
Emergency	Bob Laslett	Bob Laslett

# **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**



#### **DAVID'S DIARY**

Many thanks to Warwick Stott and John McPhee for organising last weekend's market events.

The Blackburn Craft Market went very well on a crisp but pleasant morning. The demand for sausages was high and we ended up selling out by about 12.45pm. We had a good team of happy workers including Marg McPhee who helped with the collection of the stallholder fees.

The egg and bacon stall at the Whitehorse Farmers Market also went well. I heard that the profit was \$596 which is very good.

Last Thursday President Elect Doug Berwick and I attended the final Presidents Meeting for 2010-2011 chaired by District Governor, David Alexander. At the conclusion of the meeting, David's efforts as District Governor were recognised by a vigorous round of applause. From my point of view, David has been a tremendous and enthusiastic DG and has demonstrated excellent planning and communication skills.

The meeting also saw the election of Past District Governor, Jenny Coburn, as the District representative to the next Rotary International Council on Legislation. PDG John Barnes will be the alternate representative. We also learnt that the Ringwood club has been selected to undertake a Rotary International pilot program trialling corporate membership of Rotary Clubs. This is a significant honour and challenge for the club.

The changes to the District Constitution that were considered by the meeting were approved thus simplifying the arrangements for conducting formal ballots.

The meeting was also told that District will be encouraging each club to donate \$1,000 to the Donations In Kind store in West Footscray. The store does a fantastic job collecting goods and transporting them overseas where they are of great benefit to various communities. Another announcement was that if clubs donate a further \$US1,000 to the Rotary Foundation before 25 June, they will be given sufficient credits to gain a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.

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

#### David

David Bremner President

#### WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET Egg and Bacon Stall, 12th June 2011

At the recent Farmers' market, our club ran the egg and bacon sandwich stall, and to say that it was very successful is not doing justice to all of our members and their hard work in many different ways.

Firstly, a few very big "thank you"s

- a) To the eight members who volunteered for work during a two hour shift on that day;
- b) To the four partners who assisted their spouses by working;
- c) To the two sons/sons-in-law who were arm-twisted or gently asked and then agreed to help (and did an excellent job);
- d) To the three (or possibly four) families who have broken their long weekend holiday away from Melbourne, and driven back for one or two hours just to assist;
- e) To the friend of a member who came to help -- more about this later in the report.
- f) To President David who even though he is secretary of the Farmers' Market and had a power of work to do on the day also worked on the stall for a number of hours.

The day started off very crisp and foggy but with no breeze so it was not unpleasant – at least it was not wet – and then later in the morning the fog lifted and the day was beautiful. This meant that the cooking and selling were continuously busy, and by the end of the morning the

hard work had netted about \$596 (after all expenses were paid). I would therefore like to thank everyone very sincerely for their hard work in a very pleasant atmosphere.

Now, a very big apology from the writer. Due to a misunderstanding, the friend (of the member) who came to help was not known to be coming so that when friend turned up there would have been six people inside the tent which from the past we know is not possible due to congestion. The writer said to the friend that they were not needed (without explaining as to the reason) and the friend was understandably upset.

The writer has apologised in person and publicly apologises through this report.

Finally, all club members will be pleased to hear that we do not run the stall for another seven months. However, it will be on 11th January and I hope that we have sufficient numbers to staff it at that time of the year.

Warwick Stott

#### Ford Davis Endeavour Award Conference Golf Day Prize

Part of the Ford Davis Endeavour Award program for 2010-11 was a \$500 donation to a Rotary project chosen by the club whose team won the District 9810 Conference Golf Day Teams competition. The winning club was Noble Park.

The club has initiated a fortnightly reading program at the Noble Park Primary School, attended by 7/8 members, partners and friends and they have noted that a shortage of books is evident. The prize of \$500 will therefore go to the school to assist in helping to alleviate the shortage.

President Graeme Smith of Noble Park extends the club's thanks and that of the School to Forest Hill for the generous Endeavour prize.

#### You think English is easy???

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.

#### **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.

Trivia: Over 29% of Americans say they never drink alcohol.

#### **Footy Tipping**

Four picked 8 – David, Bob W, Brian and Rob R - but Bill is still clear on top.

#### **Group Study Exchange**

The 2012 GSE team will be selected in the coming months.

Applications by Rotarians for the position of team leader close on 12 August and selection will occur on 21 August. There will be an information session for potential team members on 8 September and applications will close on 23 September.

Group Study Exchange (GSE), a program of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, involves an exchange of teams between two districts from different countries. GSE teams consist of a Rotarian Team Leader and four business and professional persons between 25 and 40 years of age. The team members cannot be a Rotarian or closely related to a Rotarian. The exchange period of four weeks has a cultural and vocational focus, thus increasing international understanding, peace and goodwill.

GSE presents a unique opportunity to develop professional and leadership skills amongst young people to better prepare them to address the needs of their communities and an increasingly global workplace.

Can we find a leader or team member?

Trivia: The most attractive height for a woman is 163cm, according to a survey of Aussie men.

#### **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 or brain exercise**

Answers to last week's questions -

- Q1. Almost three-quarters of items stolen by mischievous dogs are their owners' what?
  - A. Underwear
- Q2. What's the ideal length for a nap, according to researchers?
  - A. 20 30 mins

Trivia: As a traveller, you're more likely to fall ill in the Egyptian capital of Cairo than in any other location in the world.

Forty-two per cent of the world's population resides in China, India, Brazil and Russia.

# IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB AND DISTRICT EVENTS

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