

WHITEHORSE FARMERS MARKET NEWS

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Christmas Gift Ideas:

*\$30—Dictionary for Local
Child*

*\$100—Centurion—Become
a Humanitarian!*

*\$250—Sponsor a Cleft
Palate Operation.*

Three Years and Growing...

With sixty vendors selling an amazing variety of produce, the Whitehorse Farmers Market began on the SECOND SUNDAY in November, 2007.

The market, a joint initiative of the six Rotary Clubs in the City of Whitehorse together with the Rotaract Club of Whitehorse has been a resounding success with it being a regular shopping spot for many local residents in the municipality.

The Market is conducted with the local council with all proceeds distributed in the City of Whitehorse to fund a diverse array of com-

munity programs.

A visit to the Whitehorse Farmers Market will fill your senses with an amazing array of fruit and vegetables, eggs, chutneys, meats, jams, cheese, breads, honey, flowers and so much more. The food is fresh, delightful and you will simply come back for more. Now with regularly more than seventy vendors, you can purchase just about anything you might desire!

Regular shopper at the market Roger shared his reasons for continually coming back to the market.

"The amazing range and superb quality at the market month

after month makes me keep coming back time and again. We aim to never miss the market as we buy our family meat supplies and in the summer months the stone fruits are simply a must. We also buy eggs at the Farmers Market as they are always so fresh with such yellow yolks!"

It is a real win win that city residents can purchase produce direct from the farms and at the same time help out the many needs within the City of Whitehorse through the simple donation of a gold coin on arrival. A great reward for our community.

And of course, it is a plastic bag free market. BYO bags.

YOUR GOLD COINS MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE

Many organizations throughout the City of Whitehorse have received support as a result of your patronage at the Whitehorse Farmers Market.

In coming months, we will feature the stories of the outcomes in the Rotary Tent, do feel free to come in and chat with us and learn about the wonderful outcomes.

Organisations such as Eastern Emergency Relief Network, Taralye (Hearing), many Primary Schools throughout the City, Alkira, Salvation Army Box Hill Welfare, Louise Multicultural Centre, Whitehorse Men's Shed, Scope Victoria, Reach out For Kids, Ashcare, Strathdon Community, Biala Box Hill, Box Hill Hospital.

At our 8th February, 2009 market, on the day immediately following the Black Saturday Bushfires, the Mayor of Whitehorse most kindly agreed to our suggestion to have all collections donated to assist the Bushfire victims—we would have been the first such fundraiser. \$6,000 was raised that day alone. Over \$60,000 was donated in 2008/2009!

Don't Know What to Buy For Christmas – Consider these innovative ideas!

\$30 ... A DICTIONARY FOR A LOCAL CHILD—BECOME AN EDUCATOR!

The Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills has a project to donate a dictionary to every child in Grade 3 in local Primary Schools.

Did you know, students at State Schools do not have dictionaries or atlases on their booklists, as the costs of books are so high, that it is felt that this is an extra burden on

parents.

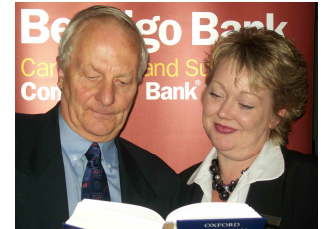
We have a program this year where members of the public can donate \$30 to fund the cost of a dictionary for a local child.

We will provide you with a Certificate acknowledging your donation.

It can be made out in the

name of the person who you are giving the Christmas gift to—or in your name, whichever you prefer.

To make your donation, go to www.rotarymash.org.au or contact Jenny on 0407 689 777 for further details.



Roger & Fiona from M.A.S.H. Rotary checking one of the dictionaries.

\$100 ... BECOME A “CENTURION” AND A HUMANITARIAN!

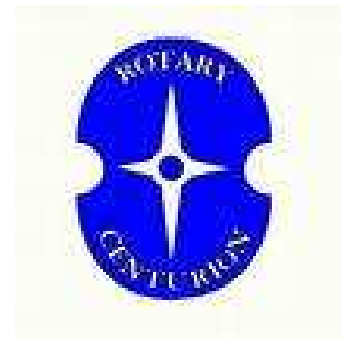
For the person who has everything, this is an excellent gift. Your contribution of \$100 will be used by The Rotary Foundation in Humanitarian / Educational programs.

The projects which this can assist include literacy projects in South Africa and indigenous communities, scholarships for indigenous students; water tanks for schools, water

wells in India and Bangladesh or polio vaccine for vaccination programs in Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nigeria.

A certificate will be provided which will indicate membership of the “Centurion Club” and can be made in the name of the person receiving the gift, or in your name. They can be made individually, by a couple or by a company.

You will also receive a badge indicating your membership of the Centurion Fund. For more information or to make your donation, please contact Roger on 0407 689 777 and he will assist you to make your gift.



\$250 ... SPONSOR AN OPERATION IN BANGLADESH

For \$250, you can sponsor an Operation through Operation Cleft for a child in Bangladesh to have their Cleft Lip or Cleft Palate repaired.

This program, started in November, 2005 through the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central has established an amazing track record and you can receive a gift certificate for your donation. For more information—go to

the Operation Cleft website: www.operationcleft.org.au

Over 4000 operations have been funded so far—a simply stunning outcome for the 4000 patients plus their families. The program is combined with a Speech Therapy program—the first of its kind in Bangladesh.

This is an excellent Christmas Gift!

