

Rotary D9800 Speaker Bank Update

Reminder:

To find the new Speakers as well as previously deposited Speakers:

1. Go to the D9800 website www.rotaryd9800.org
2. Go to the top of the page ...Click on 'Club Service'
3. When the Club Service page comes up, go to the 'Drop Down' menu and scroll down until you get to 'Speaker Bank'.
4. Click on Speaker Bank.

Whitelion

*Brian Bloomer from the Rotary Club of Canterbury says: 'Our Rotary Club invited Justin Glass and Jo Fox OAM, from the Whitelion organisation, as guest speakers. They were **superb guest speakers** - knowledgeable, **totally engaging** and absolutely committed to supporting young people. The **club members** all left the meeting with a much better understanding of the services provided by Whitelion and how the Rotary Club and individuals can assist in their own ways. Justin and Jo are **definitely worth considering inviting to any Rotary Club as guest speakers**'.*

'Whitelion supports young people to build better lives for themselves and helps make our community a more inclusive and safer place. Each year thousands of young people are disconnected from our community due to abuse and neglect, drug addiction and poverty. These young people have often had **horrific** life experiences with few **positive role** models and are caught in a 'cycle of discouragement' that is very hard to break. Many of these young people end up in out-of-home care and in some cases in the juvenile justice system'.

Contact: Justin Glass on 9389 4269 or 0413 552 213

Be Media Savvy

'The media wields enormous **power**. We often decry low standards of journalism but that doesn't stop us consuming the information, news and views that are thrown our way every day. **Publicist** and former **journalist** Brett de Hoedt explains the factors that decide **which make the cut** - and what doesn't. **Be a better informed** consumer of media'.

Contact: Brett on 9510 0848 Visit his company at: www.hootville.com

Brett recently spoke at the Rotary Club of Hawthorn and gave an interesting insight into the media.

Best Buddies

'Auspiced by Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Best Buddies is a friendship program matching people with a mild intellectual disability with people from the wider community. Buddy pairs participate in a **peer friendship** and commit to seeing each other twice a month, the two are matched based on **shared interests**, similar geographical location and a compatible personality. The **program** has been operating in Melbourne since early 2005. Best Buddies originated in the USA and has **expanded to 25 countries** around the world. These friendships have been **hugely inspiring**'.

Contact: Rebecca Cotton, Program Manager, Best Buddies Melbourne
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