



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No 30

President: Sue Ballard

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear RCFH member and supporters of our club,

This is a fundraiser set up by Box Hill Central on behalf of the Whitehorse Cluster. \$40 from the sale of every dozen bottles of wine will be donated to help cover costs for administration and celebration costs attributed to the baton relay. This includes, but not limited to, the subsidising of the after party planned at the end of the relay.

The link provides full details including minimal numbers of bottles and the wines that are available for this offer.

The Rotary Baton Relay is one of many events planned to help celebrate the 100 Year Anniversary of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand. The idea of the baton relay is to celebrate the community we work in. Rotarians, community groups, family and friends are invited to attend as a supporter or participant.

The Whitehorse Cluster are having our baton relay on April 11th around the Whitehorse area. I hope you can support our club in this activity.

The link below will tell you a little more about the activity but, more importantly, will also take you to the order page so that you can purchase as many bottles as you like.

Regards

Sue

<https://prospectwines.com.au/product/whitehorse-cluster-australia-rotary-centenary/>

At the Blackburn Market on April 10th, the large display baton will be set up for photo opportunities. Greg King from District 9810 will be available. A map of the baton relay route and activities on in the district will be displayed.

The relay starts at 2.30pm at Glennys Kebabs on the corner of Springvale Rd. and Canterbury Rd.

It travels North up Springvale Rd., past Ray Smith's village entrance, to Whitehorse Men's Shed on the corner of High St. (behind Nadrasca). Whitehorse Men's Shed are having a short Open Day with displays and demonstrations.

The baton will continue up Springvale Rd. to Central Rd. It then travels down Central Rd. to Blackburn Lake. From there it continues along to Blackburn Rd., then does a loop in South Parade as far as the pedestrian crossing then back to Blackburn Rd. Traveling up Blackburn Rd. to Canterbury Rd.

From there it travels down to Forest Hill Chase. Traveling up Mahoneys Rd. to Burwood Heights and Forest Hill College.

The baton relay should finish around 4.30pm and will be taken to the Cluster 'meet up' at Brickworks.

We still are looking for more volunteer baton holders. So far on our list are Ray and Merle Smith, Barbara Searle, Bob and Barb Williams, Glenys Grant, Bill Marsh, Martine, 4 volunteers from Whitehorse Men's Shed.

To be confirmed: RYDA facilitators, traders from craft market, traders from Blackburn retailers.

If you are able to participate for a short segment of the route in the day please contact Sue in suzmbal1@gmail.com

The link below will take you to the Google Maps version of the route.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1YKvaw8MSEWkzIBp2GT5xOrf12bSdr6y2&usp=sharing>

I hope you are all reading Open Doors when it comes out. It provides all the latest news in District 9810 and across Australia.

From the latest Open Doors there is a reminder that the multi district conference is on the 1st and 2nd May. It is all virtual so you can get involved from the comfort of your own home. It is also suggested each club could do a club convention dinner. Think about it and send Sue an email with venue suggestions.

Also, in the latest Open Doors are details of the district picnic planned for Jells Park in May. The article asks everyone to get planning and to have a look at the link for instructions on the Waggle Dance Challenge. It is a great cause and any way we, as Rotary, can promote awareness of the necessity for bees we should embrace. Please get thinking of possible costume or accessory options. Get buzzy.

For more details of these and others District items please read Open Doors. If you can't find your issue let me know and I will forward the latest issues.

MEETING REPORT

No meeting this week. Next week will be a ripper – see notice further on in newsletter.

March is *Water & Sanitation* month.

NEXT MEETING

8th March – No Meeting

15th March – St Patrick's Day Quiz

COMING UP

13 th March -	Blackburn Market
14 th March -	Whitehorse Farmers' Market
15 th March-	Ron Brooks – 'St Patrick's Day Quiz'
22 nd March -	Open to suggestions from members
29 th March -	Partners A La Carte Dinner at Bucatini
5 th April -	No Meeting
10 th April -	Blackburn Market
11 th April -	Whitehorse Farmers' Market
12 th April -	Kevin Walker – "Schizophrenia – hope & recovery"

CELEBRATIONS

I bet if you put your mind to it you could all think of something beautiful to celebrate this month – so go for it.

Life is short and can change in a moment, so don't put off to another day what you can celebrate today.

Remember to include family and friends.





ST PATRICK'S NIGHT SPECIAL

MON 15th MARCH

TAKE YOUR PARTNER OUT FOR DINNER + ENTERTAINMENT

in our club's



FELLOWSHIP EVENT OF THE YEAR



Come, entertain and be entertained. Find out secrets about Ireland and the Irish, an opportunity to have fun and fellowship- And WIN a few PRIZES. Tell our "friends of Rotary", tell our honorary members. Bucatini 6.00pm for 6.30pm finish at 8.00pm. Bring your wife, bring your "friend", bring your partner, or just BRING YOURSELF! A chance to catch up with each other.

A CHANCE TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH IRISH BLOOD FLOWS IN YOUR VEINS



Is this Sergeant Bob looking for a pot of GOLD?

Tip: Look at the end of the rainbow, Bob

Contact Ron O'Brooks if you want to know more

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SPROUTINGS

Clean Up Australia Day was on Sunday March 7.

Rotarians, as you know, were invited and were there helping the community, as usual.

Some of our local Rotarians centred their efforts at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary to help the environment and clean up the litter.

As you see from the photos, I only managed to photograph a few of the Rotarians, but note the bags of rubbish they collected!

Good work and thank you.

It was great see all the various dignitaries there on the day. MP Paul Hamer attended with his children and worked near the children's playground. MP Gladys Liu worked with a group of young people. They were not just there for a five minute photo session.

Councillor Denise Massoud and Mayor Andrew Munroe rolled their sleeves up. Denise was in the first four to arrive, and the last four to leave.

All mixed well– we managed to say hello to Mike Finke; the MP's and Councillors chatted with everyone; and I got an invite to join another community group – so I invited them to come to Rotary! It was all very light hearted banter...and a great community service.

Below are some photos, and the official thank you. Check out how much litter was collected!

Glenys



A very big Thank You to all who attended.

We had a total of 50+ people. It was good to see families and young people.

Congratulations for "Stepping Up"!

We collected a total of 111.3 kg, including 32.5 kg of clean recyclable items on the day.

Thanks to Blackburn Lions and **Forest Hill and Nunawading Rotary Clubs,**

Lake Ward Councillor Denise Massoud and Gladys Liu Federal Member for Chisholm

and Paul Hamer, State Member for Box Hill.

We were also pleased to have a visit by the Mayor of Whitehorse, Cr Andrew Monroe.

And very special thanks to our local residents who enjoy the Sanctuary so much.

Peter Dempsey

Secretary Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Advisory Committee

Web Site:

<http://blackburnlakesanctuary.org/>



Some of the Rotarians who attended Sunday's CUAD, with Councillor Denise Massoud.



Note the bags of rubbish they collected! White bags for landfill, Yellow for recyclables.

Thank you to all who attended.

It was a great day – and a good way to get to know other groups in the community better!



"MAD March Cycle Challenge "

Ride, run, walk or swim to **Make A Difference**.

March 1st to 31st 2021

Raise funds for **"Australian Rotary Health"** to sponsor medical research

"Registration is free"

For more details and to register please go to:

<https://madmarchcyclechallenge.raisely.com/>

RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH



The *Bee-autiful* Basin Backyard

Nine years ago Michael asked Meredith for a beehive for his 50th birthday present because he didn't want to keep hand pollinating their trees and plants on their ¼ acre block in the foothills of the Dandenong ranges. Who would have realised that it would lead to a new career and the launch of The Basin Backyard, with over 240 beehives throughout Victoria, 10 regular markets a month, and a shop in Knoxfield (Unit 1, 31 Rushdale St).

Michael & Meredith told me “at the Basin Backyard, we sell pure raw honey & bees wax and related products e.g. lollies containing our honey (eg. honey & eucalyptus drops, nougat & peanut brittle). As well as our beeswax which we make into candles & food wraps. We are the beekeepers so we are hands-on for the whole process, from looking after our *bee-autiful* bees, harvesting the honey & jarring the honey and collecting the wax which is in our products. We are located in The Basin and we have 240+ beehives throughout Victoria. Whilst we have 5 hives on our property, the majority of them are local in the Dandenong ranges and we also have them on properties in NW Victoria, the Mornington peninsula, Gippsland and various other locations in Victoria where our bees can collect different varieties of flora for our different tasting honeys. Come and have a chat to us about our bees, our honey, our wax, our lollies & the value of bees in our environment.”

They will organise bee swarm collection, they have bee keeping supplies. Usefully, you can pay by card.

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