



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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BILL'S BY-LINE



The end is in sight and still the club is operating full on!

I have just sent off the agreement with Box Hill Institute for this year's Ford Davis Apprentice Awards.

The club is sponsoring the two prizes, Best Delegation and Peace Prize, at this year's MUNA15 competition.

Glenys is working on the Youth Citizenship Awards for 5 secondary schools in our area and Ron has continued arranging speakers for our meetings.

Last week I attended the opening of a new Umbrella Dementia Café at Brickworks in East Burwood and donations have been made to a number of charities and organisations that we have been involved with over the years.

Stuart has been working on a short history of the club to add to the 10-, 20- and 25-year histories previously published.

Sort of begs the question: "Why are we closing down?" As in so many areas 'bums on seats' is a critical factor and we just don't have enough to keep the club running.

At our next meeting we will hear from the 'Compassionate Friends Society' about the work they do.

The BBQ trailer registration has been transferred across to the RC Mitcham who will be taking over the Blackburn Market from July. We are really happy that Mitcham are getting involved as we have built up an amazing group of stallholders over the years and it would be devastating if the joy they bring to Blackburn each month could not be continued.

Take care of each other and enjoy Rotary.

Regards

Bill

NEXT MEETING

27 May

Rob Moschetti

Compassionate Friends

Chairperson: Ron Brooks

Greeter: Sue Ballard

Notes for "Happenings" Stuart Williams

Cashier & Recorder: Bill Marsh

COMING UP

8 June Blackburn Craft Market

9 June Whitehorse Community Market

24 June Final meeting

*May is
Youth Service
Month*

CELEBRATIONS



Bob Laslett celebrates his fourth 21st on June 4. Ron Brooks joined our club on June 5 in 1989 and Robbie Brooks has her birthday on 20 June. Congratulations to all three.



The New Umbrella Dementia Café Opening

Bill Marsh and Glenys Grant represented RCFH at the opening of the Brickworks café.

Young Ethan, our potential Oxford scholar, with his special interest in dementia research also attended.



Friends of Blackburn Lake

Bill Marsh and Glenys Grant represented RCFH at the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Friends Luncheon, held at the Visitors Centre, BLS on Sunday May 19.

President Anne Payne



Notes from the Presidents meeting

Bob Laslett attended the final D9810 presidents meeting last Friday.

- PDG Daryl Moran is the incoming district youth chair and in his customary manner encouraged clubs to start with Earlyact clubs setting them on the path to Interact, Rotaract and Rotary. RI has mapped Gen Z and what interests them.
- Rhonda McKenzie from RC Mt Waverley showed how to get 9 new members in a year!!
- Jenny Moran spoke about the great work Knox clubs are doing with Knox Nocturnals- a program to creatively occupy teenagers
- We met Ash Maskey, a rising young Rotaract star.
- June 1- cyber security program at Tecoma
- June 29 – District changeover

Forest Hill Chase Community Space

When I was at FHChase yesterday a lady approached me and asked if I had anything to do with Community Space. I explained our Rotary Club had donated money to purchase the keyboard and other things. She said she had seen me talking to Kerry, Karen and Mal and had asked a volunteer. She explained she visited there regularly especially the sing along. She had come to Melbourne just before all the covid lock downs and had a particularly bad time as her only contacts had been through work and had been very new. She said that when she had found the community space it had helped her get back to semi normal and she wasn't as anxious as she had been after the lockdowns. She wanted me to pass along her thanks to the club for all our support. She and other regulars have incorporated community space activities in their weekly schedule, and it helped connect to the wider community. She didn't want her name or photo used but she just wanted us all to know that what we have done matters to a lot of people in the area.

Sue

RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

Every month for the last 10 years or so we have heard the sometimes lively and sometimes plaintive sounds of jazz drifting down over the stalls at the Blackburn Craft Market. The **Skidaddle** group give their time freely to entertain us while clearly having fun (or is it that they would play anywhere for a free sausage at the end of the morning?). If you haven't met them, they are Richard Desmond (cornet), Dave O'Sullivan (drums), Jim Badger (banjo), Ezra Kawadlo (trombone), Simon Gilbert (guitar), Tony Lee (clarinet), and Rod Evans (double bass). Richard and others also sing. So next time you are at the craft market, go up, say hello, smile, tap your feet, sing along - they'll love you for it. Rod is their low-profile leader and told me they are available for parties, and for gigs particularly their 16-piece big band that plays swing music mostly from the 30's and 40's. You may have seen and heard some of the other bands they play in, which include the Dandenong Ranges Hot Jazz Orchestra, South Dereel City Stompers, U3A Big Band, and the Diamond Valley Big Band, too many to list. Many in the band will be playing at the Port Fairy Jazz Festival in February 2024. As I was listening to them play, I heard one say let's change the key to ..., I didn't realise it but all these guys read music as well..... and there was me thinking they just play it all by ear.

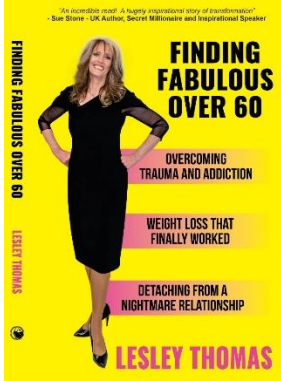
So if you want to hire them please contact: rode.evans@macrodynamics.com.au



THE SKIDADDLE GROUP

SOME OF OUR BLACKBURN MARKET STALLHOLDERS





Come and frequent the Market next month—June 8

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