



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 01 President: Sue Ballard

28 June 2023

## SUE'S WORDS OF WISDOM



The theme for the coming year is Create Hope. For everyone Hope can mean something different but essentially it is looking forward to a positive future. We already embrace this theme with our projects and actions. It could be contributions to projects run by Rotary International like ROMAC or RAWCS. It could be providing tool kits to apprentices as they embark on their career. It could be promoting literacy or a cleaner environment. We as members of this club are creating Hope for the future for so many and while we may never see the effect, we make on the lives of others we need to embrace the fact we are making a difference in lives around the world.

Sue

## NEXT WEEK

<b>3 July</b>	<b>Sue Ballard</b>	<b>NAIDOC week</b>
	<b>Chairperson:</b>	Bob Laslett
	<b>Greeter:</b>	John Bindon
	<b>Notes for "Happenings"</b>	Glenys Grant
	<b>Thanks</b>	Barb Searle

## COMING UP

<b>10 July</b>	<b>Matthew Sonnemann</b>	<b>Stockmarket &amp; Economic Update</b>
<b>17 July</b>	<b>Club Forum</b>	
<b>24 July</b>	<b>Isobel Machuca</b>	<b>Manningham Whitehorse Mentor Volunteer Program</b>
<b>31 July</b>	<b>Buccatini a la Carte</b>	

*July is  
Changeover  
Month*

**CELEBRATIONS**



Let's celebrate our over 40 year contribution to creating hope in the world, imagining and making a difference. We look forward to another year of purposeful service.



**Meeting Report June 26 2023**



A picture is worth a thousand words and two are even better.

Can you guess what happened on Monday night?

We were delighted to welcome AG Catherine Elfick, special guests Roger Davis and Glenys Coates, Sue's relatives Dennis and Helen, Buabang Munmart, Chris, Marg, Robbie, Judy L and Judy M to help us celebrate change over.

AG Catherine gave a brief but meaningful response to the toast to Rotary International. Glenys honoured her late husband Roger with another gift of \$1000 to ROMAC. President Bill explained the structure of the presidency for the year and praised our contribution as a club over the past year. He inducted Incoming President Sue who stressed the importance of hope and challenged us all to find new ways to fulfil World President Gordon's theme of Create Hope in the World.

President Sue acknowledged the significant contribution Bucatini makes to our success and presented Sam with a large box of chocolates. The raffle raised \$71.50 and there were many happy recipients of chocolates, wine or delightful table decorations.

A successful low-key celebratory evening with plenty of fellowship.

## **Positions for 2023/2024**

Here are the challenging positions aiming to produce hope.

President Sue Bob Bill

Secretary Stuart

Treasurer Warwick

Newsletter/International/Foundation Bob

Youth/Enviro Glenys

Vocation Barb

Community John B

Web/Programme Ron

Blackburn Market John M

Fellowship/IWD Sue

## **Days for Girls Fundraising**

The final tally raised was \$12,055.71. I know Robbie was making cream filled profiteroles and cream filled brandy snaps for days and others made scones, cupcakes etc. They were so grateful they could pass on the message about what they do to 105 attendees who now know of this work. There were many Rotarian ladies but also many newbies. Evidently the use of the church hall they used was donated free when the church knew why they wanted it.

They use the funds to buy cloth, packets of panties, soap and cotton thread. Judging by the nights Robbie has the sewing machine going most of the ladies do all their work at home then get together a few times a month to pack all the kits. They each have their own little job to do. Robbie does straight sewing, someone else does interlocking and so it goes (all too technical for me). They were really grateful for our \$1,000 as they had run the coffers down to just about zero. They now have funds to finance their next 6-12 months. Robbie doesn't really know I'm telling you all this as she likes to keep a low profile.

Ron

## **OAM congratulations**

We were delighted to hear that our friendly baker David Winter who generously donates bread for our causes received a well-deserved OAM.

## **Editor's Note**

Don't forget this is your newsletter so flood me with contributions

Bob



## RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

**Jeremy & Mary Ann Furness** are locals from Croydon. They sell children's books, oil paintings on gum leaves, and knitted toys in markets at Nunawading, Yarra Junction and of course the Rotary Blackburn station markets. Jeremy started writing and illustrating his Barry the Bike series of children's books over 10 years ago. It is one of the very few children's books that feature classic motorcycles, cars, and trucks. Go to Barry the Bike on Facebook to see all the books in the series.

Mary Ann started **oil paintings on gum leaves** as a 15-year-old inspired by paintings by her grandparents. Her grandfather was William Beckwith McInnes who won the Archibald Prize seven times. These gum leaf oil paintings are as unique as they are beautiful. She paints on specially prepared Tasmanian Blue Gum Eucalyptus leaves which when painted are sealed to ensure a long life. She has been a professional illustrator for the last 40 years working for some of the world's leading publishing houses but now Mary Ann runs Wattle Gum Studios nestled in the Croydon Hills.

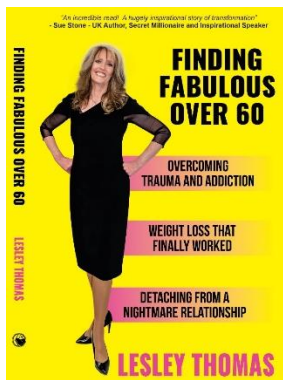
Mary Ann started **knitting toys** as a girl and now has turned that pastime into a commercial venture with her beautiful, cute range of animals, fish and birds.

Jeremy and Mary Ann can be contacted on 0403 310 032 or [mafurness@bigpond.com](mailto:mafurness@bigpond.com) or via Instagram [mafurness\\_arts](https://www.instagram.com/mafurness_arts). But better still, come and talk to them at one of their regular markets to see the full range of their talents.





## SOME OF OUR BLACKBURN MARKET STALLHOLDERS



**Come and frequent the Market next month- July 8**