



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The new year in Rotary means new possibilities and with the added restrictions it also means looking at things differently. While many of our usual projects put on hold or cancelled, we need to look at things differently and approach projects and fundraising with a different angle. At the Forum I wanted the smaller discussion teams to consider three major areas affecting us on the year ahead.

Area 1: Concerns projects and fundraising and how can we do things differently. I used the example of the cancellation of the Primary School Speech Competition, where Glenys is looking into an online video with Toastmasters aimed at Primary School aged students with tips and suggestions for better presentations.

Area 2: How we want to celebrate the 100 years of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand, a project by RCFH and social activities

Area 3: How can we make the club more dynamic and appealing to those outside Rotary.

I am in the process of compiling all the notes and will forward to all shortly.

Update on the Whitehorse District Cluster project to celebrate 100 years of Rotary. The cluster project has 3 parts to it all centred on mental health in our area. The first part is to develop an information sheet in conjunction with Eastern Health, providing a list of all contacts in the area available for support. This will be provided to local clinics, doctors, neighbourhood houses, etc. Possibly in the form of a magnetised cardboard list for the fridge. This may be supported by local police, council and community groups.

The second part is a Whitehorse Alive set of pop up activities for the community in the area. It will be a series of activities and events in outdoor space anyone can join in from a flash mob, choir, tai chi to art class etc. Rotary will arrange the actives mostly run by local community groups or individuals all for free.

The third part is an on-going Award to a Deakin student/staff member to recognise and reward service to their community.

As you can see there is a lot going on in the next 12 months. And with the possibility of a multi-district conference at the Showgrounds in about April/May we will be busy.

Take care and stay safe.

Sue

MEETING REPORT

Monday, 6th July - attendance 10.

"Tai Chi Ray" was alone at the receipt of dinner monies at Bucatini. Sue was in fine form as chair for her very first meeting as President. She was welcomed with acclamation. Her reflection reminded us she was expecting new ideas. In dealing with the unexpected we can draw strength from each other and as doors open, opportunities open.

Sue reminded members of the Virtual Baton Relay start on Friday at noon marking the beginning of the celebration of 100 years of Rotary in Australia. She also outlined the progress of the Whitehorse District Cluster project as our part in the celebrations viz.

- popup Whitehorse activities for 100 days -open to various community groups
- where to get Mental Health information in conjunction with Eastern Health
- Deakin University Rotary Anniversary Award recognising service to the Whitehorse community

The group congratulated Ray on his 92nd birthday on 7 July.

Weekly reports

Treasurer- Sunday morning duties and guidance re subs

Youth – "Organiser Glenys" gave a written report and Sue foreshadowed online toastmaster tutorials for primary school students

Vocational- presentation morning tea for apprentices still coming

International- Olive oil orders for Hope Katolo and personal donations to the Rotary Foundation (because of missed fines) to BL.

Program - Next week – Ron B will take us on a rollicking ride through Spain next week.

The following week guest speaker is Dr Ray Shuey 2020 Victorian Senior Australian of the Year.

Blackburn Market- Peter Hoskins will put out new A-frame ad

Sergeant session raised \$?

Raffle \$? Winners were Sue B and Ron B

Forum

Sue split us into 3 brainstorming groups to discuss 3 questions

1 How can we fund raise, and what projects can we run during the period of COVID-19 restrictions? How do we run these projects?

2 What activities does the club want to do to commemorate the 100- year anniversary of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand? These activities are in addition to the cluster project and can be social or a project.

3 How can we make the club more dynamic?

A summary of these discussions will appear later.

A good start to the new Rotary year

Bob Laslett

CELEBRATIONS

On the 10th July Sue Ballard celebrates three years in Rotary. A rapid start to her time in Rotary – zero to President in three years. Well done, Sue.



NEXT MEETING

Zoooooom is back!!

Our meeting on Monday, 13th July will again be via Zoom. Links will be sent to members so that they can join in the proceedings.



Sydney Harbour Bridge under construction 1929

Nothing changes - Every job needs a supervisor!



Sydney Harbour Bridge 1930

Mind your finger!!

Something to think about while you cannot go out and play!



~ John Glenn...

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

KEEP SMILING

BLACKBURN MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

Jo-ann of **pee wee designs** and Ebony of **EbBie Jorge & Co** share a stall (Ebony is Jo-ann's daughter in law). Their products are labours of love developed from their hobbies which they sell at two markets each month, our Blackburn Craft market and the one at Park Orchards. They have been regulars with us at Blackburn for the past 2 years.

As you can see from the photographs, they have a range of personal accessories including framed original pen and ink drawings, hide and leather purses, hand crafted clay bead jewellery, and cushion covers. They put their perfumed candles into

concrete bowls which Ebbie's partner makes, he is actually a concreter by trade. You can also get larger concrete bowls beautifully polished on the outside, some of which contain succulents. To make things simple, you can pay them by card.

Jo is a cheerful stallholder who would be happy to talk to you about any special needs you might have. Come along to the Blackburn Craft market or email them.

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