



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No 05

President: Sue Ballard

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hi all,

I hope you have had, or will have, productive committee meetings over the next few days.

Like most of you I have been looking at what we have done and what we continue to do over the 2020/21 year. I am also looking at what we can do differently or what we could include. Now more than ever we need to look what needs we can meet both locally and international with our resources.

Our community in particular has been affected in ways none of us had considered before. There is probably no one in our area that has not been affected in one way or another by restrictions, shutdown and isolation. So how can we help them and each other? It doesn't have to be a major project, maybe something as simple as reminding someone that they aren't alone, that there is someone outside their place of isolation who is thinking of them. I have dropped cards and messages in neighbours' letterboxes, and I plan to do something similar to Ambulance Victoria and a local nursing home. Something as simple as a phone call or Facebook message can make a big difference to someone.

Long term, after isolation, we will need to be there for those struggling to get back to a normal life. I personally don't know someone who lost a job but I do know of some who have had reduced hours, had to help children with home schooling or haven't had personal time or space. We need to come up with ideas and plan for this now so we can be there for our community as soon as possible.

Stay safe, stay active, stay in touch.

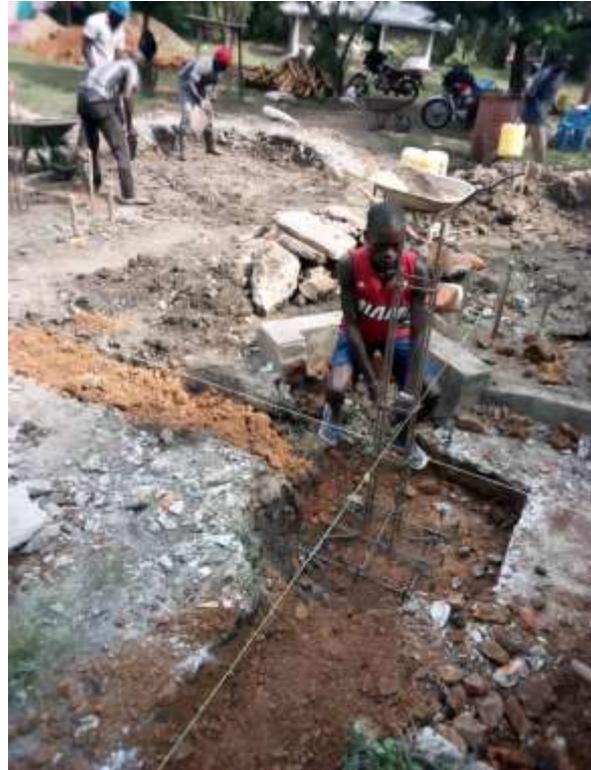
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

International/Foundation Report (BM, RB, RL)

\$3216 has been sent off to Hope Katolo- thanks to Gysi- Davis and oil sales. Funding, (\$2,000), for Interplast and ROMAC has been promised through kind, private donors. We are planning to support the Foundation, End Polio Now, RAMS, DIK and a new project. For the latter we will need to budget and fundraise. We are investigating a suitable fundraiser suggested by President Sue. There is a district Foundation committee meeting on 13 August and there is to be an audit for the RAWCS project at

Rumbek school by 31 August. We plan to update our webpage and provide regular items for Happenings.



Work proceeding at Hope Katolo for the school teachers house.

Bob Laslett

ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

Invoices have been sent out for this year's fees.

Contact me if you haven't received your invoice yet.

Payment to be made to:

RCFH General Account.

Bendigo Bank

BSB 633 000

A/c No. 1418 41288

Warwick Stott

CELEBRATIONS

Best Wishes to Rob Grant as he celebrates his birthday on 4th August. I'm sure Glenys, and the dogs, will have something special planned.



Read a book, share a book or give a book – July is Rotary Literacy month.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be via Zoom on August 3rd when we will be entertained and educated by our resident 'bikie' as he takes us over the Camino Trail. Not to be missed as Ron provides our first 'in-house' zoom presentation.

Links for this presentation have been sent out.

Contact me if you have any problem.

COMING UP

3 rd August	Ron Brooks	– Camino Trail Ride.
10 th August	Stephen Fisher	- Polio Update
17 th August	Peter Malden	- 'rotaryeyesfiji'
24 th August	Kelly Donnelly	- Eating for a Healthy Heart
31 st August	Konrad Ermert	- Asphasia



Don't leave home without your mask!!

KEEP SMILING

Think of all the jobs you can get done while you're at home. Next week you can even make a start on them!

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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