



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 09 President: Sue Ballard

30 August 2023

## SUE'S WORDS OF WISDOM

Hi all



A busy week just behind us and another ahead. Spring is nearly here. I know because I have already started sneezing which won't really end until next year. My daffodils and tulips are starting to come to life and the birds are visiting earlier. We are also getting busier as the months pass. Would you believe we have to already make plans for Christmas.

Glenys and I attended the Neighbourhood Watch breakfast hosted by Rotary Club of Nunawading last week. It was interesting to hear about the changes to Neighbourhood Watch in Whitehorse. They will have a stall at our next Blackburn Market so please come down and hear all about it. We need to all be aware and proactive to keep not only ourselves but our community safe.

No matter what football code you follow or what team you support (or don't) enjoy the weeks ahead. Get out and enjoy the spring days if you can. The extra sunshine lifts the spirits and calms the soul. If it's going to a local park or visiting a property on the Open Garden scheme or venturing further afield enjoy.

Bob is having a well-deserved break next week so no newsletter next week. We will have the markets in 2 weeks and a full programme in the next month.

Best wishes to our members recovering from surgery.

Finally happy father's day to all the dads out there. Hope you all have a fabulous dad day.

## NEXT WEEK

**4 September**

**No meeting**

## COMING UP

9 September	Blackburn Market
10 September	Whitehorse Farmers Market
11 September	Kieran Ramana     RYLA & Disaster Aid
Chairperson:	Bill Marsh
Greeter:	John McPhee
Notes for "Happenings"	Glenys Grant
Thanks	Warwick Stott

*August is*  
*Membership & New Club Development*  
*Month*

## CELEBRATIONS



Congrats to Marg McPhee for her birthday on 4 September. Celebrations too on September 13 as the club turns 48 and Warwick remembers his 48 year stint.



## MEETING REPORT August 30, 2023

A small but jolly group assembled for a business meeting. Chris Stott was in attendance because Warwick had a problem with his arm. We heard of Glenys's adventures as a scrutineer for the Hindu elections (see later). President Sue had skilfully drafted an agenda covering issues that needed attention.

Our upcoming markets appear to be in order and John M reported on the status of the Food Traders licence.

Glenys reported on the plans for the Youth Achievement Awards in October. She is relying on Bill's skills with the certificates and proposed speakers for the 2 evenings, (possibly involving the MUNA team).

There was a long discussion on membership. John B had written an inspirational letter challenging each one of us. Warwick had 3 suggestions for follow-up, Bob spoke of recent data on alumni and President Sue proposed a new target area. Sue asked each member to prepare a list of 3 names each for follow-up.

Sue and Glenys reported on changes in Neighbourhood Watch as revealed at RC Nunawading's security breakfast. Sponsorship of one-way screws was suggested. Neighbourhood watch will be at our next market.

Fellowship events with other clubs was supported but will depend on time and place.

A new project involving Christmas gifts is to be investigated urgently. Other suggestions involved extra links with our schools particularly Forest Hill College.

As part of end of year celebrations a thank you celebration for our loyal traders on November 27 is proposed.

The sometimes-dreaded business meeting turned out productively and was conducted in a very friendly and cooperative atmosphere.

Bob

## **HINDU ELECTIONS**

Glenys Grant was honoured with the gift of a golden shawl after presiding as a Returning Officer at the management elections held on Sunday in the Basin at the Hindu Srivakrathunda Vinayagar Temple.

## **Box Hill EVENT**

Join us for a very special guest evening with guest speaker- Frida Umuhoza

Date: Tuesday 19th September 6pm for 6:15pm start

Please RSVP on our website event for this free event

[Guest Speaker - Frida Umuhoza - Rotary Club of Box Hill Burwood \(boxhillburwoodrotary.org.au\)](http://boxhillburwoodrotary.org.au)

## **WORLD POLIO DAY**

Put 24 October in your diary.

## **From the DG**

Here's a chance for District 9810 Rotarians to help one of our Clubs win a grant of \$20,000 to help further develop a fantastic community project.

Mark Smith of the Rotary Club of Boronia has developed the "Knox Rocks" music program for a group of young people from the local area.

Westfield are running a "Local Heroes" program where they are awarding grants to further foster successful community projects.

Mark is one of the three finalists, thus already guaranteeing a grant of \$5,000.

The winner, however will receive a grant of \$20,000 which will be awarded to the Rotary Club of Boronia to allow Mark to continue to develop and run this program.

All members of District 9810 are being called upon to cast your vote in support of Mark.

Westfield are fully encouraging members of groups associated with nominees to vote – so here's our chance! It will only cost you a few minutes of your time.

According to the page, Westfield are assuring us that our email addresses are only being collected for the voting process.

Take the link – [https://www.westfield.com.au/knox/news/6GBXkQ6pUuA6Ev94KlqqQj/local-heroes-2023?utm\\_source=local-heroes-finalist&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=local-heroes](https://www.westfield.com.au/knox/news/6GBXkQ6pUuA6Ev94KlqqQj/local-heroes-2023?utm_source=local-heroes-finalist&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=local-heroes)

1. This takes you to the page "Voting for your Westfield Local Heroes"
2. Go down the page to second candidate, Mark Smith, Rotary Club of Boronia.
3. Have a read of the project then
4. Click on VOTE NOW>>>>

## 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.

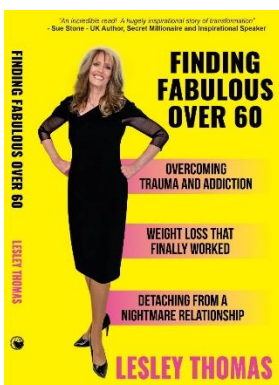
Jeremy and Mary Ann can be contacted on 0403 310 032 or [mafurness@bigpond.com](mailto:mafurness@bigpond.com) or via Instagram [mafurness\\_arts](https://www.instagram.com/mafurness_arts). But better still, come and talk to them at one of their regular markets to see the full range of their talents.







## SOME OF OUR BLACKBURN MARKET STALLHOLDERS







## **Come and frequent the Market next month- September 9**

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