



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 10

President: Bill Marsh

7 September 2022

## BILL'S BY-LINE

This week we were graced by three amazing women representing the organisation Women CAN. A great presentation highlighting what can be achieved with vision, passion and determination. (A full report elsewhere in the newsletter.)



At the weekend we have three activities which will stretch our resources. Saturday is our Blackburn Market, Sunday is the WFM and also on Sunday we have The Whitehorse Historical Society Open Day at Schwerkolt Cottage. Hopefully we can have everyone helping out at one or two of these events.

Our Friday Film Night is on this week with a number of members, Honorary Members and guests enjoying a film and, in most cases, dinner at Forest Hill Chase. If you would like to join us, please contact me by 5.00pm on Thursday so that I can arrange tickets and dinner bookings.

Bookings are open for the first Peridot Play on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This will be their first full scale production for some time and it will be great to reconnect with them. Always a good night and if you would like to join us, please contact me. I have booked 10 tickets but can get more if needed. Let me know as soon as possible.

This Friday a number of the Cluster Presidents will join me in a meeting with representatives of APH Holdings to tease out more detail on the proposed Market on their site on the corner of Burwood Hwy. and Springvale Rd.

My thanks to Bob L. who attended the Presidents' meeting while I was in Adelaide this week.

DG Ken Miller will be our guest on Monday night as he carries out his 'Official Club Visit'. It will also be our 47<sup>th</sup> club Birthday Celebration. Come along and join us for a fun night.

Have a great week and 'Make a Difference'.

Bill

# September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

## MEETING REPORT- 5 September

Monday 5 September; attendance 15

President Bill welcomed us in his customary manner. The meeting was in the capable hands of Sue Ballard and she introduced us to our guest speakers Michaela Stafrace & Kerry Kornhauser and their guest fresh from her flight the bubbly Nia from Georgia, Alabama. Judy L was in attendance.



### *Weekly reports*

Blackburn market- John looks forward a successful Saturday market.

Warwick had a full team for Sunday's farmers' market, but Bill needs help with the sausages at Schwerkolt.

Bob L reported on the Presidents' meeting, the district incentives for club activities and the need to change our domain name because of scammers targeting Rotary.

Glenys reported on progress at Forest Hill College

Program- Ron told us of the week after next's brilliant speaker and topic. The meeting will be on zoom.

Sergeant – Bob W was in fine touch. He raised \$33.90.



### Meeting

Our main speaker Michaela enthusiastically presented the case for WomenCAN. WomenCAN Australia is a charity that assists women to re- connect with the work force. This is done by helping women build confidence, connections and work capability. She illustrated with examples how their program, The Placement Circle, guides women through peer supported vocational training and onto place-based jobs. Her passion was illustrated by the running of a Facility Maintenance Program, where tradeswomen, cleaners and gardeners deliver services by women for women. The program is forward-thinking as the charity positively sets out to fund itself rather than keep holding out their hand. Michaela was ably supported by Kerry and we learnt about why Nia came to Australia to assist. Bob W gave a moving vote of thanks which was acknowledged with acclamation. Another excellent session describing a very worthwhile Rotary program. President Bill closed the meeting after unwrapping the raffle winners Nia, John B and Bill M . The raffle raised \$51.

## NEXT MEETING

**12 September Club Birthday DG Ken Miller**

**Club roster for 12 September 2022.**

- Chairperson:** Bill Marsh
- Greeter:** Warwick Stott
- Notes for “Happenings”** Stuart Williams
- Thanks** Bob Laslett
- Cashier & Recorder:** Bob Williams

## COMING UP

- 9 September Film night
- 10 September Blackburn Craft Market
- 11 September Whitehorse Farmers Market and Schwerkolt Cottage
- 19 September Chateaux of the Loire Valley Ron Brooks



## CELEBRATIONS



Happy 47<sup>th</sup> birthday to our club on 13 September! Congrats to charter member Warwick for the same date.



## FOUNDATION

RC Nunawading is holding a fund-raising event for The Rotary Foundation on Wednesday 28 September 2022. The film is "A ticket to paradise" starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts. The film will have a start time between 6 and 7pm – exact time will be advised by the cinema once they know.

Cost is \$20.00 which includes a ticket, drink, finger food and a donation to The Rotary Foundation of approx. \$10

There is also capability for people to donate only if they so wish.

Venue is Waverley Cinemas (also known as Pinewood)

Use this link to book

[https://waverleycinema.com/E\\_006.php](https://waverleycinema.com/E_006.php)



## Sproutings

Spring has arrived, and with Spring comes sunshine (we hope), sneezing (we hope not) and school holidays. School holidays programs are popping up everywhere for you to take advantage of.

There's plenty of entertaining and affordable experiences for the kids to discover.



### *Who's Home? Tree hollows and wildlife*

**For:** All ages

**Date:** Wednesday September 21, 2022

**Time:** 10am – 11.30am

**Where:** Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

**Cost:** Free

**Bookings required – check website**

Many of our local birds and animals make their home in tree hollows. Join the citizen scientists on a walk around the precinct spotting hollows and looking inside.



### **Fantastic frogs and terrific tadpoles**

**For:** 5–10 years

**Date:** Thursday September 22, 2022

**Time:** 10am – 11.30am

**Where:** Strathdon House

**Cost:** \$10 per child (must be accompanied by an adult)

**Bookings required - check website**

Stories will be shared about frogs, how to learn about the sounds they make and explore their life cycle. Also how to create your own frog or tadpole.



### **School Holidays: Make a Seed Bomb!**

**For:** 3-10years

**Date:** Wednesday September 28, 10am - 12pm

**Where:** Strathdon House and Orchard Precinct

**Cost:** \$40 per child (must be accompanied by an adult)

**Bookings essential:** check website.

Learn how to make seed bombs to plant in your backyard and neighbourhood with wildflowers and native plants.

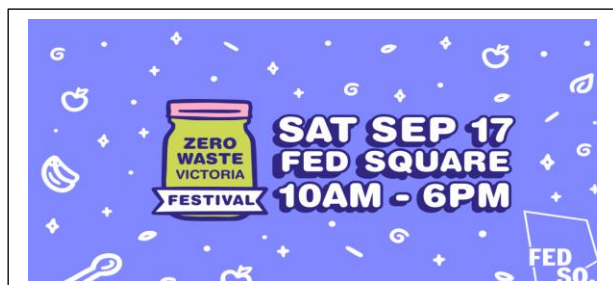
### **Other Entertainment**

And for those not members of our club, may we suggest you bring children to one of our markets this weekend? Our Rotary Club of Forest Hill Blackburn Arts and Craft Market and its many hand-made goods is on Saturday, September 10, 8am - 1pm.

The Whitehorse Farmers' Market is on Sunday September 11, 8am-1pm. There you can buy almost everything from the grower straight to you. You will meet our club members working at each event.

Also, this Sunday you can always get out in the fresh air with your family at Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum, where Heritage Family Day week is being celebrated. Rotary members will be out in force with their sausage sizzle to feed you.

### **Zero Waste Festival - Insights and Inspiration to Help You Rethink Waste**



Victoria's annual festival is bigger than ever, with a program of events taking place at Fed Square on Saturday September 17.

Join leading waste and sustainability experts, along with everyday people doing amazing things. Visit [Zero Waste Victoria's website](#)

There will be a huge range of talks, kids' activities, markets, food trucks, clothes swaps, a repair café, mending circle and more at this free, family-friendly event.

### **Cooking and Gardening Workshops Coming to Burwood Brickworks**



Burwood Brickworks Shopping Centre says they are proud to be supporting and collaborating with Cultivating Communities.

They are creating new opportunities for the Whitehorse community to be involved in sustainable education initiatives.

Each school holidays for the next year, Cultivating Communities will be delivering cooking and gardening workshops at Burwood Brickworks, kicking off on September 28 with two children's workshops. Visit [Burwood Brickworks' website](#) for more information.

### *Recycle Your Small E-waste Items, Light Globes and X-Rays Easier*



Did you know you can recycle batteries, mobile phones, light globes and x-rays at Whitehorse Civic Centre, Forest Hill Customer Service Centre at Forest Hill Chase and Box Hill Customer Service Centre at Box Hill Town Hall?

Small electronic (e-waste) items such as cords, computer mouse and keyboards, can also be recycled at the Whitehorse Civic Centre. Keep these items out of your household bins, as items such as electronic waste contain hazardous materials, which can harm the environment and your health. For more details, [visit Council's website](#).

### *Dumped Rubbish getting you down? Snap it for your chance to win!*



Help spring clean your neighbourhood this SNAPtember and go in the running to **win \$250 every week + \$250 to a charity of your choice**.

There is a community focus for each week in September. Snap the issue of the week to go in the running to win.

Here's the schedule:

**September 1 - 11 September:** Dumped Rubbish  
**September 12 - 18 September:** Overgrown Vegetation  
**September 19 - 25 September:** Abandoned Shopping Trolleys  
**September 26 - 30 September:** Graffiti

Don't forget you can report a range of incident types to different solver groups e.g. AusPost boxes, road authorities, graffiti on power poles etc. This not only reduces pressure on any one solver group – giving them time to fix what needs to be fixed – it also gives you more chances to win!

So there are loads of activities to do, places to go and environments to enjoy and support. Have a good week,

*Glenys.*

### **RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADERS OF THE MONTH**

**Powerhouse Cheese** Barbara Power started making her own cheeses over 10 years ago. With a degree in Microbiology, she had a good scientific foundation to base her production. Two years ago, she started up her own commercial business **Powerhouse Cheese** and persuaded her sister, Donna Hall, who also has a Science degree, to leave her native New Zealand and join her in this venture. These two Artisan Cheesemakers use cow's milk in small 100 litre batches of milk from St David's Dairy in Fitzroy. They sell their cheeses at markets every Saturday and Sunday around the Melbourne area or you can order online for pick up on Monday afternoon. The rest of the week you will find them busy in their cheesery making their standard Blackburn Blue, Whitehorse White and Ash Bree cheeses or producing new varieties like their Bellbird Blue or a surface ripened Rosella Red which may become another standard offering in the future. Certainly, these two talented very local artisan cheesemakers running **Powerhouse Cheese** have a future.

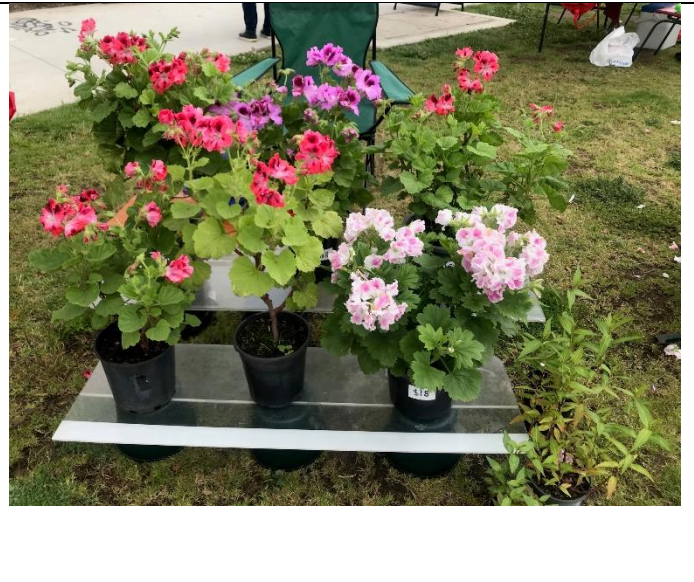
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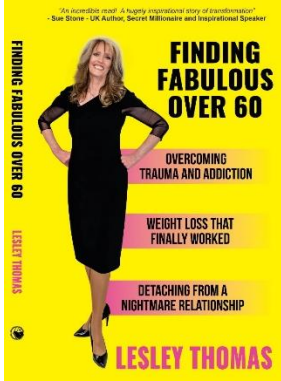


## Dawn's Flowers

**Dawn Hooton** has been a regular at the Blackburn Craft Market from the very beginning. If you want her plants, you have to come to our market as she sells nowhere else. Dawn lives in Forest Hill and propagates every plant herself from her own seeds or cuttings. Her love of flowers and gardening started as a young girl when her father bought her a packet of fuchsia seeds..... it has been her hobby ever since. It's amazing looking at the large healthy specimens of evergreen perennials such as the fuchsias, ferns, and pelargoniums she sells with long flowering periods all at very reasonable prices.







Come to the Market this month- September 10