

FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 12

President: Bill Marsh

21 September 2022

BILL'S BY-LINE



This week has been very quiet with little that I can report on to the club.

Our members have voted 'Yes' to the plan to run a pilot Regionalisation Program in Zone 8 and this decision has been duly passed on to RI. It will be interesting to watch over the next three years to see what changes and how it affects our club's operation.

We plan to look at establishing a 'sister club' relationship with a club in District 9820 with a view to making the transition to District 9815 as smooth as possible and to provide some possible joint projects as time goes on. This collaboration will be led by Sue Ballard.

The Board will meet tonight and one of the items for consideration will be funding the final stages of the environment project at Forest Hill College that has seen an old, derelict section of the grounds turned into an inviting oasis for students, birds, butterflies and insects. This project has been driven by the students who have been determined not to allow it to be derailed by COVID over the last two years and is now almost complete. The 'Grand Opening' is planned for 10th October. Congratulations to all who have been involved. Glenys Grant has been the primary club member involved and has given great support to the students.

Have a great week and 'Make a Difference'.

Bill

September is
Basic Education and Literacy
Month

MEETING REPORT- 19 September

Attendance 9

President Bill welcomed us in his customary manner. He spoke about the club's response to the regionalization proposal and the desirability of liaising with a sister club in district 9820.

Weekly reports

Program- Ron told us about the forthcoming program for the next few weeks.

Sergeant – Bob W was in fine touch. He raised \$22.70.

Meeting

- Our own Ro Brooks was the guest speaker. He led us through a delightful series of PowerPoint slides illustrating Robbie and his visit to 5 of the chateaux that are part of the UNESCO World Heritage site in the Loire valley in France. The 5 chateaux were the Royal Chateau of Blois, Chateau D'Amboise, Chateau Chenonceaux, Parc & Chateau Beauregard and Chateau Cheverny.
- At Blois he highlighted the significance of porcupine and salamander emblems, a useful and intriguing iPad, and closets with secret mechanisms for opening them.
- The gardens of Amboise were next with amazing views of the Loire and another iPad provided with the entry fee.



- Chenonceaux was a fortified bridge over the river Cher with two very large formal gardens. It featured the Medici gallery and the largest apothecary in France.
- Beauregard was in 40 acres of park. It had a set of 10 walled off gardens each featuring a different color of flowers and bushes, a room of painted dog portraits and a 6-meter-long parchment agreement showing who owned the chateau.



- Cheverny was the Brooks' favourite. It has been owned by the same family for over 600 years. Famous for connection to Tin Tin. The present owners still live there and it is an important hunting venue with about 100 hounds. John M gave a vote of thanks which was acknowledged with acclamation. Another interesting session that took us away from Melbourne's cold. President Bill closed the meeting after unwrapping the raffle winners Warwick S and Bill M. The raffle raised \$40.

NEXT MEETING

26 September Footy fever Bob/Stuart Williams

Club roster for 26 September 2022.

Chairperson: Stuart Williams

Greeter: Barbara Searle

Notes for "Happenings" Bob Williams

Thanks John Bindon

Cashier & Recorder: Bob Williams

COMING UP

28 September A ticket to paradise

3 October Women of Whitehorse Jennifer Brosnan

7 October Film night

10 October Bees Michael Johnson

CELEBRATIONS



CELEBRATE

SPRING



FELLOWSHIP

A reminder that we have our evening at Peridot Theatre on the 30th. If you haven't booked your ticket yet (10 are already booked in) contact Sue quickly so additional tickets can be arranged.

Sue is hoping to arrange a joint fellowship activity with another cluster club shortly. If you have any ideas contact Sue and she will get back to members as soon as something is arranged.

Our next Film Night is on the 7th October – pencil the date into your calendar.

WomenCAN

WomenCAN Australia is a charity dedicated to assisting women become work ready, through education. Our program, The Placement Circle (TPC), supports vulnerable or isolated women to build their confidence to re-skill and re-connect with the work force so that they can gain financial independence. The TPC program is a tripartite model connecting communities of peer supported women to their local TAFE and place-based employers, matching training to sectors with high labour demand such as Aged Care, Trades, Cybersecurity, and Transport.

We recognise that women who become disconnected from the workforce are at real risk of poverty, homelessness, and despair, as are their dependents. By working together in a structured peer supported community of women with a shared lived experience, the possibility of re-educating, finding sustainable employment and rebuilding confidence becomes more likely.

WomenCAN Facilities Services (WCFMS) is our social enterprise, providing a unique woman to woman facilities maintenance business. Our qualified tradeswomen provide trades, gardening, cleaning, and other residential services to women in their homes.

Our primary market is crisis accommodation housing where we assist vulnerable and often traumatised women who live in rooming houses, or short & long-term accommodation.

The mission of WomenCAN Facilities Services is to provide an excellent and safe home maintenance service for women by women.

The social enterprise has significant social impact due to the connection with our charity's program, TPC -

- Those women who are training in trades have career opportunities with us on graduation,
- Those whose English prevents them from enrolling currently in TAFE can work with us as cleaners and gardeners and
- The profits generated by the social enterprise help to finance the charity.
- <https://womencanaustralia.org>
- <https://www.theplacementcircle.org>

Mikaela Stafrace and Kerry Kornhauser

SPROUTINGS



This week I enclose items from the Whitehorse City Council Meeting

September 12, 2022.

The first is a Council Resolution to publicly declare a **Climate Emergency** –

please read the motion that was put forward and carried.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Massoud, Seconded by Cr Munroe

That Council:

1. Publicly declares a Climate Emergency, recognising the Whitehorse community's sustained strong support for Council to lead and act on climate change, including as expressed in the 2040 Community Vision;
2. Notes that all actions that flow from this Declaration are included in the existing Whitehorse Interim Climate Response Plan 2020-2022 and any subsequent Climate Response/Action Plan adopted by Council;
3. Acknowledges that funding for actions arising as a consequence of this Climate Emergency declaration will be limited to and align with Council decisions taken as to Budget allocations for the implementation of any adopted Climate Response/Action Plan; and
4. Provides clear communication on its website that Whitehorse City Council has declared a Climate Emergency.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A Division was called.

Division

For

Cr Cutts

Cr Lane

Cr Liu

Cr Massoud

Cr McNeill

Cr Skilbeck

Cr Stennett

Against

Cr Barker

Cr Davenport

Cr Munroe

On the results of the Division the motion was declared CARRIED



The second item concerns the implementation of a

Waste Service Charge.

After much deliberation and community consultation the Council decision is as follows.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council implement a Waste Service Charge commencing in the 2023/24 financial year. The Waste Service Charge provides a fair and transparent way to charge the cost of waste that is consistent with reducing waste and increasing recycling.

The recommended Waste Service Charge model includes applying a service rate to the components of the Charge including:

- Kerbside Waste Service Charge (80 litre red lid garbage bin and 240 litre yellow lid recycling bin);
- Public Waste Service Charge; and
- Supplementary Bin Charge (any bins in addition to the standard service of an 80 litre red lid garbage bin and 240 litre yellow lid recycling bin).

The amount of the Waste Service Charge including the charges for supplementary bins will be developed as part of budget considerations for 2023/24.

The next steps following a decision of Council is to commence preparing the budget for 2023/24 and to update relevant Policies, Plans and other documents to include details of a Waste Service Charge.

https://whitehorse.infocouncil.biz/Open/2022/09/CO_20220912_AGN_1222_WEB.htm

Spring is here... And what have these beautiful flowers got to do with Council items? Nothing! They are just to assure you that Spring really has arrived.

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.

www.powerhousecheese.com.au



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 next month- October 8