



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Embracing the theme New Beginning we find ourselves as restrictions begin to ease, looking at restarting our activities and stepping back into the community. It will be different but not necessarily a bad thing. We have each other to help us take these steps but now more than ever our community will need us not just with projects we support but with leading by example. Sharon is a good example of someone taking those steps into a new beginning. Coming out of a difficult marriage she started a business which has been severely affected by restrictions. Trying to start a new life for her and her daughter she has looked towards us at RCFH and volunteer work to gain confidence and do useful community work. New beginnings opening doors into an ever-changing environment.

Ron chaired the meeting.

Reports

Secretary - only a couple of snail mail items and plenty of emails forwarded.

Treasurer

Program Budget, as circulated, was accepted and spending can proceed as required.

Not much to report.

Farmers Market on Sunday October 11th. As a couple of clubs won't be participating on October 6 volunteers are needed from each club. The market itself will be located at the front of council rooms and in Carpark at front as demolition of the Whitehorse Centre is underway. As volunteers will be considered as self-employed, we will need to print a pass from website. Warrick will send out email with all details this week. A query was made regarding gatherings of more than 5 people. The market comes under the same classification as the Vic Market and normal social distancing and masks etc will apply, such as in supermarkets.

A brief Special Meeting was convened and the Constitution & Bylaws, as circulated, were accepted. Secretary to forward to CAV.

International

We are joining RC Boronia in the Fijieyes project which provide medical training. Information will be emailed to members.

Youth

The NYSF will continue in a virtual format. Our representative, Ruyi Shen will participate in the program over a 3 week period.

Enviro

New focus area with column in Happenings each week. Everyone welcome to contribute. Glenys has subscribed to a number of enviro inspiring groups and has attended zoom meeting to see what is happening and getting ideas on what we can use going forward.

Ron added that food waste is an ever-increasing issue we should look into.

Program

Reminder of upcoming events. Pat Armstrong will be talking about the new focus area of Enviro and reminder we are doing a Lift The Lid Hat night. Please choose a hat and be prepared to say a few words about it. This campaign is bringing awareness on issues of mental health. Invitation to everyone.

Ray mentioned he had been in touch with previous members Owen and Norm. He asks other members to also make contact.

ABCD project no longer has Rotary Aus/NZ involvement.

Think also of our friends in Argentina where the pandemic is not under control.

Jackie V has had tumours removed and is recovering well.

MEETING REPORT & GUEST SPEAKER

This week we heard the amazing journey of Kerry Pryor who, with her camera, captures the stories of abandoned and orphaned children through post adoption with the organisation Beyond the Orphanage. Kerry told us of her challenges in Ethiopia and now in Nepal. We thank Kerry for what she has done for these children as they have a new beginning. Especially touching is the book she created for one orphan called Dear Klittu.

Sue

October is Economic and Community Development month.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be via Zoom (7.00pm) on October 5th when Pat Armstrong will speak to us.

Our Club meeting will follow at 7.40pm.

A link to join the meetings is included below.

Contact me if you have any problems – 0417 369 343

Join RCFH Guest Speaker Zoom Meeting – 7.00pm. Club Meeting – 7.40pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7023517430?pwd=MUwyREFUWUcwS0dXVEh1dURSK3c4QT09>

COMING UP

5th October

Pat Armstrong

Chair: Bill Marsh

Report & Thanks: Ray Smith

12th October

Lift the Lid – Hat Night

Chair: Sue Ballard

Report: Bob Laslett

19th October

Community Speaker Christina Chia.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to Barb Searle on the 1st October.

Best Wishes from everyone in the club, Barb.



LUCY SUMS UP COVID-19 BEFORE WE HAD HEARD OF IT!!

I think this pretty much sums up 2020 so far . . .



KEEP SMILING

INTERNATIONAL

1. Fiji Eyes Project

Our club is linking with the Rotary Club of Boronia and the Rotary Club of Taveuni on a project called Medical Screening Training for Fiji Society for the Blind. As we heard a few weeks ago from Peter Malden their club has been heavily involved and highly successful through the "RotaryEyesFiji" project. Our project will train local volunteers so they can identify patients that do not need or cannot have surgery. This will save false expectations and unnecessary costs. Our cost is \$1500.

2. Virtual Conference

As promised last week, you can now access the fabulous speakers from the Alice Springs conference via

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCINXDFUA4cLHCCQ4AWYMZgA>.

3. International/Foundation meeting

About 75 persons attended a combined meeting by Zoom. We heard in detail from active participants about a water project in PNG. The project is preventing disease in a remote village and involved participants from RC Goroka, a RC in Brisbane and commitment from the beneficiaries. There were plenty of questions. We also had graphic illustration of the decline in giving to the Annual Fund which will mean less money in 3 years for district designated funds. The consequence of this will be even tighter evaluation criteria for vital projects in the future.

SPROUTINGS

Some useful links and /or Information can be found at the following sites:

- Four new Council educational videos have been released about our local environment. These will delight youngsters. They are part of the series '**The World Around Us**' <https://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/world-around-us>

- Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group - **ESRAG** - kdkhands@esrag.org

- [Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning: facebook.com/DELWPVictoria & environmental.volunteering@delwp.vic.gov.au](#)

Glenys

Last week we showed what you can recycle at Coles and Woolies. Now here is the 'no-no' list.

NO THANKS!

- Plastic bottles
- Plastic containers

- Any rigid plastic such as meat trays, biscuit trays or strawberry punnets
- Adhesive tape
- Balloons (of any kind)
- Bathroom/shower loofahs
- Biodegradable/degradable/compostable plastics
- Blister packs, tablets and capsule packaging
- Blow up pool, pool toys or beds - plastic or PVC
- Bread bag tags
- Christmas tinsel and Christmas trees
- Cling film - with the EXCEPTION OF GLAD, COLES HOME brand and WOOLWORTHS Essentials Home brand
- Coffee bags
- Cooler bags
- Disposable food handling gloves of any variety
- Drinking straws
- Film negatives and x-rays
- Fishing line
- Foam or polystyrene of any kind (including soft flexible foam)
- Foil / Alfoil of any kind
- Food waste
- Glass
- Laminated materials and overhead transparencies
- Medical waste materials
- Nylon - woven, soft or fishing line
- Paper and cardboard
- Paper post packs
- Plastic/clear vinyl packaging from sheets and doonas etc
- Plastic packaging that has contained meat

- Plastic strapping used for securing boxes and pallets
- Polyester of any kind
- Powdered milk packets, made of foil
- PVC
- Rope of any variety
- Rubber, rubber gloves, latex
- Solar pool covers
- Tarpaulins
- Tin cans
- VHS Tape
- Vinyl - any type of vinyl packaging
- Wet plastic materials as mould is a problem for us
- Wine/water bladders - foil based
- Wrapping paper and cardboard, ribbons or bows

LOOKING FOR A WORTHY PROJECT TO SUPPORT?

Hi Bob and Barb,

Trusting you are both keeping safe and well with not too many health issues.

Umoja is the international project I have been involved with since 2014. I am trying to raise \$A250,000 for the refurbishment of the school that was given to them earlier this year. A wonderful opportunity although this pandemic has been very harsh on them.

Can you please pass this email onto your club members to get some support at a difficult time.

Many thanks

David

ART FOR UMOJA

Online Art Auction Featuring the works of international artists



Monday Chat by Felicia Aroney

We are delighted to bring you **ART FOR UMOJA**, an online art auction featuring talented visual artists from around the world. This is your chance to **purchase outstanding art** and provide vulnerable teenagers with an education.

Education changes lives and helps youth escape from the cycle of poverty.

Be a part of that change.

Here is a sneak preview of just some of the great works for sale...

Top left: Selina by Ros Goody. Top right: A Tall Drink by Margo Tummel. Bottom left: A Quiet Spot by Annmaree Mitchell. Bottom right: Elephants by Hannah Doyle.



Follow this link to view the art and make a bid:
www.32auctions.com/ArtForUmoja

Please share this with friends who may be interested.

BLACKBURN MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

The **Earthfive** leatherworks stall is operated by Peter Davies who has been a leatherworker since 1969, with a few years in between as a graphic designer.

Peter was telling me, between making made to measure belts for three different customers, that he started his leather journey when he made himself a bag from a goatskin in Kabul in 1969. He was travelling overland from the UK to Australia and wanted to replace the shoulder bag he had. So, he made one! He then made a few more for friends. When he arrived back in Melbourne an old friend heard about his bag making in Kabul and handed him a couple of hides he no longer needed and suddenly this became EARTH Leatherworks in Glenferrie road, Earth II in London when he started travelling again and Earth Three in New York when he moved there. Returning to Australia he had a big workshop employing 10 staff. Now he is on **Earthfive**.

He has been coming to our Blackburn market for more than 4 years. Peter makes shoes, sandals, handbags, purses, wallets, wrist warmers, glasses cases, three legged stools, you name it. He has made leather thigh length boots and helmets for films and the theatre. He will quote on any repairs. He takes credit cards and you can use PayPal. Come and see him at the Blackburn Market or Cockatoo, Mulgrave, or Belgrave markets.

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