



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 15 President: Sue Ballard

25 October 2023

## SUE'S WORDS OF WISDOM



Hi all

This week we hosted the first of the Youth Achievement Awards. During the night I had the opportunity to talk to the awardees and their siblings, their parents and teachers. They are impressed that we focus on community and assisting others to achieve higher goals. With so much attention to academic or sporting achievements, awarding social service in the school or local community has been refreshing. This award supports this year's theme well.

I also enjoyed talking to Ken Maxfield past RCFH member. Hearing his stories of the club's early beginnings and hearing about his current project. Having cared for a special needs relative I appreciate the support given to carers and clients. All people whether with special needs or not need to do enrichment projects to maintain mental health and life enjoyment. I personally like to try new things each month extending my experiences.

This week was Polio Day, and we are so close to eradication. Maybe we can now work hard to eradicate malaria.

Hope you all have a great week.

Sue

## NEXT WEEK

### 30 October Youth Achievement Awards

**Chairperson:** Bob Laslett

**Greeter:** Glen Grant

**Notes for "Happenings"** Glen Grant

**Thanks** Bob Laslett

## COMING UP

6 November	No meeting	
11 November	Blackburn craft market	
12 November	Whitehorse Farmers Market	
13 November	Peter Malden	Fiji Eyes Update
20 November	Daryl Hawkey	A visit to Ukraine and beyond

*October is*  
*Economic and Community Development*  
*Month*

## CELEBRATIONS



Let's celebrate 45 years of service to Rotary from Ken and Bob.



## MEETING REPORT October 23, 2023

34 people were in attendance for the first of our special Youth Achievement Awards presentations that Glenys has organised with attention to the finest detail. Our club was delighted to welcome AG Catherine Elfick, five awardees (the sixth was unavoidably absent), their siblings, parents, two teachers, Rotary partners and special guest Ken Maxfield. Ken was present as it was 45 years to the night since he and Bob Laslett were inducted into the club.



President Sue began with the acknowledgement of country and introduced chair Bob. He spoke briefly about Rotary and explained the format for the evening.

Table hosts Stuart, Glenys, Sue and Ron introduced the attendees at their respective tables.

After a meal tailored to the individual's specific requirements, Bob explained a little more about the extent of Rotary programmes before introducing Catherine.

Catherine in her enthusiastic style gave a comprehensive review of Rotary District 9810 youth programmes and encouraged awardees to consider each of them when they arrived at the appropriate stage. She also asked teachers to look to implementing some in their schools.

Bob thanked her and explained the criteria for the Youth Achievement award, why the student received the award and the details of the prize. The prize consists of a framed certificate, a voucher and a goodie bag.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of each framed certificate by Catherine to each of the awardees (assisted by President Sue).

Primary School	Award winner
<b>Blackburn Lake</b>	<a href="#">Sophie</a>
<b>Livingstone</b>	<a href="#">Andrew</a>
<b>Mt Pleasant Road</b>	<a href="#">Tanaka</a>
<b>Orchard Grove</b>	<a href="#">Alexander</a>
<b>Parkmore</b>	<a href="#">Isla</a>
<b>Whitehorse</b>	<a href="#">Isabella</a>





As each award winner was presented, a citation written by the school about them and why they were chosen was read by a Rotarian, a spouse or a teacher. Tanaka's classroom teachers explained why Tanaka could not be present.



President Sue closed a most worthwhile meeting, and many photos were taken.

Bob

# WAR on Waste PICNIC



## Join in our own War on Waste...

...At our 'Living Simply Together Picnic Lunch'...on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November after Morning Tea (11.45 -3pm) at our church service at Mitcham. We will learn about the world's urgent rubbish problem and how Christians around the world are uniting to take action. Over lunch we will discuss what we can do as individuals, and as a church, to contribute to the solution so...

## Let's make it a picnic!

### The challenge...

- Use as little, less, or no, single-use plastic and packaging in lunch preparation as you can.
- Bring two rounds of sandwiches pp, each one cut into 4 **OR** bring 8 pieces of savoury picnic food.
- Pack the sandwiches/savoury picnic food in a reusable container – they are to share. So please prepare with extra awareness of personal hygiene.
- Bring with you the waste generated by your preparation.
- Bring a \$2 pp donation for Tear Fund, who provided the Resources for this Lunch/Workshop.
- Soup & sweets, tea and coffee will be supplied.

For catering purposes **please indicate your intention to attend the picnic...**

RSVP...Email or text 'Yes Picnic - 1 or 2 or \_\_\_?\_\_\_' per family to...

Email: Joy at [ceejaywill@gmail.com](mailto:ceejaywill@gmail.com) Text: Phone:0402 491 013

## 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.

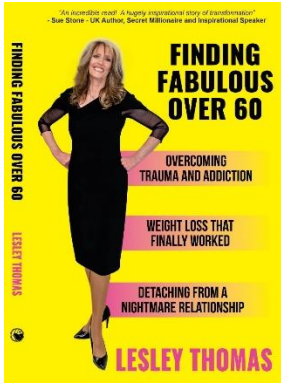
Jeremy and Mary Ann can be contacted on 0403 310 032 or [mafurness@bigpond.com](mailto:mafurness@bigpond.com) or via Instagram mafurness\_arts. But better still, come and talk to them at one of their regular markets to see the full range of their talents.



## SOME OF OUR BLACKBURN MARKET STALLHOLDERS







**Come and frequent the Market next month- November 11**  
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