



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

What a year we have had in footy. While my team didn't make it to the finals I always like to watch the finals. There is always drama and this year had its share. While it is sad to see the end of a footy greats career to is refreshing to see that both teams and the crowd showed him the respect Gary Albert Jnr deserved. I remember back to being a child and meeting a football great and how he took the time to come over and talk to me. He listened and encouraged me and left a lasting impression. His name was Peter Crimmons. From that moment on I was a fan not just of his but Hawthorn. I cheered when he was part if their 1971 premiership and cried as he celebrated the 1976 premiership with former team mates on his death bed. I chose my team. Having parents with competing teams I went neutral and chose a team to which nether would have objected. Most of my friends inherited their team from generations of family connections. Some went with popularity or success of a team at the time.

I look at a city the size of Melbourne with so many local clubs and applaud the competition where fans can (in good times) watch a game in a great stadium like the MCG without the fear of fan violence or fear of personal danger. Friendly competition and passion for team but also respect for the game itself.

## **MEETING REPORT & GUEST SPEAKER**

President Sue opened the batting (well it is cricket season) telling us that Peter Crimmins is why she barracks for the Hawks.

Stuart and Bob presented a lively opening that Stuart again crafted so well and even some of his jokes were from this century. Great to have Gabby and Judith in our footy comp and to also join us last night as they greatly increased the IQ level.

We toasted not only Australia and Rotary but also the Brownlow medal winner Lachie Neale and of course the premiers, Richmond so a fair bit of drinking.

Stuart asked around for the best footballer everyone had seen and most stuck with someone from the club they support as we have had so many great players over the years.

We had our usual footy quiz and unfortunately due to the circumstances we couldn't hand out choccies to all the people who answered correctly so that probably helped with our waistlines. I like to walk around Heatherdale oval past the cricket nets which now has the local team members batting and rolling over their arms and that reminded me that I was an all-rounder with the bat and ball and looking down I realised I am now just "all round."

I was a bit rude to Warwick in asking him why you shouldn't swim at St. Kilda beach and that is because they only have one flag (which I saw in 1966 with a Barry Breen wobbly punt providing the winning margin)

The Kickgoals Footy Tipping results were published in our newsletter some time ago with Bob W narrowly winning from Sybil, Warwick and Gabby. We will get the winnings to all after Stuart works it out with Armaguard.

Thank you, Stuart, for all your time you spend in running our comp and providing the script for our Footy night and a big thanks to all who participated and great that our Kenyan Nursery School, Hope Katolo also was able to be assisted with \$161 from the proceeds.

Bob W

### **Footy Night 2020**

S. Bob we used to say, a week is a long time in football. BUT... This year has been a long time in football and in our lives.

B. Yes, I've had lots of time to think about stuff during lockdown.. In football—everything is complicated by the presence of the opposition team.

S. I've stayed positive because I believe that Sport is the desert trolley of life. What about the Grand Final Bob? A sleep in, not having to be in The MCG queue at 5.30am.

B. Yes and you not having Hot Jam Donuts at 7am. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at home was nice. You've been known to fall asleep before the bounce of the ball. How did you go this time with a Night Grand Final?

S. Best thing was –there was no queue when I went to the toilet.

S. Normally late October I'm in Thailand or on a cruise lighting up the dance floor so watching footy was fine. Congratulations to Richmond. The players can be proud of their achievement in this weird year. Worthy premiers. Dusty—3<sup>rd</sup> Norm Smith – amazing player

B. And the Brownlow? There has never been a player not worthy of "Charlie". Some dynamic and great players have not won it but it rewards consistency, and fairest and best.

S. Lachie Neale had a fabulous season. Can you believe he was awarded best on ground on 10 occasions in 17 games. 31 votes in 17 games. FANTASTIC. If you look at the voting he was almost a ONE MAN team. Are we allowed to call for a toast to the 2020 Brownlow winner Lachie Neale? Cheers.

B. I heard the Collingwood finals performance being described as a LAME DUCK performance.

S. Yes, a lame duck is a person whose goose has been cooked.

B. So much in your life is about food.

S. It was sad to hear of the passing of an ex- member David Jackson. David was an integral member of the Rotary Forest Hill Footy Team. In those days we had 2 rovers in the team.

B. I presume Ray Smith was number one.

S. Yep Smithy started in the middle and Jacko in the forward pocket. Jacko was the Alec Epis of our team. Talk and laugh. Always talking. Nippy and fast he will be missed, But I will

miss his wife's catering. No cut up oranges for us at ¾ time. We had cup cakes and scones/ jam and cream. David Jackson was a wonderful team member.

B. He used to walk his dog along the beach at Inverloch.

S. Bob, can I please look into your eyes?

B. BEHAVE

S. No, not because I adore you, but because I want to understand a line in a report on the Crown Casino Inquiry. It was reported that the faces of a commissioner and counsel assisting " were etched with the type of dead-eyed disappointment that Melbourne Football Club fans know all too well. I'm looking .....

B. Arrrrgh

S. I heard you trying to console that soccer man—Brooksie—about Collingwood's lack of premiership success since 1958. Just a win in 1990.

B. He disputes the fact that Collingwood did not win one after that drubbing by Carlton in 1970. He claims that Collingwood won in 1975, 1977, 1996, 1999, 2007, 2009, and 2011. He says he watched them on his black and white TV.

S. Mmmmm , yeah, they are a sad lot. My mate Stu Mc Donald has said the same. Bob--- this is how he did it.

He watched the first 4 North Melbourne flags on Black and White TV and pretended they were Collingwood.

B. So sad.

S. The Geelong flags- 07, 09, 011—He went over to an old bike riding mate and tipped the Black and White TV set on its side, which made them look like Collingwood. Anyhow- he says they should have won all those years cos the umpiring was disgusting.

B. Even in this weird season we still had some great Stats.

S. Kade Simpson of Carlton wasn't happy to see Port Adelaide's ROBBIE GRAY kick that winning goal after the siren.

B. Yes that heart-breaking loss meant Simpson took over the honour of being a part of most losses in VFL/AFL history, with 209 from his 332 career games.

S. Yep, KEVIN MURRAY had held the record for decades on 208, with Footscray legend DOUG HAWKINS next on 200.

B. Yes, I forgot how ordinary Footscray were for so long.

S. Now one for you. Maybe this can bring a bit of sunshine to the gloom of –life as a Demons supporter. Clayton Oliver had his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday this year. He is the youngest Melbourne player to win 2 best-and-fairest's and has more career handballs than Richmond legend KEVIN BARTLETT did in his 403 games.

B. Yes , I watch Melbourne play and scream out--- IT IS FOOTBALL.

S. Oliver also tops the list of having the most contested possessions by the age of 23 with 1303, from Port Adelaide's OLLIE WINES (1274)

B. Yes—He's a goer.

S. It is disappointing that we missed the Coodabeens out- side the "G" on Grand Final day. Do you remember what PETER from Peterborough said when asked what he believed heaven and death would look like?

B. Heaven is the LONG ROOM at the MCG with a lovely Port and a cigar. Hell would be Brighton Grammar winning the Head of the River at that horrid rowing course up Nagambie way.

S. Peter is always saying teams need MORE DISCIPLINE. The Coodabeens have been on air for 40 years, outlasting Blue Hills on radio and World of Sport on TV.

B. Head hits and concussion have become a major issue. I heard one of your mob, the late PAUL COUCH- ex Geelong Brownlow Medalist.... He scored higher on the concussion test AFTER he was concussed than he got when he originally did the test.

S. Yes, some of them can kick and catch, but.... I heard when Freemantle Champ Matthew Pavlich was concussed the club knew he was in trouble when he couldn't get past 93 when asked to count down from 100 in steps of 7.

B. Now Stu, watch all of them on ZOOM as they ... count down from 100 in steps of seven.

S. We've had the MeToo movement, Black Lives Matter and a number of culture clashes this year. One that really upset me as a sweet tooth was Allens Sweets- who had to take TEETH out of the mixed candy pack. Collingwood supporters found them offensive.

B. I heard a motivational speaker say- 80% of success is showing up. Trouble with you Stu is the other 20% is LUNCH.

S. I know the COVID recession hasn't been kind to you. If you're concerned your superannuation balance is taking a big hit, now you know how the Sydney Swans feel every time BUDDY twangs a hamstring.

B. A lot of the violence has taken out of football, but I remember your brother Murray reported MAD DOG MUIR for punching WHALE ROBERTS. Roberts received a BROKEN JAW, a CHIPPED TOOTH and a BROKEN NOSE. When ROBERTS was asked how he received these injuries what did he say?

S. The WHALE said "Mr Gaffney, the police –horse kicked me." MUIR got 6 weeks.

B. They have already started talking about rule changes for next year. What about a SIN-BIN for Commentators.

S. I suggest a YELLOW/ RED Card system for BRIAN TAYLOR, each time he starts saying "Selling Candy".

B. But we have been thrilled by the creative use of language and logic by football people. Ron Barassi once asked Geelong player GAVIN EXELL: "Would you rather lose an eye or have your tongue cut out?"

S. Yes, Trying to work out how to answer Ron's question is thought to have pre-maturely ended EXELL's career. He wasn't a bad goal-kicker.

B. I'm old enough to remember JACK DYER asking a player- "What's your height and weight, and how tall are you?" He also said, "MARK LEE'S long arms reach up like giant TESTICLES"

S. Remember Harry Bietzel- "He said, 'Another goal to O'Donnell. That's his first for the day.'

B. And the incomparable LOU RICHARDS - "It's not a bad sort of kick but it's OFF - LINE --- AND THROUGH FOR A GOAL."

S. Yeah good ones. I had a coach once who asked us all to line up on the wing," alphabetically, in order of height" . He seemed to like me though—one day he said to me at half-time, " You're slower than you look, Stu."

B. We both saw KEVIN SHEEDY talk at Box Hill Central's Grand Final Breakfast a few years ago. He has taken up a position on the Bomber's Board. We had better not go on too long or dinner will start to wear off and some of these ZOOMERS might fall asleep. We will leave them with some SHEEDY Gems.

S. In a veiled swipe at former Carlton player ROBERT WALLS he said --- Not all of the snipers were in Vietnam in the 70's.

B. I remember him saying of James Hird – He’s a guy who gets up at six o’clock in the morning regardless of what time it is.

S. About TIM WATSON he said,---- Sometimes coaches fall in love with their players.

B. Interestingly he said his biggest regret was – “ If I had my time again I’d have gone in and tried to convince the Richmond football club committee to lift their ban on me playing for Richmond in the district cricket grand final in 1977-78.”

S. On his 27 seasons as Essendon Coach – Only two people got 27 years, Nelson Mandela and myself.

B. I liked this one- “Mum got upset one day when I was still playing because someone said I was a mongrel the way I played football.... She couldn’t understand how anyone could call her little boy a mongrel, I COULD BUT SHE COULDN’T.

S. He also said, “ The day I finish is going to be the worst day of my life. No, my real worst day will be when I kick the bucket.”.

B. We all remember Sheedy swinging his jacket above his head but he also created SHEEDY SPEAK. There are rules about criticizing umpires etc. Sheedy said - MARTIANS – that was code for umpires , which created a loophole for criticizing the officiating.

S. VLAD – Former AFL Boss Andrew Demetriou... as a Russian dictator.

B. SUNDANCE KID .. Former Sydney and MELBOURNE coach PAUL ROOS.

S. MARSHMALLOWS – His way of labelling North Melbourne officials Greg Miller and Mark Dawson. “SOFT”.

B. I’ve asked my doctor daughter- in –law about his “BACK- RELATED- FLU”. His way of vaguely alluding to one of his injured players.

S. I liked – SEAGULLS--- Code for criticizing opponents who wacked his players.

### **Footy Quiz 2020 (No Googling – Answers next week.)**

1. What was the halftime margin in Carlton’s famous comeback win against Collingwood in the 1970 VFL Grand Final?
2. How many times has Eddie Betts won the AFL Goal of the Year Award?
3. Name the FOUR footballers who have won THREE Brownlow Medals.
4. Alistair Clarkson played for which TWO AFL clubs?
5. Which current AFL coach played the most games?
6. Collingwood father –son recruit Tyler Brown made his AFL debut in Round 1 this year. What number did his father, Gavin, wear?
7. In which year did star forward Lance Franklin kick more than 100 goals for the season?
8. What was the name of the “star” Gold Coast Suns recruit who played so brilliantly in the first 5 rounds before doing his shoulder?
9. How many All Australian jackets has Brisbane’s Harris Andrews won?
10. Which Melbourne player who won Mark of the Century was awarded a large concussion payout recently?

One of the questions Stuart asked us on Monday night was- Who is the best VFL/Afl footballer you have seen?

Stuart said his top 5 were: Ian Stewart, Gary Ablett Snr, Andrew McLeod, Wayne Carey and Leigh Matthews.

It was interesting that players ranged from- Peter Hudson, Darrell Baldock, Jezza, Robert Flower, Ron Barassi, Ted Whitten, Tim Watson and.....

Who is yours?

**October is Economic and Community Development month.**

## **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be via Zoom (7.00pm) on November 9<sup>th</sup> when our guest speaker will be Loretta Crew speaking about 'Helping Farmers During Drought'.

Links to join the meetings are included below.

Contact me if you have any problems – 0417 369 343



Join RCFH Guest Speaker Zoom Meeting – 7.00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74999819079?pwd=SIVsTWVpVjFVRnM2Y3NLaC9kYWZ0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 749 9981 9079

Passcode: sr5683

Join RCFH Club Zoom Meeting – 7.40pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71914615774?pwd=R2FnN3QrQmJ0WW82OE15aGcrY2RQQT09>

Meeting ID: 719 1461 5774

Passcode: 4BHeTY

## **COMING UP**

2<sup>nd</sup> November

No Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> November

Rotary Foundation Speaker – Loretta Crew "Helping Farmers During Drought"

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Bob Williams celebrates his birthday today. Best Wishes from us all, Bob. With changes to the COVID-19 restrictions you have a really good excuse to play-up a little.

Congratulations to John & Marg McPhee who will celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on the 31<sup>st</sup>.



# KEEP SMILING

## INTERPLAST AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND COMMITTEE

David Tolstrup and I along with 14 from Australia and New Zealand Districts attended an interesting Interplast Zoom meeting. Chaired by Janette Etherington who spoke to our club a few weeks ago and as we went around saying who we were and our District etc it was interesting that several interstate Districts have had to amalgamate.

We had a slide show of what Interplast is doing as we can't send the usual medical teams abroad and a lot is still happening. There are 30 different talks on the Interplast site and 17 countries participated in a recent webinar. Nauru is receiving specific online training in various topics including wound management. Myanmar similarly is receiving online training by Interplast surgeons on subjects such as how to gown up and remove gloves and PPE correctly, also correct sharps management.

Interplast is conducting in country evaluations on their procedures.

It is also formulating disability inclusion and gender equity strategies and remote clinical support for those countries able to conduct their own clinics. We saw microsurgery with Interplast online support in Nepal with some gory pictures and were told we fund supplies for patients in Nepal as in that country the Government doesn't fund medical supplies for patients. Pain management in Bangladesh via online is another ongoing program offered currently.

Interplast is also promoting the prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment in countries where this is prevalent and providing clinical resources to medical centres in all our partner countries, so great work is still being carried out even though we can't send out teams until at least the end of next year.

Bob W

## INTERNATIONAL

### KICK A GOAL

Why not kick a goal for Rotary by donating to the End Polio appeal?

You will kick the bladder through as well because Bill Gates will give 2\$ for every 1\$.



This will also launch Rotary Foundation month which runs throughout November.

Bob L

## SPROUTINGS

This week with Spring fully upon us our thoughts turn to our gardens. Even a balcony garden probably needs attention. Last week the Sproutings team brought you an article about the local Indigenous plant nurseries.

This week we bring you information about a wonderful free garden design program for local residents. Anne Payne is the author. Just a bit about Anne- she was recently awarded a very well-deserved OAM for her multiple services to the Community.

Many of you have probably also met her at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary, where she heads up the Advisory committee. Glenys

### **Anne writes:**

Gardens for Wildlife in Whitehorse is a free program designed to support local residents to set an area aside in their garden for local wildlife. By planting indigenous or selected Australian native plants, you can create a garden that attracts birds, insects, butterflies, lizards and much more.

Many other Council areas are now beginning their own programs.

Residents of Whitehorse can register with the program through the Whitehorse Council Website. <https://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/waste-environment/trees-and-gardens/gardens-for-wildlife>

Garden Guides visit your garden at an agreed time and have a conversation with the gardener about habitat values and opportunities in the garden. The guides prepare a garden assessment, a written report that gives the gardener actions and advice.

The gardener also receives a voucher for 20 free plants from one of the 2 indigenous nurseries, a newsletter subscription and ongoing garden and local wildlife information – all free!

The Garden Guides who visit the gardens are made up of a team of volunteers like myself, and council officers who each have a passion for the conservation of our indigenous plants and animals. Often participants in the garden visits love the program so much they become garden guides themselves.

Gardens for Wildlife is driven by a partnership between Bungalook Nursery, Greenlink Nursery, the Whitehorse Parkland Advisory Committees, the Blackburn and District Tree Preservation Society and Whitehorse City Council.

As a volunteer garden guide for over 4 years I feel privileged to be invited into the gardens, meeting gardeners and sharing my passion for increasing the biodiversity in our own gardens, and increasing the wildlife corridors throughout our city.  
Anne Payne, OAM

## GRAND FINAL FUNDRAISER

The winners were

Carol Fricke

John Bindon

Ron Brooks

Each will receive \$32. A big thank you to all who supported the **Where will it be played? Grand Final Fund Raiser** for FAN, the **FAMILY ACCESS NETWORK** who sent the club the following reply when they received our \$500 -



## **“the donation will enable us to support the vulnerable young people, young families and children”**

It was a great result for a fundraiser organised in a very short time – congratulations to supporters and organisers.

Warwick Stott

### **Report on DG Alma’s morning meeting, Tuesday October 27, 2020**

This interactive meeting is drawing many attendees. DG Alma initially mentioned Open Doors, Monday October 26 edition, which lists a number of events. Some of these were discussed in more detail.

- There are three polio focused events to raise awareness and to celebrate World Polio Day. Ie on October 26, the wonderful John Soe spoke about his polio experience.
- Sunday Nov 1: Paul Harris 7th Annual Luncheon. This District event will have three great Speakers, with the main guest speaker John Nanni, polio survivor, zooming in from the USA.
- November 9-16. This week is dedicated to Centurions events. If you haven’t paid up your yearly subscription now will be the time to do so.

#### **Future developments:**

- At the District meeting to be held on Nov 13 a new membership plan will be unveiled. Please attend if possible.
- It is planned that talks which are of interest to most Rotarians and from renowned speakers like John Soe, John Hewson, and John Nanni etc, will be videoed and then available via the District website.
- Another exciting update on the District website: all markets and op shops in 9810 will be listed in a drop down box.
- In November many Rotary markets will be opening. All clubs running these markets need to ensure they have filled in a current insurance form and sent it to the District Insurance Officer. The old form apparently is redundant.
- A mention was made of a great membership promotional idea for markets. The idea is to have a Rotarian walking around or standing at a Rotary banner, actually engaging in conversation with people while promoting Rotary. Apparently if this is done correctly it gets results.
- Members participating should always wear a Rotary shirt. Banners displaying the Rotary wheel should be prominent, listing current activities.
- Re post COVID 19 meetings- discussion centred around whether 9810 Club members want to go back to Face to Face meetings, or Zoom or a combination of each over a month - or a hybrid of face to face with a zoom option. A show of hands indicated most clubs will go with one of the two latter options. There were lots of opinions and suggestions here.
- Each of the options could perhaps be made available to members to see which they prefer.
- It was mentioned that with a zoom meeting you get to see all members and can get Speakers in who would normally not be accessible.
- Each meeting should include a time for each member to socialise and make comments.
- If a hybrid meeting is introduced it should be done well so that those zooming in feel they are participating fully.

Many great incentives and actions were mentioned. So many clubs are working hard for their communities. It’s great to hear of their efforts and be part of the Rotary wider community.

## 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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