



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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President: Bill Marsh

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BILL'S BY-LINE



This has been a very quiet week for our club.

On Monday we had an enjoyable dinner at Bucatini where we chatted about many things, non-Rotary, and solved most of the world's problems. Sadly, no-one gave me the winner for the cup!

On Friday we are off to enjoy our First Friday Film Night and dinner at Mazaj restaurant. Always a great evening. Remember, if you haven't already, to let Sue know which film you want to see and whether, or not, you are joining us for dinner.

On Monday our meeting will be on Zoom. All are welcome to join us for a presentation by Mariah Kirsopp, this year's Deakin Award winner. The link below will get you in to the meeting from 7.00pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89754486851?pwd=TGtvQUtkWlEwcjQwYnBjQjJ5UWlDQT09>

The 12th & 13th will see us back at both the Blackburn Market and the WFM.

Bill

**November is
Rotary Foundation
Month**

NEXT MEETING

7 November – Mariah Kirsopp – Deakin Award Recipient (Zoom Meeting)

Chairperson: Bill Marsh
Thanks: Sue Ballard
Notes for “Happenings”: Ron Brooks

COMING UP

4 November *First Friday Film Night*
12 November **Blackburn Craft Market**
13 November **Whitehorse Farmers Market**
14 November – Larissa Reinboth – Children First Foundation

Chairperson: John Bindon
Greeter: Barbara Searle
Notes for “Happenings” Bob Williams
Thanks Ron Brooks
Cashier & Recorder: Bob Williams

CELEBRATIONS



How about a big celebration of
the achievements of the
ROTARY
FOUNDATION!!



SUSTAINABILITY TALK “GETTING TO NET ZERO” WED 23RD NOV

Dr Claire Anderson is speaking on the challenges to get to net zero at the Institute of Chemical Engineers. \$65. If you want to attend then contact Ron Brooks.

ROTARY takes stage at Global Citizen Festival to pledge \$150 million toward ENDING POLIO

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones appeared on the main stage at the star-studded Global Citizen Festival on 24 September to highlight Rotary’s commitment to eradicating polio and announce an additional US\$150 million pledge.

Sproutings –

Bees on a Mission

In our last environment column we told you about Forest Hill College VCAL students and their Indigenous Garden, entitled 'A Tough Pathway to Success'.

It described how in 2021 Positive Education Learning Specialist Adrienne Baucke, her VCAL Year 11 students and our club started work on developing an indigenous garden project in a fairly barren enclosed area outside their school library.

These students are all environmentally focused, so wanted an Australian native garden for their peers to read and reflect in and somewhere the birds, bees and butterflies would be attracted to. They were drawn to the thought of being able to leave something behind for perpetuity and for future students to enjoy.

They started, then COVID lockdowns occurred. Schools were closed for weeks. Students were sent home to study.

These students and their teacher, Adrienne, never gave up. Every time they got back to the school and caught up on their academic work, they managed to do more work on the garden.

But end of year hit and the project still wasn't finished.

When 2022 school year started, restrictions were eased, and the students returned. They were now in year 12 – their most demanding year. Rather than give this project to another group they were determined to finish 'their' garden. And, as you know, this year they did.

Here is the rest of the story...

They also had to complete Year 12 VCAL projects, and the idea of writing, illustrating and publishing a bee book to encourage primary schoolers to save bees came about.

By the end of the year a delightful book was produced, one that any primary school would be pleased to have for their students.



The 12 students all helped write the book, while Charlotte Smart illustrated it beautifully. For her consistent contributions to both projects she received the Rotary Club of Forest Hill environment award and prize.

The garden and bee launch at the school was on October 17 and was attended by 12 Rotarians, wildlife supporters, school personnel and students.

It was so pleasing to see that the bee houses hung in the trees are already inhabited!



1. Teacher Adrienne, President Bill, Awardee Charlotte and Principal David Rogers.
2. The 10-seater table and bench seating RCFH supplied, which are of natural and substantial materials.
3. The small tables and chairs we also donated.

Our funds supported publication of 50 books. These have been distributed to schools and are known to already be appreciated.

Our club was acknowledged for encouragement and support throughout both projects, along with Whitehorse Gardens for Wildlife Manager Belinda Moody, while Karen Hendricks mentored the students through the book writing process.

But the real stars are dedicated teacher Adrienne Baucke, the VCAL students and the forward-thinking school staff who endorsed these unusual projects—projects that have been successful and beneficial for current participants and the environment - while the indigenous garden and bee book will continue to be of use to and enjoyed by future students.



Until next week,
Glenys Grant

RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

The *Bee-autiful* Basin Backyard

Nine years ago, Michael asked Meredith for a beehive for his 50th birthday present because he didn't want to keep hand pollinating their trees and plants on their ¼ acre block in the foothills of the Dandenong ranges. Who would have realised that it would lead to a new career and the launch of The Basin Backyard, with over 240 beehives throughout Victoria, 10 regular markets a month, and a shop in Knoxfield (Unit 1, 31 Rushdale St).

Michael & Meredith told me “at the Basin Backyard, we sell pure raw honey & bees wax and related products e.g. lollies containing our honey (eg. honey & eucalyptus drops, nougat & peanut brittle). As well as our beeswax which we make into candles & food wraps. We are the beekeepers so we are hands-on for the whole process, from looking after our *bee-autiful* bees, harvesting the honey & jarring the honey and collecting the wax which is in our products. We are located in The Basin and we have 240+ beehives throughout Victoria. Whilst we have 5 hives on our property, the majority of

them are local in the Dandenong ranges and we also have them on properties in NW Victoria, the Mornington peninsula, Gippsland and various other locations in Victoria where our bees can collect different varieties of flora for our different tasting honeys. Come and have a chat to us about our bees, our honey, our wax, our lollies & the value of bees in our environment.”

They will organise bee swarm collection, they have bee keeping supplies. Usefully, you can pay by card.

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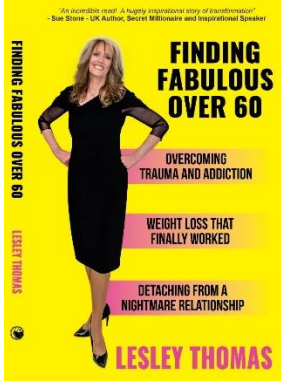
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SOME OF OUR BLACKBURN MARKET STALLHOLDERS





Come to the Market next month- November 12th