



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 20

President: John Bindon

24 November 2021

MOVING FORWARD



We had an interesting and varied meeting Monday evening with our guest speaker Kerry Anderson, coming to us on Zoom, then the normal Rotary meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting, and to top it all off a Board Meeting at the conclusion of the club meeting.

At the AGM it was confirmed that Bill Marsh be the President Elect of our Club for the Rotary year 22/23, and Bill, I know will make a good Precedent for our club, and we all look forward in working with Bill in his year.

It is good that we are now operating with face-to-face meetings, and we hope this will continue for the remaining Rotary year.

Sunday 28th of November we will be working in conjunction with the Rotary club of Mitcham in preparing and providing an evening meal (in takeaway form) to sixty people in need. This will take place at the All-Saints Anglican Church on the corner of Whitehorse Road and Edward Street Mitcham, from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM. We require six volunteers, if you are available, please inform John Bindon by Friday evening.

Some points for us to consider for the Rotary Club of Forest Hill Membership.

With 263 days of lockdown membership in clubs across the district appeared to maintain their membership. There are 1034 members in our District in which 16 clubs had 30+ members

We need to establish a 5-point plan.

1. Decide to make changes.
2. Plan and implement change.
3. Source and recruit new members. Explore those people who have been involved in Youth Exchange, and other Rotary programs.
4. Engage new and existing members.
5. Implement retention strategies.

The time required to implement the entire 5 – point plan may take six to twelve months depending upon the club's desire and ability to work through these points.

Potential members may join so that they can do some good in the world.

John Bindon.

MEETING REPORT

Chair Bob Laslett introduced, via Zoom, guest speaker Kerry Anderson from Rotary Club of Castlemaine. Topic is Rural Entrepreneurship.

Era of Entrepreneurship

Characteristics include small business background, marketable skills, know the dedication and sacrifices involved and community involvement.

Kerry has gone to rural communities and talked to young farmers, discussed what they can do for their community including promoting their business.

What is entrepreneurship?

People doing new things in different ways

Determined

Opportunist

Visionary

Courageous

Problem solving skills

Innovative

Collaborative

Business examples of entrepreneurs

'Wine in a Glass' - serve size wine available at events, world-wide demand

'Ag Cloud – IT' solutions for rural farm management - enabling access to NBN

'Camel Milk Australia and Barton Smallgoods' - new product developed

How can we support and encourage this

Open minds of people to see alternatives

Look at career/business opportunities that are new

Encourage attitudes and aptitudes to look for opportunities

Tomorrow's digitally enabled workforce could have worldwide influence.

Skills needed

Time management

Sell self and self-belief

Adapt to new skills

Collaborative culture

Is genetics a factor?

Could be also environment, examples you see around you as well as innate personality are facts.

Example of rural collective which supports initiatives of rural business. Many come out of adversity and need.

Website 'Buy From the Bush'

President John proposed two toasts.

John B discussed his meeting with the Rotary Club of Mitcham. Discussion around the dinner to be provided to the needy this Sunday 28 November. It will be a takeaway dinner and volunteers will be required to prepare, package and distribute. The venue is the Anglican Church Hall in Whitehorse Rd, from 3pm to 6pm. John to coordinate

Reports

Secretary - nothing to report

Treasurer - report sent and accepted

Internationals/Foundation - more olive oil available. Hope Kotala - Could soon be able to be claimed as a tax-deductible donation.

Community - Scope received portable ramp

No response yet from NADRASCA

Library display discussed, Stuart to apply for use.

Have not heard from Forest Hill Chase Centre management.

Youth - 12 schools have replied re YAA, video to be done for each school to be shown at their assemblies.

Enviro - Glenys has been asked to be one of 4 representatives on Whitehorse action group. Glenys will represent Rotary Whitehorse and Blackburn Lake.

Vocation - dinner date has been set for 7th February 2022 for this year's apprentice awardees.

Markets - Blackburn market had been abandoned for November. A lot of interest in the December Market. WFM went well considering the weather.

Program - next week speaker will be talking about an International project.

RYDA - Bob and Barb did a day at Wonthaggi.

100 Year committee - sanitation packs will be prepare Sunday morning at Eastern Emergency Relief.

Australia Day - Nunawading Club have applied for a grant. We will be involved in some way with them.

Sergeant's session \$36.30

Raffle \$45

Sue Ballard

ROSTER FOR MONDAY 29th NOVEMBER.

Greeter:	John Bindon
Chairperson:	Bob Williams
Vote of thanks:	Bob Laslett
Happenings Report:	Stuart Williams
Recorder/Cashier:	Barbara Williams

Note: Stuart will be liaising with Bucatini. Please contact him for dinner meeting attendance and visitors by 8.00pm on Sunday prior to the meeting. Any changes after this time to be notified directly to Bucatini.

Scan Me!



November is Foundation Month

*Welcome to 'post lockdown'. I hope you are enjoying the more relaxed, almost normal, lifestyle.
Remember COVID has not gone away – take care. Encourage those around you to get vaccinated.*

NEXT MEETING

29th November - Alan Lunghusen – 'Kiriwini Aid Project'

COMING UP

6th December - Natalie Dymond – 'The Generosity Project'

13th December - Christmas Meeting

17th January - Selba Gondoza Luka – 'Afri Auscare'

24th January - Club BBQ

FROM THE BOARD

We must all prioritize membership.

We will have at least 6 people assisting Mitcham Rotary preparing meals for needy people this Sunday.

The Apprentice Dinner – with the Box Hill Institute students, attending our meeting will be held 7 February.

A member has donated \$1,000 to Interplast.

It is great news that people can now donate to our signature International project- Hope Katolo Nursery School, Kenya- and it will be tax deductible if we funnel the money through RAWCS. Bill has details.

We have applied for a display cabinet at the Whitehorse Library. Please think about what we can show-case.

Our last meeting- our Christmas meeting- will be held on 13 December.

Our first meeting back in 2022- a social get-together- will be held at Bill and Judy's home on 24 January. (Date to be confirmed)

The Board will not have a formal meeting in December or January. The next Board meeting will be 21 February.

We are calling for a member to nominate to be our Club President for Rotary year 2023-24. Please contact President John or Secretary Stuart.

We need a place to store our BBQ trailer for a couple of months until EERN are able to make a decision.

Secretary Stuart

CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations to Barb S. on 24th as she celebrates five years as a Rotarian.

Congratulations to Merle S. on 26th as she celebrates her birthday. Best Wishes from all at RCFH, Merle.

Congratulations to Barb W as she celebrates her birthday on the 29th.



SPROUTINGS

At long last you are able to have a haircut. Isn't it a great feeling?

Here is news about a new scheme to make hair salons greener. We hope it catches on.

The Guardian has informed us that hair cuttings from salons are being used to mop up oil spills and that hair bleaches and dyes are being burned to create energy as part of a scheme in UK and Ireland to make the hairdressing industry greener.

Over the past 10 months 550 salons have participated in an initiative to reduce salon waste through recycling and education programs.

As part of the scheme salons are collecting hair cuttings to be used to make hair booms – natural fabric tubing packed with hair. These are then placed on the shores of beaches to stop oil spills from spreading and so protecting wildlife and the natural environment.

The salons are also collecting hair colourings and dyes, usually washed down the sink, and sending them to a facility to be burned to generate electricity.

Hairdressing foil is also being recycled for the first time – within the first three months of the scheme 2.2 tonnes of foil were sent off for recycling.



In ABC news August 2020, we learnt about an environmental emergency in Mauritius after an oil tanker ran aground.

Scientific research, released by the University of Technology, Sydney, one week before the oil spill had shown that human hair was effective at soaking up oil. Not only effective but cheaper and more sustainable than synthetic sponge products.

So Sydney hairdressers came to the rescue and collected more than 10 tonnes of human hair to repurpose, stuff into giant stockings and ship off to Mauritius to help clean the massive oil spill.

What a great initiative.

So – my question is - how would they like a ton of hair from two shedding Labradors? I'm happy to collect it (as the magpies did for their nests) if they have a truck big enough to take it!

This week I am bringing you the results of the GSBB.

Great Southern Bioblitz, October 22-25, 2021 – Whitehorse results

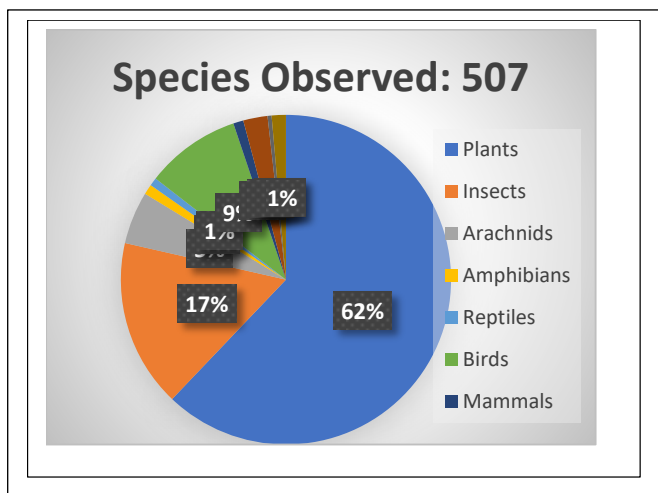
1412 observations, 507 Species, 29 Observers- (I was one).

Blackburn Lake sanctuary was the top site in terms of numbers of observations.

There were no events organized by the City of Whitehorse Council due to COVID-19 restrictions but residents were encouraged to participate by recording their observations on iNaturalist.

It was a fun event and those who participated thoroughly enjoyed it and learnt a lot.

Most clusters of observations were in Council's major park reserves. Of the different species recorded, more than 80% were native.



Most Observed Species	
Species	Observations
Magpie	37
Rainbow Lorikeet	23
Dusky Moorhen	22
Chocolate Lily	19
Red Wattlebird	17
Superb Fairywren	16

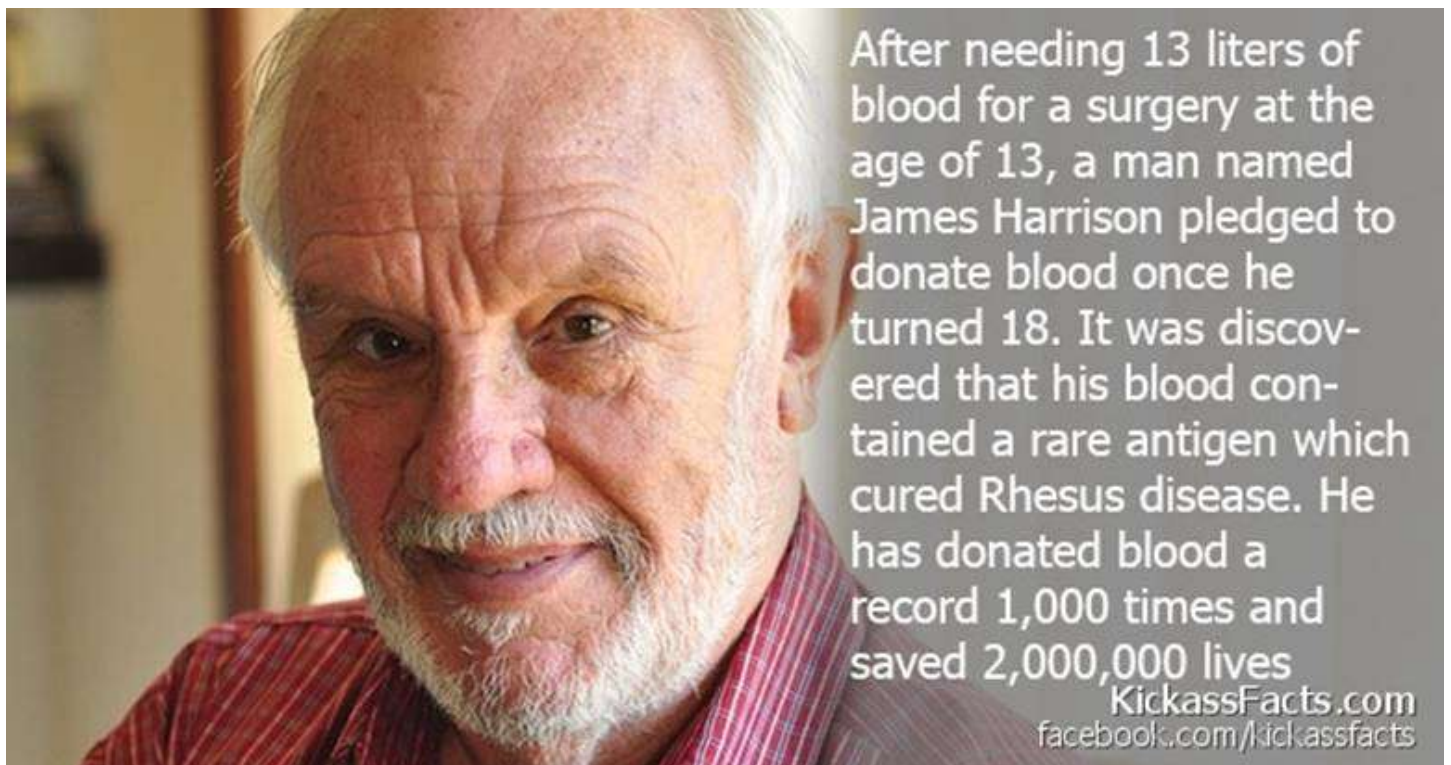
	Total species observed	Most observed species		no of most observed
Plants	313	Chocolate lily	Native	19
Insects	83	Bathyllus albicinctus		7
Arachnids	26	Bronze hopper		9
Amphibians	5	Pobblebonk	Endemic	6
Reptiles	4	Macquaire Turtle		4
Birds	47	Magpie	Native	37
Mammals	5	Common Ringtail	Native	4

And below are listed the threatened species. Yes – check it out. The Common Yabby is threatened..

This is now officially be kind to yabbies week.

Threatened Species	No. of Obs. (14)	Status (IUCN Red list)
Red Box	4	Near Threatened
River Red Gum	2	Near Threatened
Mana Gum	1	Near Threatened
Swamp Gum	2	Vulnerable
Monterey Pine (Introduced in Aus)	1	Endangered
Yellow Box	1	Vulnerable
Brown Top Stringybark	1	Near Threatened
Yellow Gum	1	Vulnerable
Common Yabby	1	Vulnerable

See you next week, [Glenys](#)

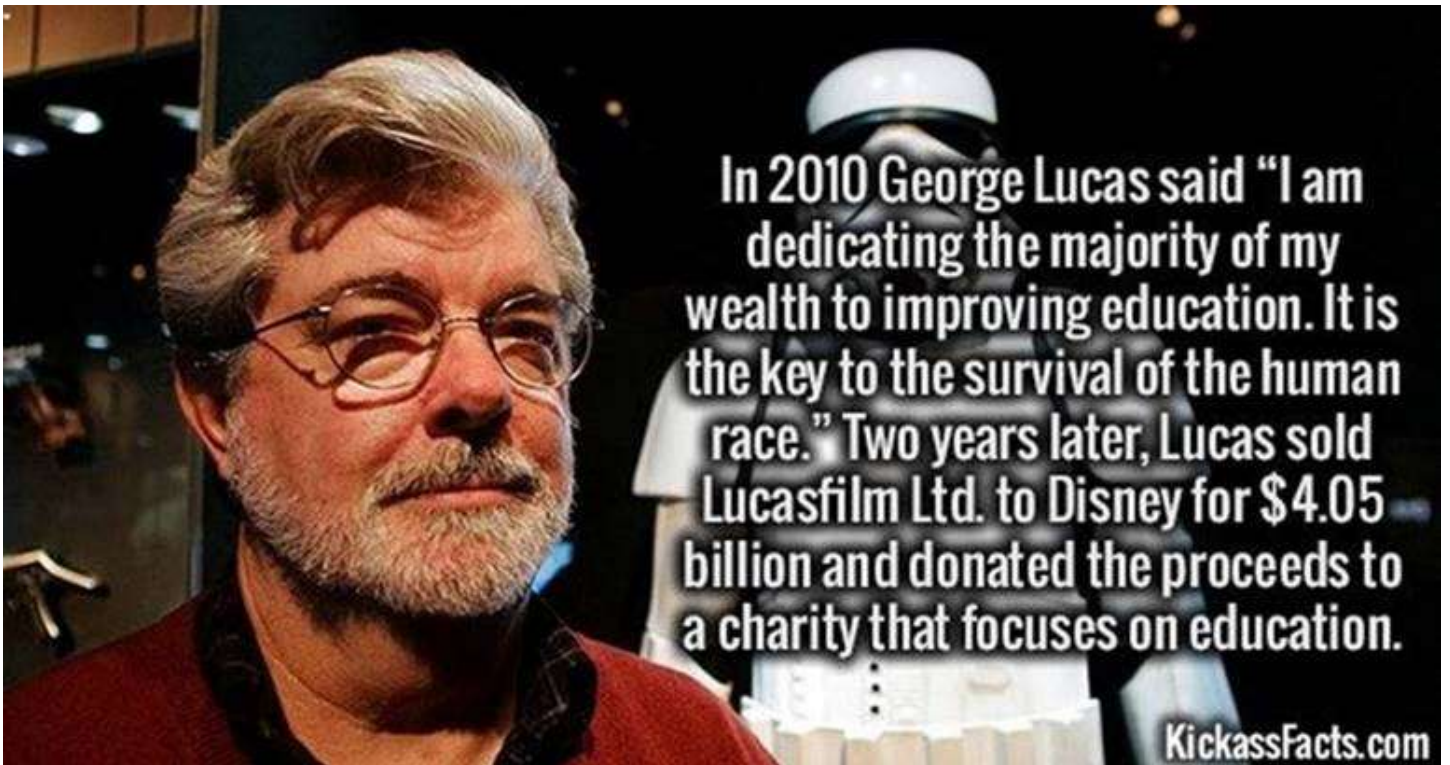


HOPE KATOLO CONTINUES



The 'Boss' is watching!





RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

GARFIELD FRESH HARVEST

Originally of Greek heritage, they are well settled locals now. Your intrepid reporter had difficulty getting much information out of them..... they did not like talking to “the press” ie the Rotary website writer. I just managed a quick few words from Terry and Irene before being shooed away.

These fresh vegetable stall people have been coming to the Blackburn Craft Market for over 2 years. They have had an egg farm at Coldstream since 1982 and have been selling at markets in Mt Waverley, Warrandyte and Longwarry for 20 year and also have a shop in Garfield.

They also sell a whole range of home-made chutneys, pickles, and relishes plus various quiches like spinach & tomato, spinach & capsicum, mushroom & leek. Yarra Valley Eggs, including free range, can be bought as well.



We will be back soon - COME TO THE MARKET!!!

