



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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President: Sue Ballard

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

After reading the submissions for this year's Youth Achievement Award I am impressed and inspired by what the students achieve in their school and local communities. These students will one day become leaders and entrepreneurs and inspire those around them to do more. Hopefully they will also become future Rotarians.

It reminds me of a young Tasmanian boy I met about 7 years ago by the name of Campbell Remsis. Campbell at the young age of 9 told his mother he wanted to give a teddy bear to a sick child. As they couldn't afford to buy a teddy, he set about to make teddy bears. At the age of 16 he has now made over 3100 bears from donations of material and funds. Bears are sent around the world. From the idea of one child the impact has touched so many. Sue

## MEETING REPORT & GUEST SPEAKER

Chairperson Stuart Williams opened the meeting at 7.05pm, greeting 12 members and giving a special welcome to Ray Smith after his short spell in hospital.

**Speaker.** Stuart then introduced guest speaker Daizy Maan, the youngest manager appointed at Deakin, and currently the Manager of the Spark Entrepreneurial Program.

Daizy has had an extremely interesting life and career. At school she formed the first debating team, then participated in MUNA and other Rotary programs including NYSF.

She attended RYLA while at University and was then hired to manage the SPARK program.

The SPARK program is committed to making a difference and designed to bring together a diverse community of entrepreneurs. SPARK supports and promotes new and worthwhile enterprises and ventures. Daizy explained that this is accomplished through SPARK events, workshops and a world class accelerator with up to \$10,000 seed funding, perks from Google, Amazon and Xero and a co-working space in Melbourne.

Daizy then shared some of the 3-minute sales pitch demos from 2019 Startups Day and will send these on to the club.

Her latest venture has been to set up a Wellness centre in Belgrave to help women thrive and grow. A beautiful poem tribute to the Himalayas ended her presentation. Club members then thanked Daizy for her exciting presentation.

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**Meeting and AGM.** Our meeting included a short AGM, again chaired by Stuart Williams, Board Secretary. Members applauded the appointment of PE John Bindon.

President Sue Ballard formally opened the general meeting with two toasts: to Rotary International and to our great country, Australia.

In her President's address she praised our 40th year YAA student awardees. She spoke of remarkable young Tasmanian student Campbell Remsis, who started Project 365 and who, over the past 8 years, has made 3100 teddy bears for sick children. (See Project365.org)

**Reports:**

- International: support can still be given to Hope Katolo in their current fundraising.
  - Program: next week there will be a fellowship night with a meal at Bucatini.  
Zoom meetings on 7/12 and 14/12 will complete the year.
  - Youth:
    - Ruyi Shen, Yr11 student, is looking forward to a virtual NYSF. She has thanked us for the support and mentoring and will report back after the program.
    - Bob W was thanked for all his YAA efforts and Bill M for making the first-rate certificates. Bob is currently making videos of Sue B, Stuart W and Bob L, in Rotary shirts, reading out the student citations and discussing Rotary Youth programs.  
Bob will deliver these to schools to be played when the students receive their awards and prizes, then they will be given to the parents – an excellent way to promote RCFH.
    - It was reported NYSF and Sci Experience will not be supported as District programs, meaning there are no longer any Science programs listed on the District website. Clubs are still able to support students to attend these programs, of course.
    - Sergeant Bob then worked his usual magic and our happy and relaxed members signed off, ready for another week in Rotary.
- Glenys*

**November is Foundation month.**

**NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be a dinner meeting for members and partners at Bucatini Restaurant on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.

**COMING UP**

- 30<sup>th</sup> November – Dinner at Bucatini Restaurant
- 7<sup>th</sup> December – “The Jewish Festival of Hanukkah”
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Final meeting for 2020

***KEEP SMILING***

## CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Barb Williams as she celebrates her birthday on the 29<sup>th</sup> November.



## HOPE KATOLO NURSERY SCHOOL HAMPERS OF HOPE

Hi everyone,

Can you believe that its already that time of year again?! Almost Christmas and that means **Hamper of Hope** time for Hope Katolo Nursery School.

### How does it work again?

We kindly ask for donations of \$5 or multiples of \$5. Every \$5 entry gives you one ticket in the draw to win a fabulous hamper for Christmas. The money raised goes towards “hampers” (bags 😊) of food staples for the families of each of the children and staff at the nursery school (see picture attached). For almost all of these families, this IS Christmas. That’s it. To say that this fundraiser means a lot to the people of Katolo is a huge understatement.

### How do I get involved?

Simply transfer \$5 or multiples of \$5 to the Hope Katolo Nursery School account

Account 033349

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Confirm with us your name & amount by texting Mel on 0412 187 353. Every \$5 that you donate will give you an entry into the draw to win the hamper.

### When will it be drawn?

The winner of the hamper will be announced on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We are really grateful for early ticket purchases because then we have a better idea of our budget for the Kenyan hampers.

Any questions, please email or give us a call on the number above.

Warmest Regards,

*Melanie Haley, Leanne Pinfold and Georgina Malanga*

## Hope Katolo Nursery School, Kenya



## SPROUTINGS

This week we have found you some Climate change and other information. .

### Whitehorse Council's Interim Climate Response Plan

Council has adopted a **2-year Interim Climate Response Plan** that prioritises actions for council to reduce emissions and build resilience to the impact of climate change for operations, assets and the community. The new Plan builds on the work Council has been doing to mitigate the risks and adapt to Climate Change since 2009. It reflects current science-based projections and will assist council to meet emission reduction targets and ensure we are adhering to the legislative requirements of Victoria's Climate Change Framework and Local Government Act.

Actions include:

- practical programs to help the community to reduce energy consumption
- making Council's buildings more energy-efficient
- support for the development of sustainable transport options
- increasing vegetation cover.

From 2022, Council's climate response will be embedded into all Council policy, including a new Sustainability Strategy which will involve comprehensive community consultation and be informed by the next Community Vision.

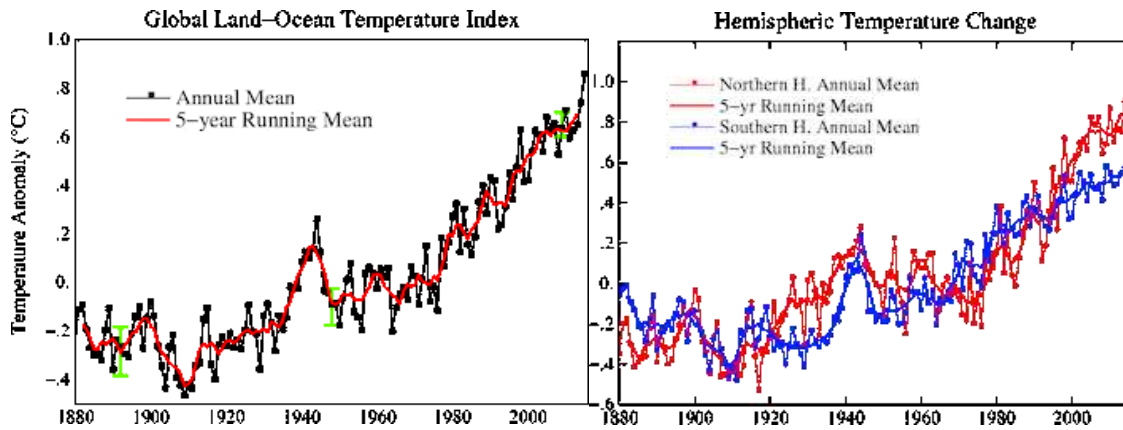
For further information, please see

link: <https://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/sites/whitehorse.vic.gov.au/files/assets/documents/WCC%20Climate%20Response%20Plan%202020%202022%20-%20Copy.pdf>

## What is meant by Global Warming?

**Global warming** is the slow increase in the average temperature of the earth's atmosphere because an increased amount of the energy (heat) striking the earth from the sun is being trapped in the atmosphere and not radiated out into space.

The diagrams below are self explanatory.



## RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

**Mast Gully Nursery** stall is operated by Jenny Lee. She has been part of the Blackburn Craft Market for over 20 years, about 5 years after she started her business on 5 acres of land Upwey. Jenny runs a wholesale flower business during the week but at weekends you'll find her at markets selling plants. She goes to six different markets including Rotary markets at Nunawading, Doncaster and Warrandyte. The plants started as a hobby which soon grew into a business. She has a large variety of potted plants but specialises in hellebores and would love to talk to you at the market about her passion for her self-propagated plants which probably accounts for half her stock with the other half coming from nurseries in the Monbulk area. Just recently she has downsized her block though keeps the same number of plants for sale. While Spring may be her busiest time as people start to think about what new plants they'll plant out, Jenny says she's pretty busy throughout the year. She is thrilled with the new Blackburn Craft Market setup so come and see her next to the rotunda and perhaps listen to jazz at the same time. You can always contact her at [donallan@bigpond.com](mailto:donallan@bigpond.com)

