



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 21 President: Bob Laslett

13 December 2023

BOB'S BANTER



We had a great meeting to end this half of the Rotary year- a splendid job by Rev. Rod Brown.

Thanks to Michael Sukkar for the chocolate raffle prize which via Sue ended up at Uniting Care East Burwood.

Thank You to all members and supporters for their hard work in the last 6 months. I hope you have enjoyed yourselves in serving to "Create Hope".

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy a safe and happy New Year. We are all so lucky to be able to enjoy this beautiful time with family and friends.

Let's hope we have a strong representation at our last D9810 Conference In Warrnambool.

COMING UP

15 January	BBQ at Blackburn Lake
22 January	Business meeting
29 January	No meeting

December is
Disease Treatment & Prevention
Month

CELEBRATIONS



Congrats to John Bindon who joined Rotary on January 14. Also, congrats to the Lasletts and the Marshes for their wedding anniversaries on January 8.



MEETING REPORT December 11, 2023

Our final meeting for 2023 was a casual, full of fun night. It was great to welcome two partners, Judy L and Judy M, together with Honorary Member Glenys C. and 9 members. It was especially lovely to be able to welcome 7 of our stall holders from our Blackburn Market.



This was the first time we had formally thanked these wonderful people for their on-going and long-term support. While our market allows them to sell their wares and supplement their income, their presence ensures us of a crowd and allows us to raise money for many of our projects. A great win-win arrangement. Thanks to Cathy McDonald, Sandy Ashton, Bec Arandall, Inge, Michael Johnson, Marian and Roy Hocking.

We will make this a regular feature and hopefully we will be able to have many of our other stall holders join us in the future.

The regular reports were quickly covered, and President Bob was able to introduce our guest speaker Rev. Rod Brown. When you book a guest speaker you cross your fingers and hope they are really good, but you are never sure. Did we land a winner this time!!!!

Rod is long-time resident in Australia but was born in New Zealand. We soon forgave him for this misdemeanour.



His talk was beautifully presented with many funny stories, heaps of interesting information and great audio visuals. A super presentation from start to finish. While it was listed as a "Christmas Talk" it was much more than that and really was based on a very simple philosophy that could be applied to every situation – in all aspects of our life two things stand out, 'to love and be loved'. When these are met everything else falls into place. Stuart W thanked Rod for sharing his knowledge and skills with us.

The raffle was drawn, and Sue B won the Chocolate Hamper, which she then donated to the East Burwood Christmas collection, the red wine was won by Rev Rod, the white wine by Ron B. and the favourites chocolates by Michael J.

Our next meeting will be a BBQ get-together at Blackburn Lake on the 15 January – more details closer to the date.

Bill

(Editor's note: For a treat, google new zealand Christmas story and watch the 2010 YouTube from St Paul's Auckland.)

RYLA

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership seminar for 18- to 30-year-olds! You will spend 8 July to 13 July 2024 at CYC Adventure Resort on Phillip Island focusing on personal development, leadership, and teamwork through a mixture of outdoor practical activities and in-classroom theory activities.

Opportunities:

Build communication and problem-solving skills.

Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader.

Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors.

Unlock your potential to turn motivation into action.

Have fun and form lasting friendships.

Learn about:

Leadership styles & theories

Peacebuilding

Collaboration and teamwork

Ethical Leadership

Identifying and addressing community needs

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 Rusdale 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

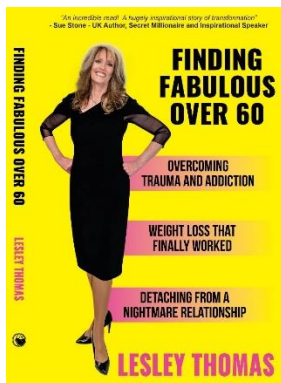
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SOME OF OUR BLACKBURN MARKET STALLHOLDERS



Come and frequent the Market – February 10

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