



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 24 President: Bob Laslett

7 February 2024

BOB'S BANTER



Next Monday is Darwin day celebrating the birth of Charles Darwin in 1809.

Members were treated to a highly relevant presentation this Monday as we sought to unravel what it is like to positively age in the city of Whitehorse.

Sallenna Skye encouraged us all with her skill, enthusiasm and genuine interest in each of us.

We will carry that enthusiasm into our busy weekend of markets.

Next Monday we are all encouraged to bring our friends to hear an outstanding speaker in Eric Panther who will entice us like Bill Bryson down the path where our weird and wonderful memory takes us. Please make sure to let Stuart know if you are coming. In other words, don't forget!!

CREATE HOPE

NEXT MEETING

12 February Down Memory Lane Eric Panther

Chairperson: Sue Ballard

Greeter: John Bindon

Notes for "Happenings" Stuart Williams

Thanks Bob Laslett

Cashier & Recorder: Warwick Stott

COMING UP

8 February Twilight working bee

10 February Hope Katolo Fundraiser

19 February Umbrella Café Update Kirsty Porter

26 February Business meeting

February is
Peace and Conflict Resolution/Prevention
Month

CELEBRATIONS



Congrats to Rotary Peace centres and service projects promoting Positive peace in a world that sorely needs it.



MEETING REPORT February 5, 2024

Monday 5 Feb; attendance 8

Chair Stuart welcomed all. They included our members and guest speaker Sallenna Skye. President Bob was delighted to welcome back John Bindon and Stuart. Bill wore 4 hats as receiver of money, IT guru, roller -up of tickets and thanker of guest speaker.

Weekly reports

President Bob told of cybersecurity notes (see later) which were of particular relevance as Stu told of recent scams. He also mentioned olive oil and the fact that Sue will represent us at the PETS seminar in Traralgon on March 16 and 17.

Sue reminded us of the International Women's Day breakfast that is not just for women.

Bill confirmed that our speaker on 19 Feb is Kirsty Porter and not the Apprentice Awards.

All systems go for the markets at the weekend.

Meeting

Our enthusiastic and entertaining guest speaker Sallenna brought us up to date on the workings of the relatively new Positive Ageing group at the Whitehorse City Council. There are 9 people in the group with 3 working full-time. The Positive Ageing team aims to:

- Ensure Council provides services and facilities are developed with the priorities, interests and needs of older residents in mind
- Support community development, enabling our community to connect, learn, volunteer and participate as we get older
- Support older residents to navigate systems and supports in place for older people, and to advocate for high quality, responsive and inclusive services.

They assist with forms, festivals, community grants, newsletters, pods and community directories. They help foster partnerships and participation seeking to find out what is needed in the community 15 years ahead. Sallenna reported in detail on a recent survey that had 1052 respondents from a range of age groups. These survey results will be distributed online to club members in due course. There is a Positive Ageing forum on February 29 10am -12 which will bring together a number of

representative groups and interested individuals. Bill gave a very thoughtful vote of thanks especially as he was put on the spot

President Bob closed the meeting after discovering the raffle winners Bill, Bob and John M and challenged us to "Create Hope." Sam and Peter, our Bucatini specialists, participated in the raffle but were unsuccessful.

Bob Laslett

Blackburn Lake

Working bees are each month.

- February 8, Thursday, 6 - 8pm ~ Twilight Working Bee.

Join us after for refreshments and a "getting to know you/catch-up" chat.

- March 16, Saturday, 9.30 - 11.30 planting preparation starts now!

Clean up Australia Day (CUAD) – Sunday March 3 9.45 – 12 noon

Clean Up "Blackburn Lake & its catchment" Day & Litter Reduction ideas!

Stay on for **Jazz at the Lake** at 2pm! BYO rubbish-free picnic lunch, perhaps....

Visitor Centre Opening. Blackburn Lake Visitors Centre is open to the public each Sunday from 2-4pm.

Volunteer supervisors are required to meet and greet the Public. It's easy to do.

Major event.

Blackburn Lake Clean Waterways Expo. 24 Feb.

HOPE KATOLO NURSERY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Palace Westgarth Cinema

Saturday 10th February

To be seated by 4:20pm

TICKETS \$30 each

Tickets can be booked at trybooking.com/COMQD

International Women's Day Breakfast at the Box Hill Town Hall

13 March 2024 -6.45am for 7 am start

CYBER Safety

Courtesy Rtn John Lynch from Nunawading

1.Share with Care

- Don't share travel plans, photos of your house etc.
- Use strong, unique passwords, MFA and Password Managers
- Adjust your privacy settings
- Keep all your software updated

2.Stop and Think

- Unexpected email, text or call

- Check “known” senders
- NEVER click on links in a message
- “If it is too good to be true,

3. Online Shopping

- Watch out for fake sites
- Don’t sign in with Facebook etc.
- Use PayPal if possible
- Case Study: <https://www temu.com>

4. Resources

- eSafety Commissioner <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>
- Australian Cyber Security Centre <https://www.cyber.gov.au/>
- National Anti-Scam Centre <https://www.accc.gov.au/national-anti-scam-centre>
- Consumer Affairs Victoria <https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/scam-quiz>
- Your Bank e.g. <https://www.bendigobank.com.au/security>

RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

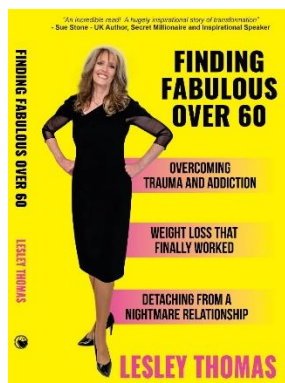
Every month for the last 10 years or so we have heard the sometimes lively and sometimes plaintive sounds of jazz drifting down over the stalls at the Blackburn Craft Market. The Skidaddle group give their time freely to entertain us while clearly having fun (or is it that they would play anywhere for a free sausage at the end of the morning?). If you haven’t met them, they are Richard Desmond (cornet), Dave O’Sullivan (drums), Jim Badger (banjo), Ezra Kawadlo (trombone), Simon Gilbert (guitar), Tony Lee (clarinet), and Rod Evans (double bass). Richard and others also sing. So next time you are at the craft market, go up, say hello, smile, tap your feet, sing along - they’ll love you for it. Rod is their low-profile leader and told me they are available for parties, and for gigs particularly their 16-piece big band that plays swing music mostly from the 30’s and 40’s. You may have seen and heard some of the other bands they play in which include the Dandenong Ranges Hot Jazz Orchestra, South Dereel City Stompers, U3A Big Band, and the Diamond Valley Big Band, too many to list. Many in the band will be playing at the Port Fairy Jazz Festival in February 2024. As I was listening to them play, I heard one say let’s change the key to ..., I didn’t realise it but all these guys read music as well..... and there was me thinking they just play it all by ear.

So if you what to hire them please contact: rode.evans@macrodynamics.com.au



THE SKIDADDLE GROUP

SOME OF OUR BLACKBURN MARKET STALLHOLDERS



Come and frequent the Market this Saturday– February 10

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