



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 25 President: Bob Laslett

14 February 2024

BOB'S BANTER



Following on from last week when we remembered Charles Darwin, next Monday we remember 150 planes attacked the city of Darwin on that day in 1942.

What a great effort over both of our markets at the weekend. Well done! We even had reasonable weather.

Our speaker turned out to be just as good as we promised. It was interesting comparing South Australia in the 40s and 50s compared with Victoria.

Friends are very welcome next week too as we hear about Dementia café progress from Kirsty Porter.

Please make sure to let Stuart know if you are coming.

CREATE HOPE

NEXT MEETING

19 February

Umbrella Café Update

Kirsty Porter

Chairperson:

Barbara Searle

Greeter:

Sue Ballard

Notes for "Happenings"

John Bindon

Thanks

Bill Marsh

Cashier & Recorder:

Warwick Stott

COMING UP

26 February

Business meeting

3 March

Clean Up Australia Day

4 March

Cancer Support Angel

Jodie Hall

11 March

No meeting

February is
Peace and Conflict Resolution/Prevention
Month

CELEBRATIONS



Celebrate Rotary's birthday on February 23. We also celebrate Glenys joining Rotary on February 22, Bill's birthday on that same day and Stuart's birthday on February 25.



MEETING REPORT February 12, 2024

Sue Ballard was chair and opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

We had 11 people at the meeting.

It was delightful to welcome Glenys Coates, Judy Marsh, Judy Laslett and our wonderful, and super fit guest speaker, Eric Panther OAM.

Bob Laslett advised that official announcement of the composition of our new Community groups will be available shortly as will position descriptions for the new Community leaders.

Hope Katolo had a fund raiser in Westgarth on Saturday. We have not heard about how successful it was.

Sue will attend PETS in Traralgon. The WFM figures were slightly lower than this market last year. Our Craft market sausage sizzle on Saturday was very successful.

The raffle had 3 winners- Bob L- white wine, Bill M – the chocolates, Glen Coates- red wine.

Our speaker next week will be- Kirsty Porter from Umbrella Café.



“Going down memory lane”- by Eric was a delightful experience. Eric and his wife are rusted –on collectors... their collection consists of Cigarette cards, Trade cards and Post Cards. Most of us collected cards from breakfast cereal, chewing gum and many other sources.

Eric also talked of various valuable coins and money boxes. He took our memory back 75 plus years as he read from the early years’ “readers”. Judy and Bill Marsh, Barbara Searle, John McPhee, Judy Laslett and Glen Coates were able to complete many a sentence or line of poetry.

It was quite amazing what WE remembered.

Our engaging night concluded at 8.10pm. Another memorable Rotary meeting.

Stuart.

Blackburn Lake

Working bees are each month.

- 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 & it’s 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.

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

13 March 2024 -6.45am for 7 am start

RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

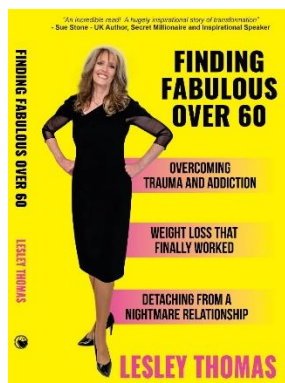
Every month for the last 10 years or so we have heard the sometimes lively and sometimes plaintive sounds of jazz drifting down over the stalls at the Blackburn Craft Market. The Skidaddle group give their time freely to entertain us while clearly having fun (or is it that they would play anywhere for 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 next month—March 9

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