



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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President: Sue Ballard

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

During the week I reflected on Kiel Egging's talk on the media industry and how it has become so dependent on technology and the demands of modern life. It's not just about how we get information but also what information we do get access to. I am very aware that current focus is more on the sensational and less on full detail. While being able to get news at my finger tips on my phone or tablet, am I getting a full, unbiased article or an opinion piece? How things have changed over recent years and the expectations of those trying to get in the industry. Cadetships and apprenticeships are still the best way to learn any industry. You are learning in a current environment about current needs and expectations. Talking to my former colleagues it is obvious the evolution, even in office environments, has dramatically increased in the short time since I left. Not so much the work but more about the process and focus.

The apprentices we will meet next week have found in their own journey that they have come across massive changes. Two of the apprentices are mature age and have changed careers and made the decision to re-educate and develop new opportunities. Each one has had challenges and made the best of opportunities they have secured for themselves.

The baton relay on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April is close to being locked in. Forest Hill is the last club in the Whitehorse A group before the gathering of all clubs at Brickworks Burwood. Our group starts with Nunawading at the Farmers' Market early in the morning who then pass it on to Mitcham. Mitcham pass it to NewGen. We will be passed the baton from NewGen on the corner of Canterbury and Springvale Roads. Kiel tells me the kebab shop is good! We will travel North up Springvale Road past Ray's village entrance past the Whitehorse Men's Shed to Central Road. Then up Central Road past Blackburn Lake then down to Blackburn Road and over to South Parade. We will do a loop in South Parade, back to Blackburn Road, to Canterbury Road, then along to Forest Hill Chase and finally up Mahoneys Road to Burwood Heights Primary School and Forest Hill College. While I haven't got all the timing worked out yet we need to look at who we can get involved, not just in carrying the baton but along the route to cheer us on. I want you all to start making a list of who we could invite. This should include family and friends, people who have been involved in the club either as a past member or a supporter, schools, stall holders and anyone else you can think of. Start making your list now. I don't expect only runners, include people who can walk or cycle a section to support us. Reminder, Greg King will be bringing the large baton to the craft market the day before. We will also be able to share a community pod behind the shops in South Parade to advertise the club or provide

entertainment or other activities. More information will come as I get it. One idea from Mitcham is to give all participants a certificate of appreciation for being involved in the relay.

**Reminder:** On the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, we are having a pet rock painting session at Barbara S's place. Begins at 11am, BYO lunch. All invited, just let me know if you are coming so we have chairs etc.

Have a good week

Sue

## MEETING REPORT

President Sue opened the meeting and welcomed our guests, Judy Marsh and Ben Stennett (Guest Speaker) and members.

Sue made two toasts – to RI and to Australia, before handing over to Ron Brooks (Chair for the evening).

Ron called for reports from:

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| Secretary - Stuart     | - Report sent to Consumer Affairs.   |
|                        | - Council contacted re club supplying a seat on council land (park, walking path, etc) as part of Centenary Celebrations.      |
| Treasurer - Warwick    | - Farmers' Market 14 <sup>th</sup> March. Egg & Bacon. Please help if possible.  |
| Youth – Glenys (abs.)  | - No report.   |
| Community – Stuart     | - No report.   |
| Vocational – Barbara S | - Dinner for Apprentice Awards next week.  |
| International – Bob L  | - Foundation has been hard hit due to COVID members encouraged to dig deep to help cover the shortfall. Notice for newsletter. |
| Program – Ron          | - Apprentice Awards, Quiz Night & RI's 116 <sup>th</sup> Birthday.   |
| President – Sue        | - Relay almost finalised. Runners, walkers & riders needed.  |
|                        | - Deakin Awards renamed for this year as Rotary Centenary Awards.  |

Bob W mentioned the RYDA Awareness days – the first date is 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. Helpers are welcome.

Board Meeting to be delayed until 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Sergeant Bob W ran his usual entertaining and educational session. I'm not sure where he gathers all of his facts and figures but the brisk session is always good fun and raises a welcome donation to Foundation each week. This week \$33.90 was added to the total.

The raffle raised \$57 (less the value of the prizes) and supports our Membership activities. Prizes went to John B, Warwick and Stuart.

Chair Ron then introduced our guest speaker Ben Stennett. Ben is a multi-talented, and very involved, member of our community. Ben is probably best known to members for his role as a member of the Whitehorse Council. Ben has served as mayor and previously addressed our club about 10 years ago.

Ben's bio on the council website reads:

*Cr Stennett was re-elected to Council in October, 2020. His tertiary qualifications include a Bachelor of Applied Science, and a Graduate Diploma of Education and is currently completing studies towards a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning.*

*The majority of his career has been within the education sector in various capacities, and is currently employed as a secondary school teacher.*

*Cr Stennett is also a current board director of the Rotary Club of Nunawading and has been nominated to serve as President of the club for 2021/22.*

*His areas of interest include ensuring people of all ages in our city have an opportunity to have a say on matters that affect them, improving our local community and sporting facilities, preserving our bush reserves, parkland and open space, opposing inappropriate development and supporting initiatives which protect our neighbourhood character.*

Ben's talk was entitled: "A tale of Two Cities – The City of Whitehorse"



Ben proved to be an articulate and entertaining speaker as he outlined the history of our community.

The Wurundjeri-Balluk Tribe are the traditional custodians of the land on which the City of Whitehorse is located. They have been the traditional custodians for 40,000 years.

Historically, the tribe would camp along the banks of the many creeks that flow through the City and named parts of the local area Namemarren or Nunawading.

Nunawading is an aboriginal word meaning "meeting place or battleground".

European settlement of the area began in 1843 in what is now Box Hill North. The majority of the settlers were English with smaller numbers of Scottish, Irish and German.

The parish of Nunawading slowly developed into a more developed western area, Box Hill, and the more rural eastern area, Nunawading. These two cities continued to flourish until they were amalgamated in 1994 into the City of Whitehorse.

Where did the 'White Horse' come from? And what a colourful life it has led! (Your homework.)

Ben touched on many activities and changes that have taken place over the years and then answered questions from interested members for another 10 minutes at the end of his talk.

For many members who have lived in the area for 50 plus years it was a timely and nostalgic reminder of the number of changes that have taken place during the time they have been residents.

For anyone interested in the history of our community spending time listening to Ben is time well spent.

President Sue presented Ben with a beautiful hand turned, wooden pen made by Ray Smith.

# February is Peace & Conflict Resolution month.

## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be 6.30pm at Bucatini Restaurant on 8<sup>th</sup> February. For this evening we will be joined by the recipients of the Apprentice Awards for 2020. (A slightly delayed celebration due to COVID-19 restrictions/)

## COMING UP

8 <sup>th</sup> February-	Sue Ballard - Apprentice Awards Night.
15 <sup>th</sup> February-	Sue Ballard - Trivia Night
22 <sup>nd</sup> February-	Rotary International 116 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
1 <sup>st</sup> March -	Ray Shuey – ‘Road Safety’
8 <sup>th</sup> March -	No Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> March-	Ron Brooks – ‘St Patrick’s Day Quiz’

## CELEBRATIONS

On Friday Barb W. celebrates joining Rotary 3years ago after quietly working in the background for many years.

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Ray S. celebrates 40 years of Rotary service. A super effort Ray that is greatly appreciated by all at the club. You have now joined Warwick S. (46 years) and Bob L. (44 years) – how lucky our club is to have this fantastic trio.



## ROTARY FOUNDATION

### Foundation Deficit

Club members and friends will be aware that normally many donate to the Centurion fund with a small amount weekly.

Because of COVID this has not been happening. The net result of this over many clubs and districts is a large shortfall in the funds available for our well-credentialed charity of choice. Please carefully consider your situation and make an appropriate contribution.

Treasurer Warwick will be delighted to receive your donation and generations to come will applaud you (particularly 3 years down the track).

Your friendly Foundation Chair – Bob L.

## SPROUTINGS

Every day there are news items and articles on sustainability and helping the environment stay healthy for our descendants. Read ESRA to know what Rotary International are doing.

In Victoria the Universities and local Councils are now focusing on this and it has become a normal item in their planning strategy.

This week we have included details of a Whitehorse Council enviro photo competition, another initiative from them regarding future Urban Tree Strategy and results of the Tertiary Institutions Green Gown Awards, Australasia.

Whitehorse Council have a competition that may be of interest.

### **My Favourite Tree Photo Competition**

Submit a photo of your favourite tree in Whitehorse and tell them why that tree is special to you. Each new entry will be in for a chance to win 1 of 5 \$100 vouchers for Acorn Nursery located in Surrey Hills <https://acornnursery.com.au/>

All you have to do is take a photo of your favourite tree, send your photo as listed in the link below and explain why that tree is special to you. Submit your entry by clicking on "submit your idea" <https://oursay.org/whitehorsecitycouncil/myfavouritetree>

Alternatively, you can enter by emailing your photo and story to [trees@whitehorse.vic.gov.au](mailto:trees@whitehorse.vic.gov.au)

It ends on Feb 28, I believe, so action your trigger finger on cameras/phone cameras ...

### **A new Urban Forest Strategy for Whitehorse**

<https://oursay.org/whitehorsecitycouncil/whitehorseurbanforest-1>

Whitehorse City Council is preparing a new strategy to better manage trees and vegetation across both private and public land. **There will be more on this from the Enviro team soon.**

The **winners of the Green Gown Awards** have been announced - and - this is exciting - **Victorian tertiary institutions have excelled!**

The Green Gown Awards were brought to Australasia in 2010 and are delivered by the Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability ([ACTS](#)). The Awards are open to all tertiary education institutions in Australia and New Zealand.

The awards recognise and reward those institutions making a positive change towards a greener future.

There were 8 awards, with two winners in each section. Six awards went to Victorian Universities ie RMIT (3), University of Melbourne (2) and Monash (1).

So good to see my old stamping ground, **RMIT**, featuring so well.

That's all for this week, Glenys



**"MAD March Cycle Challenge "**

Ride, run, walk or swim to **Make A Difference**.

**March 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**

Raise funds for **"Australian Rotary Health"** to sponsor medical research

**"Registration is free"**

For more details and to register please go to:

<https://madmarchcyclechallenge.raisely.com/>

## 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 Rushdale 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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