



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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President: Bill Marsh

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BILL'S BY-LINE



While it is not too late to register for the Rotary Convention, it is possible to get a free, three-day pass into the House of Friendship. This offer is open to everyone and with 200-300 stalls highlighting the work of Rotary worldwide it is a great way to get an overview of the scope of Rotary's efforts to 'make a difference' for those in-need.

Sue has booked 10 tickets to Peridot's latest play and can get more seats if required. Tickets are \$28 each. The play is *#BacchaeToo*, an electrifying production that will incorporate innovative filmed projections during the live theatre performance. Contact Sue if you would like a ticket.

Clubs in the cluster are still considering their support for the Alma Doepel project. Once everyone has worked through the alternatives and the cost of each possibility, we will look at proceeding.

District Assembly will be delivered via Zoom this year. There are sessions daily from May 7 to May 12. Sessions cover all aspects of club activity.

There are sessions for Presidents, President elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Vocational, Youth, Environment, Membership, etc. You can take part in as many sessions as you like by clicking on the link below.

Here is the direct link: <https://events.humanitix.com/rotary-district-9810-district-assembly-2023>

Our Guest Speaker this week was Rev Tina Lyndon Ng. Tina has had a life-long passion for travel and her photographs took us all on a wonderful trip. (More details elsewhere.)

Next week we will have Sunny T Ryall from the Deaf & Blind Advocacy organisation. This is not an area we have looked at before so it will be a learning experience for all of us.

Recently the Blackburn Lake Women's Probus club had to cease operating because of falling numbers and rising costs. This was one of the 12 Probus Clubs that Stan Harper and the RCFH started. Stan would have been happy that for more than 30 years the club offered a great range of activities for the members. Even more so, as the few members left still meet socially on a regular basis and enjoy each other's company. Lyn and Joyce, long time members of the club joined us on Monday so that they could present us with the bell that we gave them at their inception. They also gave us their President's collar and original Charter certificate. Congratulations on 31 years of fantastic service to your community.

This week we gave a further donation to the Children First Foundation and the Dementia Cafes organisation so they could continue their great work. We also gave \$1,000 to the local chapter of Days for Girls so they could continue their work.

Enjoy your week. Stay safe.

Bill

NEXT WEEK

1 May	Sunny T Ryall	Deaf Blind Advocacy
	Chairperson:	Sue Ballard
	Greeter:	John Bindon
	Notes for "Happenings"	Bob Laslett
	Thanks	Barbara Searle

COMING UP

5 May	Peridot
8 May	Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar Temple Tour
13 May	Blackburn market
14 May	Whitehorse Farmers Market

*April is
Maternal & Child Health
Month*

CELEBRATIONS



Major celebrations this week. John McPhee has his birthday on April 26 and Ron and Robbie Brooks celebrate their 50Th wedding anniversary on April 28!!
Party time!!!



Meeting Report April 24 2023

Meeting opened with dinner being served at 6:30pm in the front room at Bucatini. Desserts were then served, and chairman Bob opened the meeting with a Welcome to Country and acknowledgment of Australia and R.I. We welcomed partners Judy Marsh and Judy Laslett and honorary member Glenys Coates as well as Joyce Wickins and Lyn Newberry from the Ladies Probus club of Blackburn Lake and Barbara Chamberlain. Absentees were John Bindon, Barbara Searle and John McPhee. Pres Bill then spoke about the online District Assembly which any member could register for any session and encouraged us all to "attend". He also spoke about the House of Friendship which had 320 stalls that were open to members and nonmembers of Rotary whether or not you were registered for the International Convention. This three-day event could be attended either by preregistration or at the door. Peridot is on Fri 5th May tickets are \$28, money to Sue ASAP as she has prepaid for 10 tickets.

Bob gave a report on the President's meeting he attended including a mention that Monash council have banned all council members from attending any venue that had any form of gambling. It was not known if this extended to council workers. He also mentioned that he and Judy together with Warwick & Chris, and Ron & Robbie had attended the Thanksgiving Service of past member Kevin Grigsbey at which Ron spoke of Kevin's membership of Rotary. When Kevin knew he was dying he evidently wrote out the order of service, what hymns should be sung and who should speak. There was a large, combined band of musicians playing.



Ron spoke of his visit with Robbie to the Hindu temple to attend the "raising of the flagpole" festival on Friday evening from 7pm to 10:30pm. He said that Ramana and son Kieran who were our guest speakers the previous week were incredible hosts and Ramana's wife took them on an extensive and detailed tour of all the idols in the temple then they walked around the inside of the temple then the outside of the temple following a large golden statue of a rat carried on two wooden poles by about 20 men. The rat is one of the forms of the deity Ganesha. We all ate handfuls of cooked flavoured peas as we walked outside. Then, along with perhaps 150 others had a beautiful vegetarian meal of green beans, rice, eggplant with onions and mushrooms, potatoes, semolina, vegetable mix, cheese, papadams, dohsa (lentil & rice flour), then dessert.



Lyn Newberry then spoke very eloquently of her Probus club which was formed in Sept 1992 by Stan Harper and after 31 years had handed in its charter because it was down to 17 members and because of poor health and old age usually only had about 10 at meetings. She was there to formally hand back the bell we had given them inscribed with our name and their charter document along with other paraphernalia (memorabilia). We were told that up until the end they had kept to their promise to have fun, friendship and fellowship. We also learned that they still had 5 foundation charter members attending including Mary Durham, which is no mean feat considering you have to be retired to join Probus, and that a few members had been redirected to other Probus clubs.



Our guest speaker Rev Tina Lindon Ng one of the ministers of the Whitehorse Uniting Church was then introduced to speak on her "Weird and wonderful travel stories". She backed up her talk with great photos of her journeys. This started with a visit to the Holy land in 1993 with photos of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Anzac Bay, followed by visits to Morocco where she rode a camel, met Tuaregs, experienced the silence of the desert and got up at 2am to climb up the 4,000m Mt Toubkal in the Atlas ranges to cut her birthday cake at the top which had been carried up by others in the party. She and 4 other ladies walked 470 kms of the Spanish Camino in 2013 and saw the swinging of the Botafumeiro in the cathedral in Santiago. She was in a group that visited Iona where supposedly over 40 Scottish kings are buried. She went white river rafting and rode an elephant in Nepal plus visited Everest Base camp and had a helicopter flight over it and did a 21-day

meditation course where you only ate 2 meals a day and only spoke for 10 mins each day to your meditation teacher. She spent time in Kathmandu and was impressed by the large number of rhododendrons in the country and did a trek in the snow. She loved the cold. She has also walked the 200km Larapinta Trail along the MacDonnell Ranges.

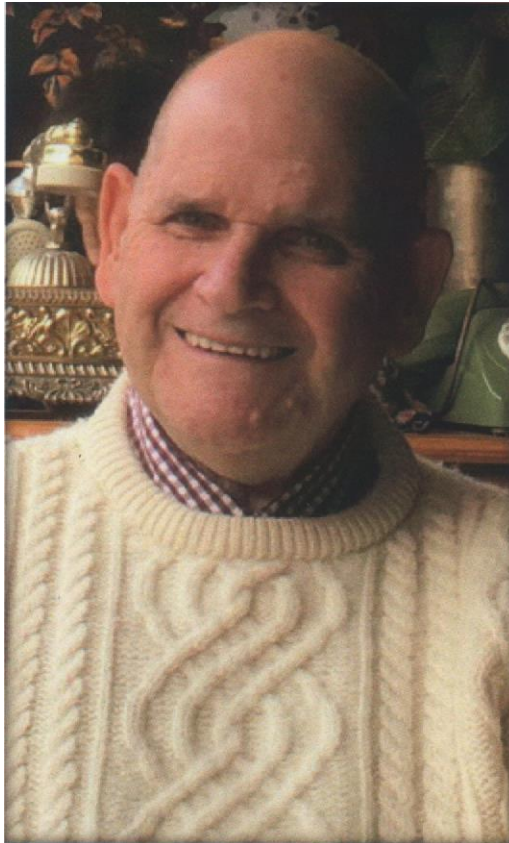
Sue gave the vote of thanks and Tina was presented with a bottle of red wine. The raffle raised \$49 which was won by Lyn (white wine), Barbara (chocolates) and Joyce (chocolates).

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

WORLD IMMUNISATION WEEK

24-30 April

PP KEVIN GRIGSBY



4th March 1945 – 11th April 2023

DAYS for GIRLS


Days for Girls Doncaster invite you to an
Afternoon Tea to advance menstrual equity

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Sat. June 17th 2:30pm
Warrandyte Community Church
57 Yarra St. Warrandyte
Parking: front and rear of building

Cost: \$35 includes a delicious afternoon tea and opportunity for you to pack a DFG kit, silent auction, jewellery and items for sale

Book or Donate: <https://www.trybooking.com/CHNNN>



DFG is a global not for profit, volunteer movement working to eliminate menstrual inequity everywhere and to shatter the stigmas and limitations for women and girls.

- make and distribute sustainable solutions
- provide health education
- develop social entrepreneurships
- engage in policy and advocacy

Every girl. Everywhere. Period.

RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

HOOPS RELOOPED

The founder of **Hoops Relooped**, Bec is a local from Nunawading. She has always loved collecting earrings but doesn't love always buying new products. She went through her (extensive) earring collection in early 2022 and found several pairs that she hadn't worn for years but were too good to throw out. She started pulling the pieces apart, re-working them into new earrings, glued on some new posts and **Hoops Relooped** was born!

Bec said “We take preloved second-hand unwanted jewellery and turn it into new, one-of-a-kind statement earrings. There is already so much “stuff” in the world, why add more when we can use what we already have?”

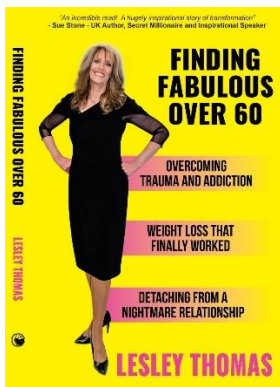
They source as many of their pieces second hand as they can - think preloved necklaces, earrings and bracelets from friends, family and op shops - they're working towards a circular jewellery economy. They purchase all their backings from women-led small businesses in Adelaide and Brisbane. They endeavour to be plastic free as much as possible - they ship plastic free; use carbon neutral shipping carriers; and use recycled cardboard boxes, eco tape, and recycled paper bags. Bec sees **Hoops Relooped** as her creative outlet away from work and computers.

They are regulars at many markets in the area (see www.hoopsrelooped.com.au). If you have some jewellery, you would like fixing, changing, updating then contact her via the website to chat about it or email her on hello@hoopsrelooped.com.au



SOME OF OUR BLACKBURN MARKET STALLHOLDERS





Come and frequent the Market next month- May 13