



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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STU'S SCRIPT

Reflection

We are so fortunate to live in Australia. We have managed to live through a world-wide pandemic with minimal disruption to our lives. Compared to other countries, we have had very few deaths. We have had our hearts set on moving into the new normal but recent COVID-19 outbreaks in Victoria have been a wake-up call. It seems people have become selfish and have stopped thinking about others and are not following the government directions. Enjoy our time together tonight being with real people.

Although this Rotary year has fizzled to an end, I want to thank you all for your involvement with the club this year. The last 4 months have been challenging but it still has been wonderful to be part of a talented force for good in the world. Thank you for your faith in Rotary. The new normal will still need your passion, skills and dedication.

This is my final report. Next week Sue will step into the role of President. We will have a changeover next Monday to formally induct her and encourage her and her team.

At the last Whitehorse Farmers Market Rotary made \$4,886. Stallholders paid --\$3,020, Donations-- \$1,453, Egg and Bacon Stall--\$413. A big thank you to all involved.

Our District Governor's Project raised \$34,000 toward "Books for Kids". That money will assist 1,700 kids.

Next year's partner project will be –End Polio Now.

Rotary, in District 9810, has managed to grow this year. We started at 1109 and finished the year at 1130.

Thanks for your support this year. Your community thanks you for your efforts.

Stuart



Stuart

COVID-19 is **still** getting to me!!

Note: I have just checked and I have enough feathers left to become a 'feather duster' next Monday.

MEETING REPORT



On Monday night as the club enjoyed its first meeting back at Bucatini we were entertained and educated by Richard Paterson who was representing the World Literacy Foundation.

Richard gave an outstanding presentation outlining their work in Uganda where they have enjoyed considerable success in raising many young children out of poverty and into the world of literacy. Thus, creating significantly more opportunity for them to get further education and employment and so contribute to their own growth and that of their country.

Greetings from The World Literacy Foundation.

We are helping kids in Africa read out of poverty, using contemporary technology through a great program called Sun Books. Rotary Clubs have shown great interest in hearing more about this by way of a presentation at their meetings. I am pleased to be able to talk to your club about this program.

Richard Paterson

You can find more about this great program at: www.worldliteracyfoundation.org

D9810 FOREIGN CURRENCY PROJECT

As you all know, in the interest of transparency I always report every collection I am given towards this district project the value of which over the last year or so goes towards the Australian Centenary "Give every child a future" project aiming to immunise 100,000 children in the South Pacific. **Last night I collected \$141.50 cents worth of 50 cent NZ coins from Bob Williams given to him by his friend non-Rotarian Shane who over the years has given me at least 50kg of coins from his collection sources. A mighty effort. Thank You and Well Done, Shane.**

This lifts what I have in stock to 24.8kg and I have recently been told that a club in D9800 have 24kg to give me so we are getting towards the next 60kg batch. As I have already sent off 480kg it will tip us well over the half a tonne of coins..... a bit of a milestone. (Actually, a super milestone, Ron. Thank You from everyone in D9810 and the kids in the South Pacific for your dedication and hard work. Editor)

Regards

Ron Brooks

POLIO FREE WORLD – WE ARE SO CLOSE

RI Director Nominee, Jessie Harman wrapped up the Last Hurrah Polio dinner with an inspiring poem well worth sharing with all Rotary members.

A polio-free world

I look forward to a polio free world
Where no child lives with disability, or worse, doesn't live at all
Where no family lives in fear of sending children out to play
Where no village feels the panic of movement restricted, nor quarantines imposed

I look forward to a polio free world
When vaccine workers no longer put themselves at risk
When conflict and superstition close no more doors
When every child has access to vaccine

I look forward to a polio free world
With its legacy of a health surveillance system, second to none
Of women in communities, enabled and empowered
Of partnerships forged that will achieve other amazing things

But just as much—I look forward to thanking the Rotarians
Who administered the vaccines that saved the children
Who reached into their pockets to fund the infrastructure and efforts
Who advocated and agitated, communicated and campaigned
Right to the very end—and who then stood proudly together
In a polio-free-world

NEXT MEETING

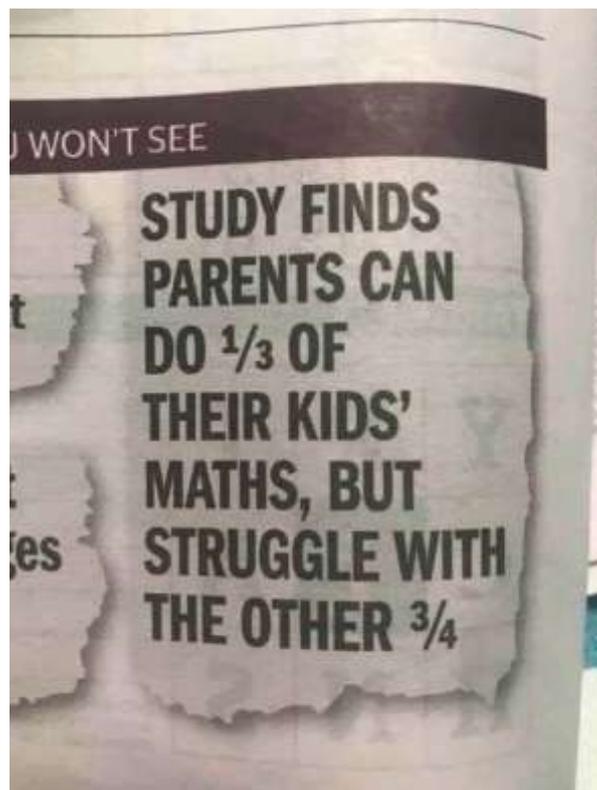
**Our meeting on the 29TH June will be at Bucatini Restaurant at 6.30pm.
This will be our Changeover meeting. Always a special night.**

BREAKFAST CLUB

Still in hibernation. Volunteers not allowed on-site.

CELEBRATIONS

On the night of our Changeover Chris Tuck celebrates joining Rotary 24 years ago. Think of all you have achieved over the years and the changes you have seen, Chris.



I'm pretty happy with my maths, but, am having trouble with days of the week. Somehow Wednesday slipped past me while I was up a ladder painting. Apologies for being a day late with the newsletter. Bill

KEEP SMILING!!!

BLACKBURN MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

BEAUTY ARTS n' CRAFTS

Trisha Haddock is continuing her parent's tradition from when they ran their gallery and picture framing business. Trisha's mother Gwen sold her hand painted china plates, tile paintings and ornaments. Trisha has moved to Melbourne and loves to share her mother's painting talent and her glass pendants. Gwen also paints cards using the china paints with mediums made from herbs and spices. Trisha has started making her own paintings for sale but her special artistic skill is making kiln glass pendants, dishes and earrings. Each one is a unique design. In the last few years Stephen and Trisha have been regulars at the Blackburn Craft market. Trisha's grandfather is a professional artist, Dick Anderson who "went bush" in 1969 to paint Australian landscapes. Not to be outdone, Trisha's partner Stephen makes practical wooden birdhouses, which Trisha paints. Trisha has a small number of very reasonably priced plants for sale.

Trisha and Stephen would love to talk to you about their wares. Find out more about their unique kiln glass pendants, earrings and dishes, the beautifully hand painted chinaware, the plants and painted birdhouses. Phone: 0408 369 078

Below: At Blackburn Market



Below: Gum nuts painted on china plate and Christmas decorations by Gwen Anderson. Christmas decorations can be made to order and most plates can be personalized for special occasion.



Below: Handmade glass pendants by Trisha Haddock add a beautiful touch to any outfit.



Below: Add a special touch to your garden with one of Stephen Haddock's hand made birdhouses. Birdhouses can be made to order or choose ones already made.



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