



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 05 President: Sue Ballard

26 July 2023

## SUE'S WORDS OF WISDOM



Hi all

Another busy week in Rotary.

We had a very informative talk on driver education and the role of volunteers in Whitehorse and Manningham councils. Very worthwhile program.

As we have all probably seen over the past few years the traffic has become busier and, in my opinion, drivers are taking more risks and are less courteous than ever.

Programs like RYDA and the L2P project are more important than ever.

I had a call from John B this morning to say he is going to be in hospital for further treatment. John Mc is also on the medical list recovering slowly. Barb S is having corrective surgery today. We wish them all well and hope to see them back soon. We need to take the time and get our health on a level playing field. Thinking of you all and your families.

Sue

## NEXT WEEK

**31 July**      **Buccatini a la Carte**

## COMING UP

**7 August**      **Roland Gesthuizen**      **Scouting**

**12 August**      **Blackburn Craft Market**

**13 August**      **Whitehorse Farmers Market**

**14 August**      **District Governor Ian's visit**

**18 August**      **Peridot**

**21 August**      **Nicholas Brooks**      **Living in Dubai**

*July is  
New Leadership  
Month*

## CELEBRATIONS



Let's celebrate International Self-Care Day-24 July.

Why that date (self-care 24 hrs a day/7days a week)?

We did on Monday night!



## PERIDOT

Bob and Fran Price have loved each other for thirty years. They have built a home and raised four strong children. At the end of it all, they are left asking: Was it worth it? Who are we now that the children have gone? *Things I Know to be True* is a funny and honest account of family life in the Australian suburbs. Over the course of one year, the four adult Price children struggle to establish their identities and deal with personal crises.

This classic play by Andrew Bovell (*Speaking in Tongues*, *The Secret River*, *When the Rain Stops Falling*) is about growing up and moving on, even if you're not ready to.

Friday 18 August -tickets from Sue

## Meeting Report July 24, 2023

With only 6 members present getting through the reports, etc was a very simple process and most of the 'business' was out of the way before the meal arrived.

Sue was looking for numbers (interest) for the First Friday Film Night and Peridot. If you would like to attend either let Sue know so she can arrange bookings.

Warwick needed a couple of signatures to be registered at the Bendigo Bank in Blackburn South. Bill and Bob will get that done over the next couple of days.

The meal arrived and was suitably dealt with and then Sue introduced our Guest Speaker, Isabel Machuca.



Our meeting took the form of a fireside chat-without the fire. The six members sat around while our guest speaker, Isabel Machuca, outlined the L2P program that she co-ordinates in the cities of Manningham and Whitehorse. This was not a program that any of us had heard about previously and so it proved to be very interesting and like so many good ideas, so simple. The first question that arose was, 'Why haven't we done this before?' The next talking point was just how many people need this program, or a similar one, in order to get a driving licence.

Most of us would think getting the 120 hours of supervised driving time would be pretty simple and straight forward. This not the case for many young people in the community. No car in the family, mum and/or dad don't drive, 2-3 kids around the same age wanting to practise and many more scenarios soon had us realizing what a problem this was for many in the community. Into this space came the L2P program.

The TAC L2P Program is a community base volunteer, assisting disadvantaged Victorian learner drivers aged 16 – 21 with no access to a supervising driver or vehicle to gain the 120 hours driving experience required to apply for a probationary licence.

The TAC L2P Program aims to improve road safety and safe driving practices for learner drivers. It aims to improve education and employment opportunities and for Learner driver participants to engage with their local community and the sense of achievement and independence that comes with a driver's licence.

The TAC program is managed by Department of Transport and delivered by local governments and community organisations statewide. There are 56 programs in Victoria.

- Volunteers are trained
- Matched with a learner
- Provided with access to an insured vehicle
- Learners have access to professional driving lessons before being matched with an L2P volunteer mentor.

## VOLUNTEER MENTOR REQUIREMENTS:

- be over 21 and have a full licence.
- An interest in helping young people in your community
- Undertake screening process and training provided by your local L2P program.

Isabel gave a great run down on the program and answered all of the questions raised by members. If you would like Isabel to come and talk at a meeting, or, if you would like to volunteer as a mentor her contact details are given below:

Isabel Machuca

L2P Project Officer Monday- Thursday

Phone: 9846 0537

Mobile: 0408 759 028

[L2P@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:L2P@manningham.vic.gov.au)

The raffle prizes were won by Bill and Bob (sounds like a TV program) and then President Sue thanked Isabel on behalf of the club and made a small presentation and closed the meeting.

Bill

## BREAKFAST



Whitehorse Business Group  
with Rotary Club of Nunawading  
invites you to attend a



# Community Safety Breakfast

## SPEAKERS

### Senior Sergeant Ronald Sinclair APM

Station Commander, Box Hill Police Station

### Senior Constable Brendan Gogarty

Whitehorse Crime Prevention Officer, Box Hill Police Station

### Katy Evans

President, Neighbourhood Watch Whitehorse

To discuss the relationship between  
Vic Police and Neighbourhood Watch



To discuss current crime prevention initiatives  
at a local community level along with a local  
perspective on safety and security issues

In support of Neighbourhood Watch Whitehorse

**Friday 25th August, 2023**

RSVP via [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/672841756807](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/672841756807)

RSVP by Friday 18th August. Bookings are essential.

For more information contact [info@whitehorsebusinessgroup.com.au](mailto:info@whitehorsebusinessgroup.com.au)

Ticket: \$46 Members \$46 Rotarians \$54 Non-members

Venue: Canterbury International  
326-330 Canterbury Rd, Forest Hill VIC 3131

Time: 7:30am - 9:30am Includes: Hot Breakfast



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## RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

**Jeremy & Mary Ann Furness** are locals from Croydon. They sell children's books, oil paintings, and knitted toys in markets at Nunawading, Yarra Junction and of course the Rotary Blackburn station markets. Jeremy started writing and illustrating his Barry the Bike series of children's books over 10 years ago. It is one of the very few children's books that feature classic motorcycles, cars, and trucks. Go to Barry the Bike on Facebook to see all the books in the series.

Mary Ann started **oil paintings on gum leaves** as a 15-year-old inspired by paintings by her grandparents. Her grandfather was William Beckwith McInnes who won the Archibald Prize seven times. These gum leaf oil paintings are as unique as they are beautiful. She paints on specially prepared Tasmanian Blue Gum Eucalyptus leaves which when painted are sealed to ensure a long life. She has been a professional illustrator for the last 40 years working for some of the world's leading publishing houses but now Mary Ann runs Wattle Gum Studios nestled in the Croydon Hills.

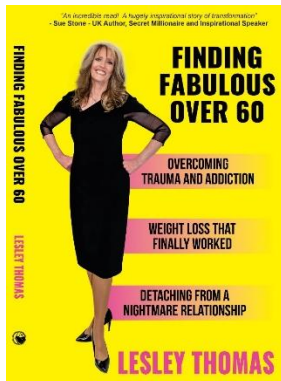
Mary Ann started **knitting toys** as a girl and now has turned that pastime into a commercial venture with her beautiful, cute range of animals, fish and birds.

Jeremy and Mary Ann can be contacted on 0403 310 032 or [mafurness@bigpond.com](mailto:mafurness@bigpond.com) or via Instagram [mafurness\\_arts](https://www.instagram.com/mafurness_arts). But better still, come and talk to them at one of their regular markets to see the full range of their talents.





## SOME OF OUR BLACKBURN MARKET STALLHOLDERS



**Come and frequent the Market next month- August 12**

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