



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 06

President: Bill Marsh

10 August 2022

## BILL'S BY-LINE



### Editor's note

As you can see from the picture he sent, President Bill has us and the weekend markets at the forefront of his thinking.

Bill will return refreshed in a couple of weeks to challenge us to even more achievements.

**August is Membership Month**

## MEETING REPORT- 8 August

Monday 8 August; attendance 7(+2)

Our meeting was in the capable hands of Stuart and he was at the top of his game. He warmly welcomed 2 visitors from our parent club of Nunawading. They were our guest speaker Bob Allardice and their President-elect Gabby Knaepple.

Acting President John B emphasized the need to chase members, the importance of involving volunteers and supporting President Bill

### *Weekly reports*

Secretary Stuart received 3 letters!!

Warwick stressed budget preparations and the upcoming Farmers market (Eastern gate)

Stuart reminded us of the Blackburn market and John Mac's commitment with all his bruises

Community- JB reported on a proposed visit to the new ALKIRA premises

International- Bob L reported on Fiji Eyes project

Vocational- Sue reported on amounts for Apprentice Awards

Environment: Sue reported on tree planting progress.

RYDA- Bob W commented on multi-club action this week

Sergeant – Bob W through misdemeanors and quizzes raised \$20.80. Stuart and Bob L reported on unfortunate happenings during the week while Sue rested in reflected glory in that a Ballard was among the medal winners at the Commonwealth games.



Bob Allardice



Delighted recipients

Our guest speaker Bob Allardice trained as an engineer and had a variety of experiences before coming to what is now his main focus Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds (RORP). Municipalities replace 5-10% of playgrounds each year. The RORP program salvages metal components and saves councils from putting the excess playgrounds into landfill. The program involves a number of Rotary clubs and districts in dismantling, sorting and dispatching playgrounds to a number of deserving overseas countries and delighted children. Bob is the current chief of the complex process that brings so much joy. The Rotary club of Nunawading receives extraordinary support from John Arena of Arena Gardens and Donations in Kind (DIK). Bob described the process map for the program and key issues such as funding, safety, a storage yard, personnel and destinations. Bob was a fountain of knowledge as well as providing all the tech expertise for his presentation including the RC of Nunawading projector. There were many questions and it was a great night. John B gave our vote of thanks and presented Bob A with a club mug. A fascinating project and thanks again to the Rotary Club of Nunawading Raffle raised \$47 with Barbara winning first draw and Bob L the second one.

## NEXT MEETING

### 15 August Bucatini A La Carte

Partners honorary members and friends are most welcome-just let Stuart know!!

## COMING UP

13 August Blackburn Craft Market

14 August Whitehorse Farmers' Market

22 August David Tolstrup Zone 8 Pilot Options

29 August Nafty Vanderhoek Climate Change-a Scientific Perspective

5 September Mikaela Starfrace WomenCAN

## CELEBRATIONS



Today the Tucks  
celebrate their  
wedding anniversary  
and Jenny's birthday.



## FOUNDATION

### News from Fiji

Peter Malden advises:

The Taveuni Eye Project is set to be run in June 2023.

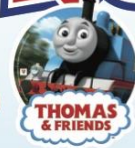
The training for Fiji Society for the Blind is to be carried out around Christmas time.





# KIDS FUN RUN

with **THOMAS**



**4th December 2022 at Puffing Billy Station Gembrook**

Children 3-12 years running with Thomas The Tank Engine

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## SPROUTINGS

There is some great news about to happen – probably by next week – so stay tuned.

Right now – here is some information for you about what's happenings in our area.

- **Bushland Parks** You will be relieved to learn the management of Bushland Parks Advisory Committees has been resolved to the satisfaction of the community. This follows two years of negotiations and meetings between the Bushland Parks Advisory Committee members (volunteers), the Parks & Natural Environment staff and staff of Whitehorse Council. Now we can look forward to many more years of productive sharing and caring for the environment in Whitehorse.

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- **Nunawading Community Hub**



The Community Hub is in full operation seven days a week.

It has a variety of spaces suitable for any community activity.

Spaces include: an indoor stadium, three dance/activity areas with sprung floors, three art rooms and a variety of meeting rooms.

**The Hub has achieved a Green Building Council of Australia 5 Star rating** Buildings that receive this recognition are built to:

- protect the environment
- emit less carbon in construction and operations
- are water efficient and
- have improved air, light, acoustics and product finishes.

If you can attend the Whitehorse Spring Festival, being held at the Hub on October 20, you can check all this out yourself!

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- **The Whitehorse Environment and Sustainability Reference Group** meets regularly. The next meeting is on Wednesday August 17.  
I thought you may like to see the sort of agenda items the four community reps, Council staff and Councillors discuss at one of these meetings.

Agenda items include:

- **Food and Organics (FOGO) Update**
- **Urban Forest Strategy** *Incorporation into Whitehorse Planning Scheme (continued).*  
*This will include us discussing examples of planning inconsistencies*
- *2023 Tree Management plan.*
- **Current and planned policies on use of recycled plastic and other materials**
- **Biodiversity Crisis** *-current policy on preserving and protecting wildlife and habitat*
- **CASBE** Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment related planning changes update  
**If there are any items you would like us to discuss at these meetings, please let me know.**

- **Gardens for Wildlife** want to improve and expand the healthy habitat of gardens for small birds like blue wrens.








They recently sent a mailout to local residents living between the Creeklands and Blackburn Lake Sanctuary. Many of these residents (including me) have taken up the offer of a garden assessment visit, where excellent advice is offered.

- **Blackburn Lake Sanctuary:**
  - For six weeks Box Hill High students will be at the lake to learn how to care for the environment. Following introductory education sessions, they will commence physical activities by mulching. Thank you to these students.
  - The Visitor Centre at the Sanctuary is now open every Sunday, and is becoming very popular. Come and say "Hi". There is a lot to see and chat about.

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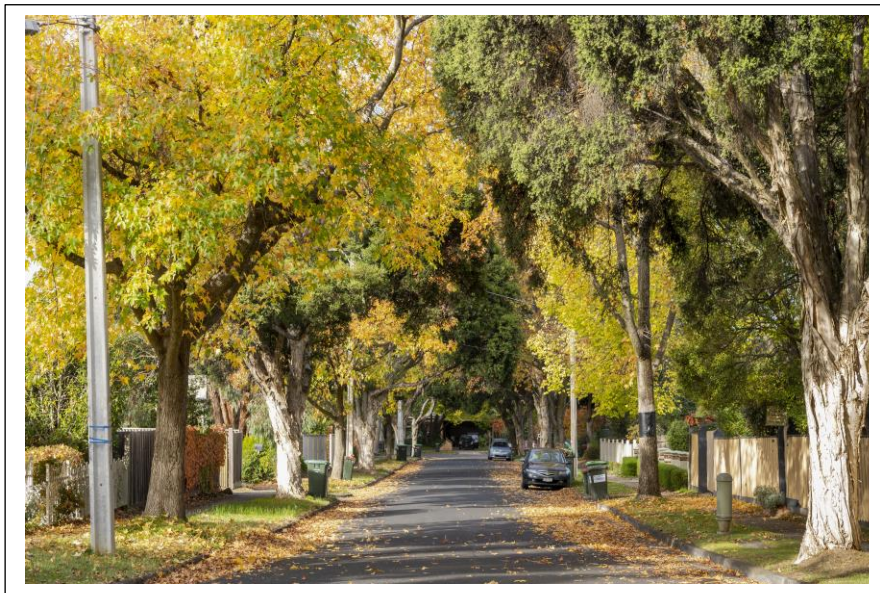
Now something I picked up about **FUEL:**

# Vehicles on the road Did you know?

| Conventional  | Alternative  |  |  |
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|  <p><b>Gasoline Vehicle</b><br/>Most vehicles use gasoline, including hybrids.</p>   |  <p><b>FFV</b><br/>Flexible fuel vehicles (FFVs) can use gasoline or E85 (a mixture of 85% ethanol and 15% gasoline). E85 can be found at over 4,000 stations nationwide.</p>                           |  <p><b>EV</b><br/>You can charge your electric vehicle (EV) at one of over 45,000 public charging stations in the United States. You can also charge your EV at home. In fact, depending on how far you drive each day, you may never need to visit a station.</p> |  <p><b>PHEV</b><br/>Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) are powered with electricity and gasoline. How much gasoline you'll use depends on how often you plug in, how far you drive, and the vehicle's design.</p> |
|  <p><b>Diesel Vehicle</b><br/>Ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD) is the primary highway diesel fuel produced today, and allows diesels to be cleaner. Diesel vehicles and engines can also use blends of ULSD and biodiesel.</p> |  <p><b>CNG Vehicle</b><br/>Compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station pumps look similar to gasoline pumps, but have specialized fittings for a leak-free connection to your natural gas vehicle.</p> |  <p><b>FCV</b><br/>Fuel cell vehicles (FCVs) use pressurized hydrogen, which you pump into your car through a special leak-free connection. The hydrogen powers a fuel cell, which then generates electricity to power the vehicle.</p>                            | <p>There are <b>thousands</b> of alternative fueling stations in the United States.</p> <p>Visit DOE's <b>Alternative Fueling Station Locator</b> for details.</p>   |

- **Orange oil as a fuel???** <https://aip.scitation.org/doi/abs/10.1063/1.4984636>  
If you wish to get super technical then read this article on using orange oil as fuel...  
'Comparative evaluation of the effect of sweet orange oil-diesel blend on performance and emissions of a multi-cylinder compression ignition engine'
- Peanut oil is fine to use as fuel for diesel engines, apparently. Also kerosene. And pure alcohol. And ethanol. All engines need modifications, of course.
- But NEVER use vodka (it would be a waste, anyway), or soybean oil.
- If you are interested in alternate fuels read **Choice's** article on '*Petrol and its alternatives- how you can save on fuel*'.





- **New trees in Whitehorse**

New trees have recently been planted around Whitehorse to improve the health and wellbeing of the community. Trees also provide clean air and water, improved biodiversity, cooling and shading in the summer and reduced impacts of flooding.

The initiative is part of their [Urban Forest Strategy's](#) Vision for a diverse, healthy and resilient urban forest. They are aiming to increase tree canopy cover to 30pc by 2050. Every new tree helps get closer to this. To contribute towards this, Council planted over 3,900 trees in 2021/22.

*Happy gardening, or walking, or sitting outdoors in our beautiful winter sunshine...  
And just think-Spring is only three weeks away...*

**Glenys**

## **RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADERS OF THE MONTH**

### **Powerhouse Cheese**

Barbara Power started making her own cheeses over 10 years ago. With a degree in Microbiology, she had a good scientific foundation to base her production. Two years ago, she started up her own commercial business **Powerhouse Cheese** and persuaded her sister, Donna Hall, who also has a Science degree, to leave her native New Zealand and join her in this venture. These two Artisan Cheesemakers use cow's milk in small 100 litre batches of milk from St David's Dairy in Fitzroy. They sell their cheeses at markets every Saturday and Sunday around the Melbourne area or you can order online for pick up on Monday afternoon. The rest of the week you will find them busy in their cheesery making their standard Blackburn Blue, Whitehorse White and Ash Bree cheeses or producing new varieties like their Bellbird Blue or a surface ripened Rosella Red which may become another standard offering in the future. Certainly, these two talented very local artisan cheesemakers running **Powerhouse Cheese** have a future.

[www.powerhousecheese.com.au](http://www.powerhousecheese.com.au)



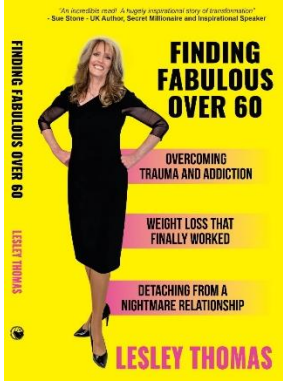


## Dawn's Flowers

**Dawn Hooton** has been a regular at the Blackburn Craft Market from the very beginning. If you want her plants, you have to come to our market as she sells nowhere else. Dawn lives in Forest Hill and propagates every plant herself from her own seeds or cuttings. Her love of flowers and gardening started as a young girl when her father bought her a packet of fuchsia seeds..... it has been her hobby ever since. It's amazing looking at the large healthy specimens of evergreen perennials such as the fuchsias, ferns, and pelargoniums she sells with long flowering periods all at very reasonable prices.







**Come to the Market August 13- it is this Saturday!!**