



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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BILL'S BY-LINE



Editor's notes

President Bill is still away.

He will return refreshed in a few days to challenge us to even more achievements.

August is Membership Month

While the cat's away, the mice will play (Bill is certainly not a cat- he is a Bomber).

Last Monday was a delightful and important fellowship gathering where the world's problems were sorted!! We look forward to this week's speaker as he explains about the regionalisation pilot plan and the future of Rotary.

MEMBERSHIP

John B and Bob L attended an excellent membership meeting on Zoom last Friday night. We heard about a club that had a %20 increase in membership and the plan they used to implement it. We heard too about a club with 13 members that is heavily involved in their local community. We were given some tools to help us in our goals. Here are the links:

- The Grow My Club website <https://growmyclub.org/>
- The Membership Voice videos are at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUFkWxFjR8V11mXqybcf1lg/videos>

Some clubs even have a secret greeter. Also had a couple of speakers to give to program chair Ron.

NEXT MEETING

22 August David Tolstrup Zone 8 Pilot Options

COMING UP

29 August	Nafty Vanderhoek	Climate Change-a Scientific Perspective
5 September	Mikaela Starfrace	WomenCAN
12 September	Club birthday	DG Ken Miller

CELEBRATIONS



Let's recognize two outstanding markets last weekend.



RYDA Tuesday 9th August at Sandown Greyhound Track

Thanks to the Maroondah dynamic duo Andrew Brownlie and John Lambert, plus Shia Smart from Nunawading and my two amazing mates. Anna and Hans Eecen, we were able to field a team of six to help with the day for Anton and his team. The school was Norwood Secondary School. Hans and I were Foundation students at Norwood, so the day was of particular interest to us, and I brought a cricket premiership banner to show my group as I was part of the victorious Norwood cricket team in the 1960/61 season. The teacher told me that Norwood's girl's cricket and footy teams have been doing well the last few years so good to know the school is still doing well in the sporting field.

I picked up Shia from her Nunawading home and had a lovely time searching around her garden finding so many sculpted animals, such as dogs, turtles, eagle etc. Anna and Hans had driven to my place, so we picked them up and off. Our dopey driver (me) knew we got off Eastlink at Heatherton Road but forgot it was signposted as Princes Highway, so I doubled back and presume that I won't be asked to be the navigator for any of my passengers in their next car rally.

With the other school dropping out we only had around 100 from Norwood so the six of us met them by the track and we took our groups to their first session. I took black group, so our sessions were "Road Choices" then "The "I" in Drive" then morning tea with lovely cakes which I tried to avoid but failed.

The next were “Drive S.O.S” and “Crash Investigators” with the amazing Anat Bigos capturing her double group audience again with the story of her crash in 2004 leaving her brain damaged and physically disabled. My favourite session was next, lunch and when planning I had asked Shia if she had any dietary requirements to which she replied only that it be tasty, so I was relieved when she enjoyed the varied and tasty fare.


My group’s final two sessions were “Mind Matters” followed by the “Speed and Stopping” on the trackside roadway. The day concluded with my group thanking their facilitators and their ex (ancient) Foundation student Rotarian guide and timekeeper,

My group of fifteen were all girls and all were very attentive and quickly volunteered when asked as I found out later were all the groups so another one hundred or so “L” platers that should be more respectful, alert, and aware on the roads we share.


My level of navigational skills continued when dropping off Shia, with me driving past her front gate.

I always feel so good after a RYDA day as I love volunteering for hands on work that directly assists youngsters. However, my day did drop off a bit later as I pick up one of my grandsons Tuesday nights after his soccer training at Jubilee Park and drive him home and as I am a Demon and he is a Pie supporter, greeted me singing the Collingwood theme song as he got in the car and reminding me that there is always next week grandad.


Bob Williams



Community Partner



RYDA
six session timetable
Springvale, Victoria



ROAD SAFETY
Education

	Yellow	Blue	Orange	Green	Black	Red
9.40am	Welcome & Open					
9.45am-10.15am	Mind Matters (Executive Room, 2nd building)	Speed & Stopping (Grandstand Roadway)	Drive S.O.S. (Top Foyer)	The 'I' In Drive (Chairman's Lounge)	Road Choices (View Room)	
10.20-10.50am	Speed & Stopping (Grandstand Roadway)	Mind Matters (Executive Room, 2nd building)	Road Choices (View Room)		The 'I' In Drive (Chairman's Lounge)	Drive S.O.S. (Top Foyer)
10.55-11.05am	Morning Tea					
11.10-11.40am	Road Choices (View Room)		Mind Matters (Executive Room, 2nd building)	Speed & Stopping (Grandstand Roadway)	Drive S.O.S. (Top Foyer)	The 'I' In Drive (Chairman's Lounge)
11.45am-12.15pm	Drive S.O.S. (Top Foyer)	The 'I' In Drive (Chairman's Lounge)	Speed & Stopping (Grandstand Roadway)	Mind Matters (Executive Room, 2nd building)	Crash Investigators (View Room)	
12.20-12.45pm	Lunch					
12.50-1.20pm	Crash Investigators (View Room)		The 'I' In Drive (Chairman's Lounge)	Drive S.O.S. (Top Foyer)	Mind Matters (Executive Room, 2nd building)	Speed & Stopping (Grandstand Roadway)
1.25-1.55pm	The 'I' In Drive (Chairman's Lounge)	Drive S.O.S. (Top Foyer)	Crash Investigators (View Room)		Speed & Stopping (Grandstand Roadway)	Mind Matters (Executive Room, 2nd building)
2.00pm	Close					

- Every student must have a wrist-band for that particular group and the student must remain with that group for the whole day, except for lunch and morning tea.
- Please note that some sessions will involve two groups in the one room (Road Choices and Crash Investigators).
- Teachers ARE RESPONSIBLE for DISCIPLINE.

RYDA Tuesday 15th August Box Hill TAFE Lilydale Lake campus

RYDA coordinator Anton called me last week to say that RC Emerald who were providing six members for the next RYDA day 15 August at Lilydale were now down two and could Forest Hill help. At this late date we were only able to provide one (me) and so I asked my mate Hans, and he was ok to help but, on the weekend, I was able to tell him he could stay under his doona Monday morning as Anton advised that the school numbers were down so there would only be five groups.

Emerald Secondary students made up four groups, so RC Emerald assisted them. I had had Swinburne Senior Secondary who arrived late and so missed the first session planned. Two from Emerald were new to RYDA, and the others had only done one day so I ran them through some details from my perspective and then Anton chatted to us as we had plenty of time as their students arrived a few minutes after the scheduled start time.

Morning tea was yummy scones jam and cream, and lunch was varied sandwiches plus fruit, so we were well provided for. At Lilydale, the speed and stopping session is in the car park and with no marquee to erect, that was already set up as I arrived. Two double sessions are in the ground floor auditorium and the remaining three in adjoining rooms on level two, so easy to navigate. My group was red, and it was interesting that last week I guided around black group and now black is grey on the timetable. My red group had the outside session the second last and it was raining just before I led them outside then it stopped bar for a few drops, so we were fortunate.

The Emerald mob enjoyed the experience and I met with them at the end of the day, and all said their groups were well behaved and joined in each session so good to hear, so another 100 or so “L” platers will be better prepared on our roads.

Bob Williams

SPROUTINGS – and YOUTH

This week we are combining our Sproutings Environment discussion with some Youth Project information. If you care to read on, you will realise why. And- it's all the good news I promised you last week. How great is this first one!

Victorian Government Secretary's Inaugural Marrung Award –

Recently Dave Rogers, Principal of Forest Hill College won the Secretary's Inaugural Marrung Award for community engagement. The aim of this award is to recognise educators who work in partnership with the community and Koori people to find innovative ways to improve outcomes in the local indigenous community. Forest Hill College strives to reduce the level of disadvantage so many indigenous students experience and is proud of their truly inclusive culture.



The award recognised the efforts that had been put in place in connecting with our indigenous community through a number of fireside conversations, **the creation of an indigenous garden in the library courtyard,*** indigenous murals and much more.

****Folks, this is the garden we have been participating in with the VCAL students at Forest Hill College.***

Here are details of the award – this year given for the first time.

Victorian Government Secretary's Marrung Award winner

‘The awards recognise good practice in Aboriginal education and inclusion’.

Community Engagement

This category celebrates efforts made to build community engagement in learning and development. It recognises services that have worked in partnership and collaboration with Koorie people to find innovative ways to improve outcomes in local communities.

Winner: David Rogers, Principal, Forest Hill College

David Rogers, Principal, Forest Hill College (FHC) ensured Aboriginal voices have driven the promotion of culture, heritage, and education in the wider Forest Hill College community. This included co-design of a mural of Bunjil with a Wurundjeri artist and revamping the library garden to create a culturally safe and inclusive space.'

It is good to know our indigenous, culturally safe garden effort has been recognised by this award to David.

Not only that, but we have assisted the school community in complying with Standard 1 of the 11 Child Safe Standards, newly introduced and mandated as law on July 1, 2022.

It would be interesting to know if we are the first 9810 club to do so.

Standard 1 states:

'Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.'

Forest Hill College indigenous garden: What has been the progress recently with this project that we have been involved in implementing via the VCAL students? Well, we are almost there.

- The land has been cleared and a stagnating pond (which was also a rat's nest) removed, cleaned, and re-placed. It will be set up as a frog haven.
- Soil has been turned over, aerated and supplemented.
- Indigenous plants have been selected according to canopy level, cover for small birds, bees and butterflies and most are planted. As you would all know, with indigenous plants it's better to plant small versions and allow them to grow – they survive better.
- A few more slightly larger saplings will be needed and perhaps another half tray of small plants.
- Mulch is being organised.
- Finally, the Bungil painting needs finishing and sealing.



Seating will be needed, as the old seats have been removed for safety reasons. Our budget currently doesn't run to that, unfortunately.

I'm looking forward to seeing it all finished after 15 months of holdups due to COVID 19.

Model United Nations Assembly.

I'm sure you are wondering why MUNA is being listed in an environment column. Well, it's because one of the three main topics listed as resolutions for debate, and one very enthusiastically endorsed by the students, is **Climate Change**. I know most of you know all about MUNA, so this explanation is for any others who may want more information:

Model United Nations Assembly is a Rotary Youth project for Year 11 students. Its aim is to help them learn about other countries, develop skills in speaking, recognise cultural diversity and to promote international understanding of the workings of the United Nations.

So here are the details:

MUNA this year is a combined program between District 9820 (who revived it post COVID) and our District 9810. Currently three of us from 9810, ie Youth Chair Malcolm Chiverton, Ian Button and I, are on the organising committee and will be working there from set-up to pack-up.

It is being held at Nossal High School, Berwick. Friday August 19 is for set-up, and we will all be there. After set-up of all the flags, seating, AV, satchels, country names etc there will also be a final meeting of the committee that day to discuss any last-minute arrangements.

Saturday August 20 is the face-to face component. On this day the 20 teams, representing 20 United Nations countries, will debate the resolutions, which are typically drawn from resolutions passed through the General Assembly.

One of these is **Climate change** – a topic of vital interest to students.

Because of COVID safety precautions and also the new laws on Child Safety, procedures are very strict and of course have been passed by the Risk Assessment Officer, 9820. Those endorsed via the Youth Protection Officer 9820 to work with the students will be in the main centre. They will all require a current Working with Children's Card as well as the Rotary three-page Child Safety form, signed by the Club and District Youth Protection Officers.

Cameras and shotgun microphones will be set up in the main centre. images will be recorded and streamed into two adjacent classrooms.

Any onlookers, or visitors, will sit in these classrooms and view proceedings via projected images. All participants will be asked to be masked etc, except while speaking. It is not mandatory, but we hope all will comply. Every possible precaution is being followed in the hope of a risk and infection free event. (Fingers crossed) The footage will be edited post MUNA and it will be made available online after the event.

I'm interested to hear what the students have to say- especially on climate change.



Recognition: Do you remember **Olly Thorburn**, our Forest Hill College Year 8 Student who was chosen for one of our Youth Citizenship Awards in June? Olly is a hard-worker and achiever and is interested in contributing to a better environment.

Last week Olly was acknowledged again and re-presented with our award at a special assembly.

As you may remember, he was recognised for his many community contributions and the work he does with the Leo's Club.

Congratulations once again Olly.

Finally, if you can't garden this coming Sunday due to the rain that is forecast, come along to the Visitors Centre at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary and say hello. Then, if the rain stops, go for a walk in that beautiful environment which is so worth looking after. It's magic on those cold, misty, wet days...

Glenys

Powerhouse Cheese

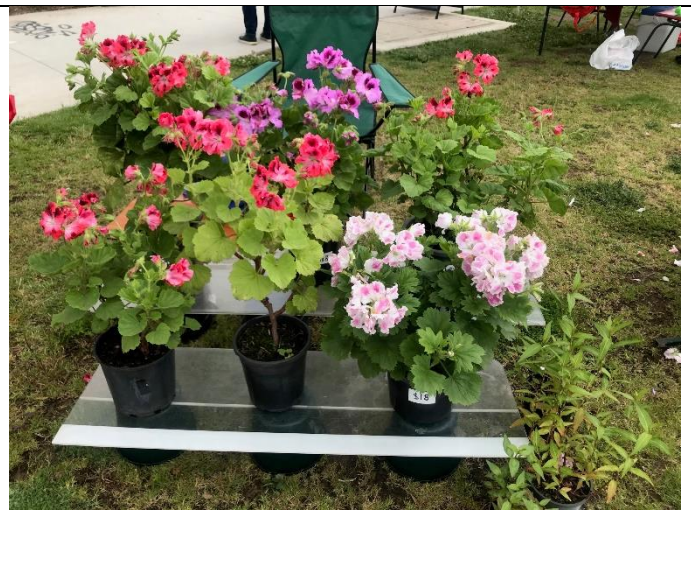
Barbara Power started making her own cheeses over 10 years ago. With a degree in Microbiology, she had a good scientific foundation to base her production. Two years ago, she started up her own commercial business **Powerhouse Cheese** and persuaded her sister, Donna Hall, who also has a Science degree, 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.

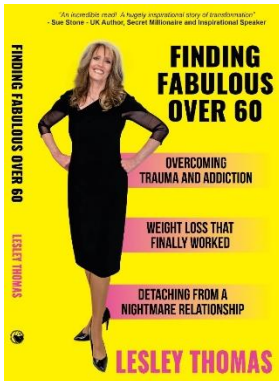
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Dawn's Flowers

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 next month- September 11