



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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President: Sue Ballard

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy birthday Rotary Club of Forest Hill. I asked Warwick for a brief summary of the beginnings of the club and I thank him for that.

The idea of a new club coming out of the original Rotary Club of Nunawading was to cater for the needs of the growing area between Canterbury Rd, Highbury Rd, Middleborough Rd and Heatherdale Rd. From the beginnings of 6 Rotarians from Nunawading and the recruitment of men residing and/or working in the area a club of 36 was born on the 29th September. Those men had a dream of serving their community that we continue today. From the first president Bob Murphy through all of you who have had your turn, or turns, as President and all those support members including the partners have helped the club to evolve and developed projects for the community. I thank you for that. We are still evolving to meet the needs of the community and the world as time goes by. I pay homage to Ford Davis and his passion and driving force for this community. He has given us all a high target to aim for. Thank you Warwick Stott for lasting the distance, giving us a link to the past but focusing on the emerging future.

I know that others joining the club in the future will embrace the ideals and the aims of the club and ensure the legacy continues.

A call for ideas for small local community projects to get involved in now. Some ideas on District and RI website. I am going through my excess craft supplies and going to put together little craft kits, mostly for children. To be given out at some of the shopping strips for free. I will need help.

Our Discussion with DG Alma Reynolds

- congratulated us on the use of technology. Supported our working on a new website. Encouraged our use or regular and informative use of Facebook. Encouraged our use of Zoom for meetings.
- encouraged our development of membership plans. Made suggestions to check out information on RI website and in Open Doors newsletter. She suggested the development of a formalised mentor plan.
- suggested taking the opportunity of our relationship with Hope Katolo Nursery School to self-promote. She suggested signage at the school, Rotary t-shirts worn by visitors. Any photos of works, etc. at Hope Katolo to show Rotary in action. We could supply or fund the sign and shirts
- select a President Elect by end of October.

Sue

MEETING REPORT & GUEST SPEAKER

Warwick chaired the meeting and welcomed guests – Alma Reynolds, District Governor, Geoff Logie-Smith, Assistant Governor, Greg King, Manningham (End Polio Now). Alma wished Rotary Club of Forest Hill a Happy 45th Birthday. Alma made the following points, that we are not just a club but should make opportunities and District was there to help make clubs the best. Alma thanked Glenys, Ron and Bob W for their contributions at District level. Geoff was to be the first point of call for District contact. The country is in a deep recession with high unemployment, a lot of financial distress in the community, so the community will need you and your ideas. If your club has significant reserves kept for a “rainy day”, that day is now here, for at least 2 years. Club needs to make a plan with goals to work towards, a special activity for the 100yr anniversary of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand. We need to always label a project with Rotary, always wear your club shirt when “working” in the community and take a banner if possible. Our membership growth needs to be successful. Rotary is the opportunity to serve the community and do good things in the world. Make your club more meaningful, find out what people expect from Rotary, look at the RI site which is an “Aladdin’s Cave” of Rotary. There is no “right” age to be a Rotarian, every age is good. Engage with the wider world of Rotary, read “Open Doors”. There is no hard copy booklet this year so check out other Clubs on the web site. Continue to support Foundation and “End Polio Now” which this year is the DG Partners’ project, to which Forest Hill has contributed. On 25 August 2020, the World Health Organisation noted the whole of Africa is clear of polio. So, summing up, make a plan, organise an event for the 100yr anniversary, focus on community projects and label. Make fun. Engage beyond your club.

Greg King spoke on the End Polio Project and again congratulated our club for being one of the first to donate this year and will participate in Rotary’s multiplier scheme making our USD \$1,000 into USD \$9,000.

Club Birthday Meeting

Warwick welcomed everyone back and also welcomed Shia Smart and Glenys Coates.

President Sue wished the club a happy 45th birthday and made 3 toasts, to Rotary International, Australia and to the foundation fathers of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill. Chris Stott lit the candles on the cake (in their zoom room) and on behalf of the club, Warwick blew the candles out.

Shia showed the citation that was presented to the club – “2019-2020 Rotary Citation Silver, for helping Rotary connect the world” (PP Stuart W has the actual certificate), Shia congratulated all members of the club who made this citation possible, a club effort.

Reports

Secretary – nothing to report, has not been able to get to the Post Office this week.

Treasurer – no report given,

International – the committee had a meeting last week, which will be taken to the board.

Community – Stuart has been asked to provide a speaker and has suggested asking someone from MASH club.

Glenys reported on the 9810 Community Seminar run by Trish Smyth which had excellent ideas for community. Suggestions for helping the Community which came out of that, were in the last edition of Open Doors.

Vocational – Barbara S reported nothing going on, but the Apprenticeship Awards have been presented by the college.

Youth – Glenys reported we have six Primary Schools working out their Young

Achievers. Good to get that many considering the virus. We also have Vermont Secondary School wanting to submit an application for the Youth Citizenship Award. Apparently, they have two really great students.

Environment – Glenys reported two seminars were attended: One was on the Council's new waste management systems and building innovations for better disposal of waste and better recycling in the City of Melbourne. Lots of suggestions and discussions re recycling etc. The second was run by Whitehorse Council and Parkside on the Greening of Whitehorse.

We are hoping to start a section in the Newsletter called "Sprouting", the name is by courtesy of Stuart Williams. It will have environmental tips and please add any you have each week to the column. An environment questionnaire will go out to the club Membership – Sue reported there will be a 2-stage membership drive.

Program – Ron reported he has the account for the \$500 to be sent to, to help women in the community.

100yr anniversary – Sue reported there will be a baton relay with the Whitehorse Cluster of clubs, hopefully on a Farmers' Market day. Route not set yet and with the plan to help "activate Whitehorse" to improve community health.

Bob W – did his Sergeant's session.

It was reported that John Bindon is doing well and so too Chris Tuck.

Report by Barbara Williams

September is Basic Education and Literacy month.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be via Zoom (7.00pm) on September 21st when Wendy Moore will speak to us about her time and work in Nepal.

Our Club meeting will follow at 7.40pm. Board Meeting at 8.10pm

A link to join the meeting is included below.

Contact me if you have any problems – 0417 369 343

Join RCFH Guest Speaker Zoom Meeting – 7.00pm. Club Meeting – 7.40pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7023517430?pwd=MUwyREFUWUcwS0dXVEh1dURSK3c4QT09>

COMING UP

21st September Wendy Moore – Nepali Women Self Help project.
Chair: Glenys Grant Report & Thanks: Stuart Williams

28th September Kerry Pryor – The Journey of a Young, Abandoned Nepali Girl.
Chair: Ron Brooks Report & Thanks: Sue Ballard

5th October Pat Armstrong
Chair: Bill Marsh Report & Thanks: Ray Smith

CELEBRATIONS

Everybody can celebrate this week as we come closer to getting on top of COVID-19.

A super effort by the community and our front-line medical workers.



FOUNDATION NEWS

1. Sir Clem Renouf Polio Appeal

A special appeal to end Polio honoring the late Sir Clem has been launched.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/pt03tzanf89kawc/TSCRPA_Flyer_EP.docx?dl=0

2. World Polio Day- October 24

Our club will be celebrating this event at our meeting on October 26. We have donated US\$1000 and with matching from district, RI and the Bill Gates Foundation this means US\$9000 to this most worthy cause.

3. Only Afghanistan and Pakistan to go

Let's finish the journey.

Cheers

Bob

SPROUTINGS

This is our first Environmental Sprout. We are hoping you will all contribute. Any tips on organic gardening, recycling or better environmental living will be welcome.

9810 have introduced an exciting new concept - Environment Awards. It is an incremental system which needs continuous improvement to move from base, to Bronze, to Silver, to Gold.

Pat Armstrong will be talking to the club soon about the new system.

We are hoping to qualify for the 9810 Bronze Achievement Medal soon if we meet the criteria. Club members are all doing so much in the way of greening, recycling and helping the environment already, so a questionnaire to ascertain our baseline will be going out to members after the Pat Armstrong talk.

The introduction of this award system and timing is great. It's a hot topic and of great interest in the community as you know, especially with all the changes coming in soon in Victoria.

Thought of the Day:

'Environmental sustainability is relevant to all aspects of our lives – from creating eco homes and environmentally conscious communities to sourcing sustainable food, renewable energy, low impact furniture and clothing.'

Glenys

WOMEN'S REFUGE DONATION

Please pass on our appreciation to the members of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill, the donation will enable us to support the vulnerable young people, young families and children. I lived in Forest Hill for 17 years until I moved up to the hills a few years ago. It was a lovely place to live and I was very happy there.

Regards

Sue

Thanks Ron. I can assure you the money will be wisely spent and is very much appreciated.

Please pass on my appreciation to all members,

Raylene

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First day back at school after
lockdown 🤔 😞 🙄 🤪



Gee!! You changed a bit while we were locked down.

KEEP SMILING

BLACKBURN MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

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.

