



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Apologies for not making the meeting. I have spent a tough week cleaning out my cousin's flat. Too much heavy lifting, I guess.

October has been the Rotary month for Economic and Community Development, very appropriate as Victoria slowly reduces restrictions. While the focus was initially probably intended for developing countries, we can look in our own backyard and how businesses both small to large continue to struggle onwards. I have noticed that some have taken the steps into different directions including changing production items to deliver such items as face masks and sanitisers or using technology to keep their business alive. Other businesses are struggling but doing what they can. Talking to some of the traders at the recent Farmers' Market they have expressed relief and gratefulness that the market has gone ahead. Most shoppers and the police I talked to were happy with the way things went.

The experience has heightened my resolve to buy local where ever possible. Whether it is at markets or online, or when they open, local small businesses. I am going to try and get the majority of my shopping especially in the Christmas lead up, locally. Please consider buying Victorian when you are shopping. Our local businesses need your support.

Sue

## MEETING REPORT & GUEST SPEAKER

This week we were entertained and educated by Christina Chia who spoke about Mental Health in the community and also her role as a Multicultural ambassador.

Christina made a great presentation and her power point has now been distributed to members so they can go over it again and reinforce what they took in on Monday.

Her video is too large to be sent out with an email but can be viewed by going to [Mental Health Foundation Australia's](#) website.

A brief club meeting was then held with the highlight being Bob's Sergeant's session. Bob has done a great job in producing a light-hearted 5-10 minute segment each week. I hope everybody is saving their change to boost the collection when we can again meet face-to-face.

While programs, Youth in particular, are quiet during COVID-19 we are all looking forward to firing up again as soon as it is safe to do so.

Our Blackburn Market is planned to leap back to life on November 14<sup>th</sup> so put it in your calendar and come along to support our traders as they try to get back to normal.

## Welcome to life in lockdown!



**October is Economic and Community Development month.**

### NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be via Zoom (7.00pm) on October 26th when the Williams Boys will present Footy Fever. Always a great night of fun, laughter and footy facts I didn't know!

A link to join the meetings is included below.

Contact me if you have any problems – 0417 369 343

Join RCFH Footy Fever Zoom Meeting – 7.00pm.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79757519039?pwd=Y3lqWldUcy9ha0t4Qzh1SGsvdGhrUT09> (7.00pm)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78850731586?pwd=TmJOTzZseE5aSnRMRjF5NHE3S0oydz09> (7.40pm)

### COMING UP

26<sup>th</sup> October

2<sup>nd</sup> November

9<sup>th</sup> November

Footy Fever Night hosted by Bob & Stuart Williams

No Meeting

Rotary Foundation Speaker – Loretta Crew “Helping Farmers During Drought”

## CELEBRATIONS

October is a very quiet month for birthdays & anniversaries so .....  
Time to celebrate all those important events that make you and your family who they are and what brings you all together.

If your team is still in the finals celebrate.

If you are already 'out' dream about the next season.

Either is a good excuse to party, at a safe social distance, of course.



# KEEP SMILING

### Some imponderables

How do you know when it is time to tune your bagpipes?

If Polish people are called Poles why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

Why are they called stairs inside but steps outside?

Why is a boxing ring square?

Do paediatricians play mini golf?

### From the Rotary Club of Waipukurau New Zealand

This Corona virus has done something no woman has been able to do. Cancel all sports, shutdown all bars and keep men at home.

Police these days are yelling out to crims "Come out with your hands washed"

Just saw a burglar kicking in his own door so I asked him what he was doing, and he replied "I am working from home"

The truth is that it's not so boring at home but isn't it interesting that one bag of rice has 7,846 grains and another Has 7,637.



## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. Paul Harris Society luncheon

On November 1 at 12 noon great speakers-details from me or in Open Doors.

Log on to "TryBooking" - <https://www.trybooking.com/BMAPN>

There is no charge, but a donation opportunity to help "EndPolioNow" is available. What better way is there to start our Rotary Foundation Month?

### 2. End Polio Now

When you go for your daily walk, why not seek sponsors and use the funds raised to end polio.

Details in the latest division of the District 9810 Event Schedule under Rotary Walk with Us or from me.

### 3. World Polio Day

Saturday 24 October -a great day to forward your response. We will celebrate on Monday 26 October.

Go into You Tube – Rotary and watch World Polio Day 2020 Global Update

Bob L

## SPROUTINGS

Spring is here – it's time to plant indigenous plants to attract the bees, birds and butterflies. So, for your interest, here is the information on our three Whitehorse indigenous plant nurseries.

Greenlink and Bungalook are both run by volunteers. Seeds and cuttings needed for propagation are carefully collected under supervision from within local bushland reserves.

So, when you attend the Whitehorse Spring Festival and get a free plant – it's from one of these nurseries and it's grown by a local volunteer.

*Glenys*

### **Greenlink Nursery** [Greenlink Box Hill Incorporated](#)

- Is a voluntary organisation
- Grows and sells Whitehorse area indigenous plants
- Focus is on propagating plants to re-establishing them in their natural habitats.
- Greenlink works in conjunction with the City of Whitehorse Parks & Gardens staff.
- Sells plants to the public, community groups, councils and companies.
- Opening times for sales: check website – *especially at present*.

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### **Bungalook Nursery**

- Volunteers propagate many species of indigenous plants
- Distribute to City of Whitehorse bushland parks and schools
- individuals can purchase
- Bushland park visits are a feature – check website
- Opening times for sales: check website – *especially at present*.

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### **Whitehorse Council's ParksWide Nursery**

- No public sales
- Produces more than 100,000 plants per year in a variety of sizes.
- Seventy percent of plants are indigenous to the City of Whitehorse.
- Plants grown revegetate all areas of the municipality
- It's the only local government nursery in Victoria to hold NIASA (Nursery Industry Accreditation Scheme Australia) National Accreditation for excellence

## BLACKBURN MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

The **Earthfive** leatherworks stall is operated by Peter Davies who has been a leatherworker since 1969, with a few years in between as a graphic designer.

Peter was telling me, between making made to measure belts for three different customers, that he started his leather journey when he made himself a bag from a goatskin in Kabul in 1969. He was travelling overland from the UK to Australia and wanted to replace the shoulder bag he had. So, he made one! He then made a few more for friends. When he arrived back in Melbourne an old friend heard about his bag making in Kabul and handed him a couple of hides he no longer needed and suddenly this became EARTH Leatherworks in Glenferrie road, Earth II in London when he started travelling again and Earth Three in New York when he moved there. Returning to Australia he had a big workshop employing 10 staff. Now he is on **Earthfive**.

He has been coming to our Blackburn market for more than 4 years. Peter makes shoes, sandals, handbags, purses, wallets, wrist warmers, glasses cases, three legged stools, you name it. He has made leather thigh length boots and helmets for films and the theatre. He will quote on any repairs. He takes credit cards and you can use PayPal. Come and see him at the Blackburn Market or Cockatoo, Mulgrave, or Belgrave markets.

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