



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No 20

President: Sue Ballard

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We are only weeks away from the festive season. Scary thought, but at least with restrictions easing most of us will have the opportunity to be with family or friends. It's an opportunity to reflect on what is important to us and to embrace that which we value most.

Maybe this year we can all celebrate the relationships we have and enjoy experiences with each other. Maybe this year instead of accumulating more things we can embrace experiences with loved ones. Maybe a picnic in a park, cricket game on the beach, sing-a-longs with everyone at the table or on the couch. Create memories, take photos and enjoy the fact you are together.

Some of my family and friends are unable to be in Victoria but we are already making arrangements for a virtual Christmas carols by candlelight.

If you are looking for gift ideas maybe consider giving an experience or an activity, support a Victorian business, embrace and celebrate getting through a tough year. My favourite childhood memories from the festive seasons of past was spending time with my gran, cousin's and picnics at the Geelong foreshore with my uncle's on boxing day.

Sue

MEETING REPORT & GUEST SPEAKER

Treasurer's report. Nothing much to report. Little activity so no payments.

Membership - Warwick reminds us to spread the word to our contacts. Talk about Rotary and what we do and encourage friends and contacts to join us.

Secretary. Not much activity at the moment. Some emails have been forwarded for action.

Community - a couple of possible projects to be considered. A walk around Blackburn Lake with possible bbq. Also looking into ways to subsidise swimming lessons for locals especially adults leading into the summer. Need to stress water safety and what people need to know.

Youth - YAA going ahead with a filmed presentation and reading of citation to be delivered to each school.

Enviro - survey results sent out. Please review and make comments/feedback. Now looking at projects going forward. With nothing earmarked in the budget looking at small inexpensive projects to begin with.

International - signage has been prepared for Hope Katolo to display acknowledging RCFH involvement. It will be sent to Georgina to organise printing locally. Looking at possible fundraisers.

Vocation - waiting to see when restrictions will ease to allow Apprentice Awards dinner.

Blackburn market - very successful market. Many traders commented they had great day

Program - brief rundown of the coming weeks including social night on 30th with social distancing restrictions to be adhered to.

Other - in a joint activity with Box Hill Central and Nunawading we have been invited to join Clean Up The Bike Trail on 28th November. If you can help please contact Sue by this Friday.

November is Foundation month.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be via Zoom, at 7.00pm, on November 23rd when Daizy Maan will be speaking about the SPARK Entrepreneurship Program at Deakin University this will be followed by our Club Meeting at 7.40pm.

Links to join the meetings are included below.

Contact me if you have any problems – 0417 369 343

Join Zoom Meeting – Guest Speaker (7.00pm)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78949248226?pwd=dGpRRFlsOVdld21KS01qNjVDm5jUT09>

Join Zoom Meeting – Club Meeting (7.40pm)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72429883497?pwd=N1k4eHlaMW9BejVGQit2YjNxdHg3Zz09>

COMING UP

23rd November - Daizy Maan – SPARK Entrepreneurship at Deakin University

30th November - Dinner at Bucatini Restaurant

KEEP SMILING

CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Barb Searle on her club birthday on the 24th November.



HOPE KATOLO NURSERY SCHOOL HAMPERS OF HOPE

Hi everyone,

Can you believe that its already that time of year again?! Almost Christmas and that means **Hamper of Hope** time for Hope Katolo Nursery School.

How does it work again?

We kindly ask for donations of \$5 or multiples of \$5. Every \$5 entry gives you one ticket in the draw to win a fabulous hamper for Christmas. The money raised goes towards “hampers” (bags 😊) of food staples for the families of each of the children and staff at the nursery school (see picture attached). For almost all of these families, this IS Christmas. That’s it. To say that this fundraiser means a lot to the people of Katolo is a huge understatement.

How do I get involved?

Simply transfer \$5 or multiples of \$5 to the Hope Katolo Nursery School account

Account 033349

BSB 411858

Confirm with us your name & amount by texting Mel on 0412 187 353. Every \$5 that you donate will give you an entry into the draw to win the hamper.

When will it be drawn?

The winner of the hamper will be announced on Sunday 20th December. We are really grateful for early ticket purchases because then we have a better idea of our budget for the Kenyan hampers.

Any questions, please email or give us a call on the number above.

Warmest Regards,

Melanie Haley, Leanne Pinfold and Georgina Malanga

Hope Katolo Nursery School, Kenya



SPROUTINGS

Actions you can take now

Here are a few things you can do now, to help stop climate change:

- Switch to 100% green power
- Save energy
- Switch to bike, bus, tram or electric car
- Eat less meat
- Avoid plastic wherever you can
- Avoid flying or carbon offset when you do
- Only invest in sustainable funds and stocks
- Protect our forests and plant more trees
- Make climate wise decisions as a consumer
- At every opportunity make your voice heard

- **Rotary Club of Forest Hill Environmental/Sustainability Skills Matrix 2020**

Rotary International/District 9810 has a new area of focus: Environmental Sustainability.

The Enviro team objective of this Member Skills Matrix has been to identify members skills and knowledge to establish a base level for the Club in this area.

Its outcome will also provide a guide to planning, training and is to identify priorities for future initiatives.

Rating scale

4 : Yes/ most likely to/all the time

3 : Often: has full understanding /participates on a fairly regular basis

2 : Sometimes/ some/Has some understanding and participates occasionally

1: Never/ minimal understanding or interest /will not (or cannot) participate, or NA

Results and General Comments

Congratulations all - What a great start to our Club Enviro efforts!

The results of this Skills Matrix questionnaire show that we are already achieving and where.

It also shows that we are interested in doing more.

Results will give us future directions to aim for.

We already have one suggestion from John McPhee on a future project and a number of other suggestions well worth exploring.

A total of 12 members (92% of club members) participated, showing what a great team RCFH is and how interested we all are in making a better world for our descendants.

Results are all collated and will be assessed by our Board and also by the Enviro team.

New ideas have been suggested: also areas where more knowledge is desired.

So thank you all.

... and if you have anything to add to any areas, or any suggestions, please contact us.

The Enviro Team - Glenys, Ray, Bob W, (with help from Stuart).

Section 1 - Clean Air practices: Do you participate	4 YES	3	2	1 No or NA
%Transport participation, etc	36%	20%	23%	21%
% Gardening, etc	46%	21%	12%	21%

2. Fair Trade -	4 YES	3	2	1 No
% Participation, etc	11%	50%	21%	17%
In your opinion, is Fair Trade linked to Environmental Sustainability? <i>This answer is reliant on perceptions and opinions so is not being collated in general totals.</i>	2	7	3	-

3. Recycling.	4	3	2	1
% Participation	80%	14%	6%	

4. Repairs-?	4 yes	3	2	1 never
% Participation	58%	22%	17%	3%

5- Disposal	4	3	2	1 No orNA
% Participation	55%	25%	12%	8%

6- Volunteering	4 YES	3	2	1 or 0 Never
% Participation	32%	15%	15%	38%

7- Environmental Education -	4	3	2	1
% Participation	33%	17%	14%	36%

8. Awareness:	4 YES	3	2	1 or No or NA
% Participation	33%	13%	17%	37%

9- Enviro/Sustainable Rotary Group activities	4	3	2	1
% Participation	44%	22%	7%	27%

10. Are you able to assist other members to learn more about any of the areas mentioned in this questionnaire?	4	3	2	1
Yes				No
le with a training session, an invite with help to participate, as a Club Speaker - or other?	1	1	6	4

11 Group Environmental Activities:	4	3	2	1 No or NA
% Future Participation	58%	25%	9%	8%
Other (please list) - two ideas tabled	2			

11 Group Environmental Activities				
% Future Participation	54%	24%	13%	9%

Thank you for your support.

Rotary Club of Forest Hill Environment and Sustainability Group

RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET

Mast Gully Nursery stall is operated by Jenny Lee. She has been part of the Blackburn Craft Market for over 20 years, about 5 years after she started her business on 5 acres of land Upwey. Jenny runs a wholesale flower business during the week but at weekends you'll find her at markets selling plants. She goes to six different markets including Rotary markets at Nunawading, Doncaster and Warrandyte. The plants started as a hobby which soon grew into a business. She has a large variety of potted plants but specialises in hellebores and would love to talk to you at the market about her passion for her self-propagated plants which probably accounts for half her stock with the other half coming from nurseries in the Monbulk area. Just recently she has downsized her block though keeps the same number of plants for sale. While Spring may be her busiest time as people start to think about what new plants they'll plant out, Jenny says she's pretty busy throughout the year. She is thrilled with the new Blackburn Craft Market setup so come and see her next to the rotunda and perhaps listen to jazz at the same time. You can always contact her at donallan@bigpond.com

