



## FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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### BILL'S BY-LINE



Just when we thought it was safe to come out and play COVID struck again. Last Monday 6 members stayed behind after our meeting to put together a video for our Youth Achievement Awards. Over the next two days 5 of the six had come down with COVID!!!

This was not the end to the year that we had planned. Our final meeting had to be cancelled, guest speaker rescheduled, and we all tried to stay healthy. The best laid plans.....

With a seriously reduced number of helpers for the Blackburn Market the Marsh Mob all pitched in and with the few regulars still standing the market was very successful. Thanks to Garfield Fresh Harvest and David Winter's Bread Street, who donated the bread, eggs & bacon, our foray into Egg & Bacon went well. Although

most of our customers were only expecting sausages many opted for the egg & bacon when it was offered. A huge Thank You to all who helped in any way to make it a successful day.

The WFM suffered a similar problem with 'can rattlers' on COVID leave. Thanks to Warwick for filling in on the early shift. A wild and windy morning made for interesting times – Bob Williams didn't even blink when the marquee blew away while he was sitting there counting the money. Dedication and concentration. A near miss towards the end of the morning when a large branch came down from one of the gums next to the pathway leading from the carpark over to the library. Fortunately, only the leafy end hit the young man walking a few steps behind me.

Our first gathering for 2023 will be a bbq at Ron & Robbie's home on the 9<sup>th</sup> January.

Thank You to all of our members and supporters for their hard work in the last 6 months. I hope you have enjoyed yourself and gained satisfaction from knowing you have 'made a difference'.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy a safe and happy New Year. We are all so lucky to be able to enjoy this beautiful time with family and friends.

Bill

*December is*

*Disease prevention & Treatment month*

*Month*

## NEXT MEETING

9 January                      Club BBQ at Ron's

## COMING UP

8 January                      Whitehorse Farmers' Market

16 January                      Club Forum

## CELEBRATIONS



All the very best for the Christmas season and the possibilities of a New Year. Celebrate our opportunities.



### “The Lost King” – A Polio Plus fundraiser

David Whiting, the President of Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale organized an excellent fund raiser at the Waverley Cinema last Tuesday at 7pm. For \$20 you got drinks, sushi, wraps etc, plus a chance for Robbie and I to mingle with a few other clubs' members, a film well worthwhile seeing, and close to home. I don't know how he did it but before the main feature we saw three Polio Plus promotional videos. The film was based on the true story of an amateur historian who found and organized the exhumation of King Richard III killed in 1485. His skeleton was formally reburied in Leicester Cathedral in 2015. The skeleton showed that he was not a hunchback but simply had scoliosis. We also found out that Shakespeare's portrayal of him as evil simply continued the Henry Tudor untrue characterization, “victors write history”. The only disappointment was how few Rotarians from other clubs supported this well publicised fund raiser for Polio Plus put on by this club. Waverley Cinema will organize a fund raiser if you can get about 20 minimum attendees.

Ron Brooks

## RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

### BROWNIES NOW!

Julie started Brownies Now ! a Mount Waverley based business in June this year and has steadily gained a loyal customer base at the markets she attends and through her online presence. All her brownies are made from natural ingredients with no added preservatives, so they make a great treat for all. Julie caters for all consumers with her tasty treats including gluten free and vegan. Vegan is only available online at present. She does catering, events, weddings, and grazing boxes plus has an adult liqueur range. Her full selection is available online with select varieties available at markets.

“From making pikelets, scones and cupcakes with my mum when I was a child, to working in a cake shop in Scotland during high school, I've always had a love of cakes and baking” Julie said. This comes through in the finished products, which are baked with a high level of care and attention. Her years of baking experience have gone into developing a range of delicious flavours, and new ones are constantly being worked on and developed to provide you with something new.

Julie does other markets including Mount Waverley, Hawthorn, and Berwick regularly and is finding her customers are returning regularly and referring others to indulge in her treats.

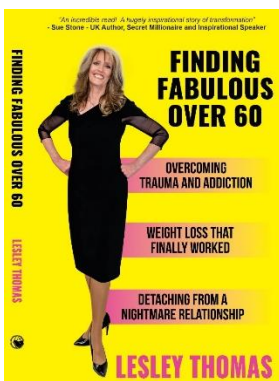




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## SOME OF OUR BLACKBURN MARKET STALLHOLDERS







**Come to the Market next year- February 11**