

FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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President: Sue Ballard

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hope everyone had a happy and relaxed Australia Day.

Firstly, I want to thank all those members who helped at the Surrey Park celebrations. It was a cluster event organised by the council, RC Nunawading and RC Manningham with help from all the clubs in Whitehorse cluster at our allocated sites. Crowds were low but those who came enjoyed themselves. Late in the day the mayor came by to visit and thanked Rotary for all their work for the community. Special thanks to Bob W who was there all day. Great effort.



We all have a different view on Australia day. Growing up it was a chance to get together with family before school went back. A chance to run around with my cousins and enjoy the summer. As time went on, I learnt more about how it affects all members of the community. For many of my family it is bitter sweet. Bringing back past pains but giving a hopeful future. For others, including friends, it's a chance to celebrate a new life in a strange country. Yesterday I talked to the musicians entertaining the "crowds" on the history of Australian music; sharing with them my own personal story of watching a local band as they broke into Australian and international success. They talked about how difficult it was to choose from amazing Australian pop music.

Enjoy the week ahead and be safe. We have a lot of things to be proud of. We also have so many opportunities ahead of us.

As an add on there is another rock art session at Barb S's on Monday 8th Feb. From 11am the painting table will be available. BYO lunch. Text or email me if you, or your other half, will be coming just so we know numbers.

MEETING REPORT

No meeting this week.

January is Vocational Service month.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be 6.30pm at Bucatini Restaurant on 1st February. Guest speaker will be Ben Stennett speaking on the 'History of Whitehorse'.

COMING UP

1 st February-	Ben Stennett – 'History of Whitehorse'.
8 th February-	Sue Ballard - Apprentice Awards Night.
15 th February-	Sue Ballard - Trivia Night
22 nd February-	Rotary International 116 th Birthday
1 st March -	Ray Shuey – 'Road Safety'
8 th March -	No Meeting
15 th March-	Ron Brooks – 'St Patrick's Day Quiz'

CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Ron Brooks (27th) and Warwick Stott (30th) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.



D9810 USED STAMP PROJECT

This district project has been supported by our club over the last 15 years or more. Overall, the sale of stamps has brought in over \$120,000. Stamps are categorised into overseas, Australian standard postal rate, and Australian other. They sell by weight with the overseas ones worth the most. As you can see from the picture below, the stamps should be trimmed WITH SCISSORS to approximately the margin shown. They should not be torn off. If everyone trims their contribution then it doesn't fall to just one person to do them all. It is getting more difficult to collect these stamps

as we get less and less correspondence with stamps on. All the more reason why we should all help by trimming the few we get and giving them to me please. It is a very worthwhile cause. People also contribute stamp albums with the stamps mounted inside. I have handed on quite a few over the years. They are sold separately.

Ron Brooks

Let's Stamp Out Trachoma

We need your Used Stamps

\$8,000 raised in 12 months!

Keep those stamps coming

Rotary Districts of Australia | EndTrachoma by 2020
Building Healthy Communities

Please send your used stamps to:

Rotarian Camille Rogers
245A Glenferrie Rd, Malvern. Vic. 3144
Email: camille@sacredsource.com.au Phone: 03 9509 2421

SPROUTINGS

I hope you are enjoying these environmental items of interest each week in the newsletter, as much as I am enjoying preparing them! Please give me feedback and send me any items of interest you come across. Glenys

I love this year's **Whitehorse Council Calendar**. Check it out. It is a production highlighting the wonderful, environmental aspects of Whitehorse, entitled 'COMMUNITY TRIBUTE TO OPEN SPACES'.

As explained on their website, it's different to previous years. Here's what happened:

Throughout 2020, Council was restricted in photo opportunities, so invited the community to submit photos of Whitehorse's hidden treasures, whether architecture, flora or fauna, public artwork, or cultural.

They were overwhelmed with more than 250 stunning submissions –what a difficult job the final selection must have been!

Reviewing the beautiful community contributions, the Council saw that around 90 per cent were of the Whitehorse natural environment. They included birds, native animals, flowers, parkland and stunning landscapes captured across the seasons.

These submissions informed the Council that the Whitehorse parks, gardens and nature reserves were even more valued and appreciated in 2020.

So many community members were working or studying at home. Usual activities were curtailed, so all headed outside to savour nature and take exercise, fresh air and sunlight.

This calendar is a tribute to the open spaces, beautiful parks and precious bushland of Whitehorse and the moments of peace they gave us all during a turbulent year.

Google it, enjoy the photos, and maybe print it out at

https://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/sites/whitehorse.vic.gov.au/files/assets/documents/2021-Printable-Calendar_A3.

The [I Fix The Planet video contest](#), sponsored by the RI President Holger Knaack, has begun!

It's an exciting glimpse of Rotarians in action.

<https://www.ifixtheplanet.org/> explains:

'.....Here's all you have to do:

1. **Record a short, sweet video** describing how YOU are fixing the planet (70-100 seconds).
2. **Post it on your social media** and **challenge three influential people in your network to do the same.**
3. **Upload the link from your social media to the contest site** by clicking on the blue link "submit entry" [here](#). You can also register on that page to **vote for your favourite video, and get your network to do the same.**
4. **Promote the I Fix the Planet challenge** as broadly as possible **on your social media channels, club newsletters, and web pages.** #IFixthePlanet - contest link. '

March 31 is the deadline.

RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH



The *Bee-autiful* Basin Backyard

Nine years ago Michael asked Meredith for a beehive for his 50th birthday present because he didn't want to keep hand pollinating their trees and plants on their ¼ acre block in the foothills of the Dandenong ranges. Who would have realised that it would lead to a new career and the launch of The Basin Backyard, with over 240 beehives throughout Victoria, 10 regular markets a month, and a shop in Knoxfield (Unit 1, 31 Rushdale St).

Michael & Meredith told me “at the Basin Backyard, we sell pure raw honey & bees wax and related products e.g. lollies containing our honey (eg. honey & eucalyptus drops, nougat & peanut brittle). As well as our beeswax which we make into candles & food wraps. We are the beekeepers so we are hands-on for the whole process, from looking after our *bee-autiful* bees, harvesting the honey & jarring the honey and collecting the wax which is in our products. We are located in The Basin and we have 240+ beehives throughout Victoria. Whilst we have 5 hives on our property, the majority of them are local in the Dandenong ranges and we also have them on properties in NW Victoria, the Mornington peninsula, Gippsland and various other locations in Victoria where our bees can collect different varieties of flora for our different tasting honeys. Come and have a chat to us about our bees, our honey, our wax, our lollies & the value of bees in our environment.”

They will organise bee swarm collection, they have bee keeping supplies. Usefully, you can pay by card.

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