

BILL'S BY-LINE



On Monday evening members and friends met for a relaxed and enjoyable evening meal at Bucatini Restaurant. Some minor business matters were covered but mainly it was just a good chance to catch up with friends.

Thanks to Judith Eadon who dropped off a bag of coins for Ron. What started off as a minor club project has blossomed into a major District fundraiser for UNICEF. Ron Brooks is to be congratulated for his idea and commitment to follow it through. Clubs across the District have supported the project and all it has cost us is the chance to clear out the left-over coins from the last overseas trip.

Our meeting next week will be at 7.00pm, via Zoom. I will send out

the link in the next couple of days.

As I said last week our visit to Peridot Theatre (17th February) is coming up fast, so please let Sue know if you need tickets. Hopefully we can get a good crowd and support the company that has given us so much pleasure over the years.

Sue will circulate the films on offer today for our First Friday Film night (3rd February). Dinner will be at Mazaj Restaurant. Let Sue know how many tickets you would like and if you will be joining us for dinner before the show. A couple of members have other commitments on the first Friday so we will look at some alternatives in the coming months.

Our Blackburn Market will 'kick off' for 2023 on the 11th February. Please contact John or Bill with offers of help. This market has supported many of our club's activities over many years and John McPhee is to be congratulated for all of his work in attracting stall holders and setting them up each month. Not forgetting his extraordinary ability to attract Santa to our December Market each year. A great effort, John and much appreciated by the club.

Warwick will be looking for volunteers to 'rattle a can' at the WFM, via an email, in the coming days. Please let him know if you can take one of the shifts – 7.30 to 9.0, 9.00 to 11.00 and 11.00 to close of business.

Don't forget the District Conference in Canberra and the World Conference in Melbourne. Two super events and you can still register for either. Go on! Register. You know you want to go and they will be great programs.

February is

Peace and Conflict Prevention | Resolution Month

Month

NEXT WEEK

6 February	Jessica Red	lwood	Children First Foundation	(ZOOM)
Chairperso	on:	Warwick Sto	tt	
Greeter:		Glenys Gran	t	
Notes for "	Happenings"	John Bindon		
Thanks		Barbara Sea	rle	

COMING UP

3 February	Film night		
11 February	Blackburn Craft Market		
12 February	Whitehorse Farmers Market		
13 February	Kirsty Porter	Dementia Cafes	
20 February	Veronica Sherman	Happily Made	

CELEBRATIONS



We all have something to celebrate- your choice.



SPROUTINGS

- Glenys Grant

While we are awaiting the results of an enviro survey sent out to members, here are a few activities you may be interested in:

ESRAG Climate and Peace Forum 7 Feb, 6.30pm AEDT <u>ZOOM</u> - <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84104534457</u>

Read: Is Recycling Really Worth it? https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-01-27/is-recycling-really-worth-it-/101853072

Have a look at **Strathdon House** Orchard Precinct Summer programs on <u>strathdon@whitehorse.vic.gov.au</u>

Blackburn Lake Sanctuary has:

- 1. a Twilight working bee on Thursday 9th February at 6pm to 8pm. All welcome.
- 2. Also a World Wetlands Day event 'Wetlands and Waterbugs' on Sat Feb 4 , 11-1pm. https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wetlands-and-waterbugs-registration-522292359507

3. Storybook Trail at BLS

If you are looking for an activity for children, visit the BLS Storybook trail that has been installed in the picnic area. The storybook is Adam Goodes' and Ellie Laing's book, 'Somebody's Land' and illustrated by David Hardy. The story is told as a walk around the various stations, beginning near the Visitor's Centre.

The installation will be up until the 28th February.



Energy Future

Who's making the decisions about our Energy future? How soon can we have mostly renewables? and What can you and I do? - Key questions that will be answered in the Webinar *Transitioning to an Energy Superpower* - next Tuesday 7th February 6pm AEDT (UTC+11) - via <u>www.climateandpeace.com.au</u>

Check out the panel of Industry leaders; **Dr Kerry Schott** – who has recently joined the AGL Board, **Kobad Bhavnagri** - Global Head of Strategy at BloombergNEF - and **Kylie Hargreaves** who heads up the Australian Alliance for Energy Productivity.

And we want your questions – **beforehand** via <u>info@climateandpeace.com.au</u> or online during the webinar. And please tell your colleagues to register on <u>www.climateandpeace.com.au</u>

Rotary Club of Sydney

RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH HOOPS RELOOPED

The founder of **Hoops Relooped**, Bec is a local from Nunawading. She has always loved collecting earrings but doesn't love always buying new products. She went through her (extensive) earring collection in early 2022 and found several pairs that she hadn't worn for years but were too good to throw out. She started pulling the pieces apart, re-working them into new earrings, glued on some new posts and **Hoops Relooped** was born!

Bec said "We take preloved second-hand unwanted jewellery and turn it into new, one-of-a-kind statement earrings. There is already so much "stuff" in the world, why add more when we can use what we already have?"

They source as many of their pieces second hand as they can - think preloved necklaces, earrings and bracelets from friends, family and op shops - they're working towards a circular jewellery economy. They purchase all their backings from women-led small businesses in Adelaide and Brisbane. They endeavour to be plastic free as much as possible - they ship plastic free; use carbon neutral shipping carriers; and use recycled cardboard boxes, eco tape, and recycled paper bags. Bec sees **Hoops Relooped** as her creative outlet away from work and computers.

They are regulars at many markets in the area (see www.hoopsrelooped.com.au). If you have some jewellery, you would like fixing, changing, updating then contact her via the website to chat about it or email her on hello@hoopsrelooped.com.au







SOME OF OUR BLACKBURN MARKET STALLHOLDERS































Come to the Market this month- February 11