



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 29 President: Bill Marsh

3 April 2024

BOB'S BANTER

[BILL'S BY-LINE (Coming soon!)]



Bill is away having a look at Lake Mungo and enjoying a much-deserved rest. He did a great job in the eulogy at Warwick's well-attended memorial service.

Our markets are fast approaching, and we are thrilled that Christine is stepping up yet again to perform her critical role with the square reader.

Plans for the handing in of our charter on 30 June are well in progress.

This week we explore the vital role of Disaster Aid with a welcome and informative site visit.

While we can let us all continue to CREATE HOPE with what we do and speak.

Bob Laslett

NEXT MEETING

8 April

Site Visit to Disaster Aid (see below)

COMING UP

13 April

Blackburn Market

14 April

Whitehorse Farmers Market

15 April

Apprentice Awards

22 April

Michael Sukkar

29 April

Bucatini Fellowship night

*April is
Environmental
Month*

CELEBRATIONS



Let us celebrate our almost 50 years of service to youth.

Dwell on the variety, extent and range of programs and the hundreds of children and families that have been influenced for the better.



Arrangements for Monday 8 April

Vocational Visit to Disaster Aid Australia Office

Thank you for inquiring about a Vocational Visit to the Disaster Aid Australia Office.

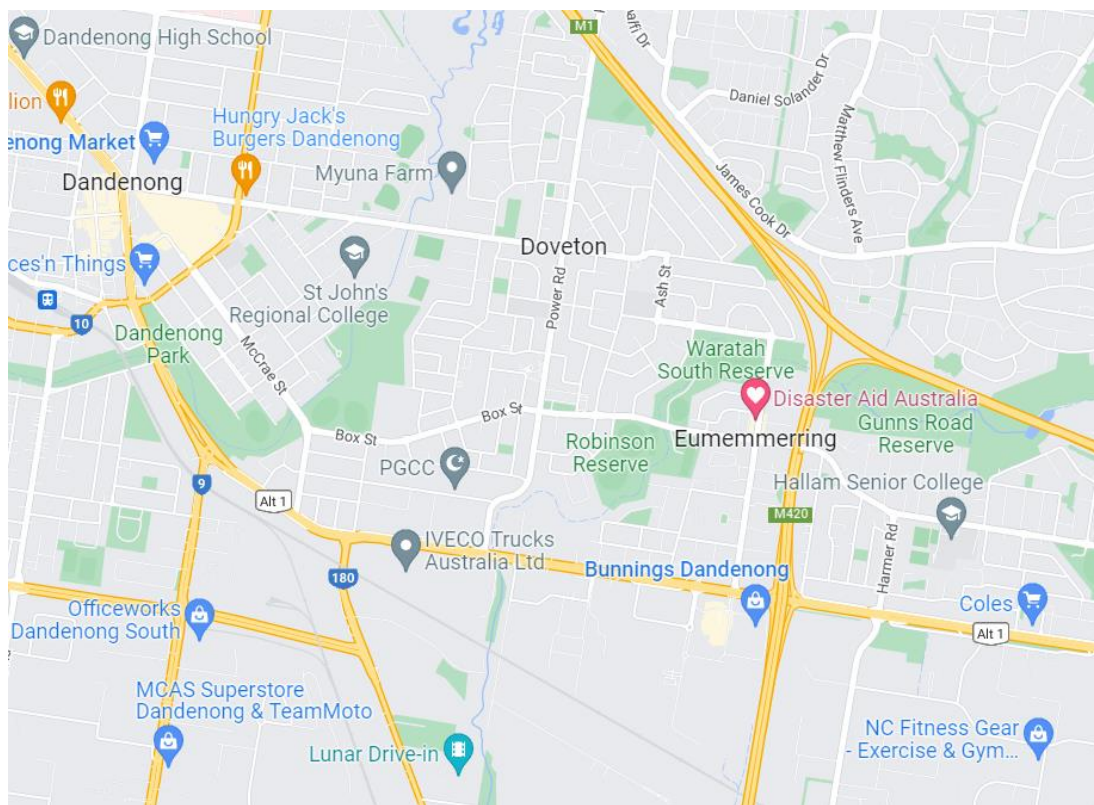
The visit is hosted by our Chair, Peter Faulkner, CEO Brian Ashworth, and director Cherie Ramsay and comprises of the following.

- A tour through the office.
- Demonstration of a working SkyHydrant.
- Presentation of what DAA does and what we have achieved during the pandemic.
- The History of DAA talk by our Chair.
- Main meal, Dessert, tea and coffee.
- Soft drinks are available for purchase and there is a bottle shop just a couple of doors up from our office or your members are welcome to BYO.

Our standard meal offering is Roast chicken with coleslaw, baked potato and BBQ corn and cakes for dessert. We also cater to dietary requirements and are flexible with menu options if you would like to change anything. **We need to have numbers and dietary requirements on Friday to arrange the catering.**

The cost is \$25 each and payment can be made via cash or card on the night, or your members can direct deposit into our account, details are below.

Our address is: 92 Doveton Ave, Eumemmerring



Ron says 6.30pm start. It took him about 35 mins during the day but with traffic going home on the freeway it will be a little longer.

Disaster Aid

Disaster Aid Australia is a Rotary project of the Rotary club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills. It has been operating since 2010 and is run mainly by volunteers. DAA provides disaster relief via our Smart Aid program which aims to deliver sustainable, relevant humanitarian aid in developing countries that have been affected by natural and other disasters. Trained team members work with local partners (NGO's or Rotary clubs) and communities to help re-build using local tradespeople and goods. Through the Safe Water for Every Child program DAA aims to provide safe drinking water to children in developing countries using the SkyHydrant ultrafiltration water filter that is installed in rural communities. These projects are undertaken by our trusted partners who complete community consultations and train the locals to maintain the SkyHydrant to ensure it will last for at least 10 years. Through this program we can provide safe drinking water for less than \$1 per person per year.

There are many Disaster Aid organisations across the world including USA, UK and Ireland, Canada, Malaysia, Europe, Brazil, India, Thailand and Nepal.

MEETING REPORT

• March 25, 2024

We were pleased to have 7 members in attendance and welcomed honorary member Glenys Coates. Apologies from John B and John M. It was great to have Barb Searle back with her new hip.

Our guest speaker did not show- our magic program guy Ron did not have sufficient time to rustle up one. So we finished with a night of Travellers' Tales. Stuart was resplendent in a red Ferrari jacket- anyone would think they won the Grand Prix. We were worried he might have deserted his beloved cats for a prancing horse! Ron produced a photo album from the first 9810 MUNA in 1999. We heard tales of facial recognition, border security, customs and tax office raids as we journeyed around the globe.

Reports:

President Bill reported on his varied dealings with the Bendigo bank as he sorted out the treasurer's role after we lost Warwick unexpectedly. Our term deposits have been readjusted. Our donation to the Alma Doepel is \$2500. Several Rotarians and clubs have wished for their condolences to be passed on to Christine and family.

We have hopes of transferring our market to another club.

John B asked for the YMCA donation to be transferred to Scope.

Sue B reported that Forest Hill Chase were very grateful for half of the money for a new piano and laptop.

Glenys G attended the launch of the new Brickworks Dementia Café and found that they are looking for a sponsor for the Blackburn North cafe.

Raffle winners were Glenys (red), Sue (white) and Glenys (chocolates).

Bob

Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

Working bees are held each month.

Check the date for the next morning and come along if possible.

RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

Every month for the last 10 years or so we have heard the sometimes lively and sometimes plaintive sounds of jazz drifting down over the stalls at the Blackburn Craft Market. The **Skidaddle** group give their time freely to entertain us while clearly having fun (or is it that they would play anywhere for a free sausage at the end of the morning?). If you haven't met them, they are Richard Desmond (cornet), Dave O'Sullivan (drums), Jim Badger (banjo), Ezra Kawadlo (trombone), Simon Gilbert (guitar), Tony Lee (clarinet), and Rod Evans (double bass). Richard and others also sing. So next time you are at the craft market, go up, say hello, smile, tap your feet, sing along - they'll love you for it. Rod is their low-profile leader and told me they are available for parties, and for gigs particularly their 16-piece big band that plays swing music mostly from the 30's and 40's. You may have seen and heard some of the other bands they play in, which include the Dandenong Ranges Hot Jazz Orchestra, South Dereel City Stompers, U3A Big Band, and the Diamond Valley Big Band, too many to list. Many in the band will be playing at the Port Fairy Jazz Festival in February 2024. As I was listening to them play, I heard one say let's change the key to ..., I didn't realise it but all these guys read music as well..... and there was me thinking they just play it all by ear.

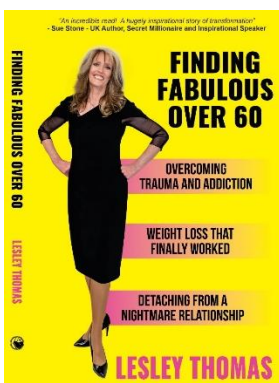
So if you want to hire them please contact: rode.evans@macrodynamics.com.au





THE SKIDADDLE GROUP

SOME OF OUR BLACKBURN MARKET STALLHOLDERS





Come and frequent the Market Saturday–April 13

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