



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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President: Bill Marsh

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BILL'S BY-LINE



Our Apprentice Awards evening was very successful with members having the opportunity to chat to two of the recipients of the Ford Davis Award. An extra bonus for us, and the apprentices, was having Peter and Pam Davis and Gary Davis join us for the evening. It is always a pleasure to have any of the family to our meetings and they enjoyed being able to meet the boys they were assisting with the awards.

Over the last week we have had a number of donations made to our RAWCS project account for Hope Katolo Nursery School (Project ID is 38-2021-22). As a result of these donations we were able to transfer \$855 to Hope Katolo. Since the transfer was made several more donations have been received and we will be able to transfer these in the next few days. Anyone can donate to this project. You just need to hop onto the RAWCS website, put in the Project ID number and then follow the prompts. Donations are tax deductible and you will be helping a wonderful group of kids, their families and teachers get a better life.



| District 9810 Conference 2023 | Canberra |

Rotary

For the last week Judy and I have been enjoying many great experiences in Canberra (except for the road system that seems to be determined to confuse visitors). Friday to Sunday was our District Conference which was a super, successful event. Great speakers, heaps of exhibitors, good food and then a fantastic evening in the Great Hall at Parliament House. Congratulations to all who helped put the Conference together – you can be proud of the result.

There is no meeting this coming week (13th March) and then on the 20th we will have Norm Boreham speaking to us about the sailing ship 'Alma Doepel'.

The club will be sponsoring 4 students and a teacher from Forest Hill College at the International Women's Day Breakfast on the 8th March.

Enjoy your week. Stay safe and don't forget the markets.

Bill

March is
Water and Sanitation
Month

NEXT WEEK

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| 20 March | Norm Boreham | The 'Alma Doepel' |
| Chairperson: | Glenys Grant | |
| Greeter: | John McPhee | |
| Notes for "Happenings" | Ron Brooks | |
| Thanks | Bob Laslett | |

COMING UP

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| 11 March | Blackburn Market |
| 12 March | Whitehorse Farmers Market |
| 13 March | No meeting |
| 27 March | Conference Reports |

CELEBRATIONS



Whoopee! John Bindon's birthday tomorrow.



Meeting Report

Monday 27 February; attendance 15

President Bill Marsh welcomed us all especially the Davis family representatives Gary, Peter and Pam and our speakers Jeremy Calf and Alvin Assangi and their partners Diane and Megan.

Weekly reports

Bill mentioned the Maroondah Gala night for mental health on 18 March and the upcoming Rotaract Giant Monopoly night.

Warwick requested help for the market next month.

Bob L reported on inspiring district youth meeting and no newsletter next week.

Sue told of Peridot night and reminded that there would be no Friday night film in March.

Meeting

Chair Bill handed over the meeting to host Sue Ballard. She promptly asked Bill to outline the significance of this Apprentice Awards evening and the outstanding contributions of Graham Taylor and Ford Davis. He did this ably in his usual confident manner. Sue then used a carefully crafted Q and A session to discover more about our automotive awardee Jeremy and our carpentry apprentice Alvin.



Alvin, Jeremy and Sue

The young men acquitted themselves well as they spoke of their backgrounds, reasons for their career choice, how they found their employer, dealing with bullying and a range of other questions. Gary and Peter contributed valuable insights from their experiences. Sue explained that Jessica Jolley the refrigeration awardee was unfortunately unable to be present but was interested in electronics as well as refrigeration. Another successful evening.





President Bill closed the meeting after unwrapping the raffle winners Barbara S, Gary Davis and Bill M. The raffle raised \$49.

Bob Laslett

POLIO News

For polio eradication efforts, 2022 brought good news. Fewer genetic strains of the virus are circulating than ever before. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only two countries where polio remains endemic. And support from political, medical, and community leaders in those areas has strengthened vaccination efforts during the past year. Global support for polio eradication also reached new heights, as was proven at the World Health Summit in October, when Rotary and international partners and donors pledged a combined US\$2.6 billion to eradicate the disease.

There were challenges in 2022 as well. The poliovirus appeared in places it hasn't been for a long time: Israel, the United Kingdom, and the United States, to name a few. Wild poliovirus cases were reported in Mozambique, related to the 2021 case in Malawi caused by wild poliovirus imported from Pakistan. News of these cases didn't slow our eradication efforts, however. If anything, it made us even more determined. **Now is our best chance to finish the fight against polio.**

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!

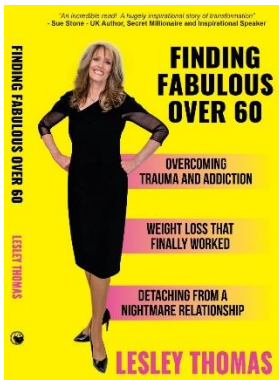
Bec said "We take preloved second-hand unwanted jewellery and turn it into new, one-of-a-kind statement earrings. There is already so much "stuff" in the world, why add more when we can use what we already have?"

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 next month- March 11