



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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President: John Bindon

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## MOVING FORWARD



Wow April already! The year is ticking along and before we know it daylight saving is all but finished and Easter is almost here. Sure, signs that winter is once again, just around the corner.

Rotary has always been active in our community and residents benefit from our friendly, supportive culture that underpins an active Rotary club. Unfortunately, even though covid still makes us all nervous, March proved to be a turning point.

Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and get the Rotary wheel moving again within our community.

This coming Saturday, 9th. April, is the Blackburn Arts & Craft Market, and we are looking forward to a fine day with good public support for our stallholders.

The following day will be Whitehorse Farmers' Market, and both markets give our club good financial support, where the funds are directed back into our local community.

John Bindon

Pres

## ShelterBox Aid Arrives in Ukraine

Thanks to your generous donations, the first shipments of ShelterBox aid have arrived in Ukraine. Thousands of our mattresses have arrived in Ukraine, they will be distributed to collective centres in Lviv this week, offering people somewhere to sleep and keep warm at night. Bales of thermal blankets, pallets of Shelter Kits, solar lights and other essential items are on their way.

But our work does not stop there. Your continuing support is helping us reach people who urgently need shelter and support - both within Ukraine and in neighbouring countries. Watch our latest video update from Martin in Moldova.

## THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S FOUR CHALLENGES (From the DG's newsletter)

Since I was appointed to the position of DGN some years ago, I set each of the Presidents and their clubs Four Challenges from the District Governor and they have been listed in every edition of this Newsletter. With just three months of this Rotary year left, it is time for all of us to revisit them and to measure how we are going in our Rotary work and especially when measured against the Four Challenges. I encourage **EVERY** member of our District to examine how their club is progressing in this Rotary year and see what else could be achieved to help your President and club reach their Rotary goals for 2021-22.

### How is your club going?

DG's 4 CHALLENGES for 2021 - 22

<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">1. CLUB EXCELLENCE</p> <p>How are <b>YOU</b> making your club and its activities attractive to potential members and also retaining your current Rotarians?</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">2. CLUB INNOVATION</p> <p>How are <b>YOU</b> building a culture of innovation and a willingness to take safe risks?</p>
<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">3. ROTARY FAMILY</p> <p>How is <b>YOUR</b> club maintaining, nurturing and extending our Rotary 'Family'?</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">4. ROTARY SUPPORT</p> <p>Is <b>YOUR</b> club doing all it can to support the work of Rotary in your community and the wider world?</p>

## HYBRID MEETING in BOX

By the time you receive this email, the next online training session of our District's Hybrid meeting in a Box will have been completed. On behalf of the District, I would like to express my thanks to all members of the D9810 Tech Comm Committee, so ably chaired by Trish Carr (Box Hill Burwood) and its members, Peter Dalwood (Boronia), Gus Roszycki (Belgrave and Joady Barnes (Doncaster). As you can see by the accompanying list, 24 clubs have received District Grants to assist them as they embrace the world of Hybrid Rotary meetings. No other District in Zone 8 (Australia, NZ and 14 PI nations) has embraced this innovation to such an extent and for these clubs it gives them greater flexibility in how they meet and opens us the whole world to any guests or speakers they might choose to invite to their club. Well done to these 24 clubs, and at least 5 or 6 other clubs who were already working in a hybrid fashion, who see that this is the way of the future and are prepared to accept the challenge and make it work!

HYBRID MEETING IN A BOX

	\$800	\$400
	Clubs supplied with new equipment	Clubs supplied with funds to upgrade current equipment
Templestowe	Emerald and District	
Monash	Rowville-Lysterfield	
Box Hill Burwood	Rotaract Club - Monash	
Marsdenham	Fernree Gully	
MASH	Glen Waverley	
Belgrave	Hampton	
Knox	Montbuk	
Lilydale	OCH	
Mt Waverley	Boronia	
Beaumaris	Rotaract Club - Whitehorse	
Baywater		
Noble-Park-Dingley		
Doncaster		
Mordialloc		

24 Grants = \$15,200

TRAINING and HYBRID HANDOVER SCHEDULE

1. TRAINING – PART 2 (online)  
From 11.00am – 12.00 noon on SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL

2. TRAINING – PART 3 (in-person)  
HAND OVER of EQUIPMENT  
From 10.00am – 12.00 noon on SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL at the Eastern Innovation Centre, SAHartnett Close, Mulgrave.

NB. Two or more Club Members must attend to receive their allotted equipment

## CONCLUSION

This month in the Rotary calendar is **Maternal and Child Health Month** and I would encourage those of you who visited the Mini Green Expo at the District Conference to keep some of the ideas you gained in mind as you consider how you could complete your community service in the remainder of this Rotary year. Days for Girls, Water and Sanitation programs, Operation Toilets,

Donations in Kind and Light up Timor might just be the projects you were looking for to ensure that you keep - **'Serving to Change Lives.'**

## MEETING REPORT

Chairperson Barbara Searle opened the meeting and welcomed guests, members and introduced Pres John.

Pres John made two toasts, first to our great country Australia, second to Rotary international. John also welcomed members and guests and commented on how great it was to see so many people in attendance.

### Committee reports:

International/Foundation: chairperson Bob Laslett, reported that Shelter Boxes were being prepared for Ukraine.

Markets: this coming Saturday will be the Blackburn Arts & Crafts market, and a roster sheet was put out at the meeting for members who are attending. Warwick Stott reminded all members that the Whitehorse Farmers' Market is on this coming Sunday and members had already been informed of the roster.

Program. Ron Brooks informed the club that the speaker next Mon 11<sup>th</sup> April will be Alan Crawford topic "Birds in our Suburbs". He is a Rotarian.

Chairperson Barbara Searle introduced Sue Ballard to conduct the Apprenticeship Award Program. Sue introduced **Jeanette Toull** who is the business manager of Box Hill Institute. Jeanette informed the meeting that her main responsibility was working with students, seeking funds for student scholarships, student awards etc. Jeanette went on to inform us how they chose the award winners and going through the steps with students of their expectations.

Sue then invited Bob Williams to introduce **Wei Jian Chan**.

Wei spoke about his work and has a keen interest in protecting the environment and climate change. Wei thanked the Davis family for their support which had given him a great deal of confidence in his work.

Employer: SmarGEN.

Wei Jiani **Chan** studying Certificate III in Electrotechnology and is in the second year of his apprenticeship

Wei Jian works with SmartGEN, a company specializing in solar systems, air-conditioning and electrical works and maintenance. Exposure to solar design to protect the environment with climate change interests him. He wants to one day implement green energy technology and educate people about green energy which is important for our future generation. He learns from his fellow workers, is always curious and wants to consider different ideas to better equip himself in the electrical industry for the future.

Sue then invited Bob Laslett to introduce **Jacob Keele**.

Jacob informed his audience that from when he was a young boy he enjoyed playing with wood and making things. He was thrilled in receiving the tools to assist him in his work for many years to come. When asked about his future work said he hoped to take over the company! Jacob thanked the Rotary club and its sponsors for his award, which was a great surprise to him.

**Employer: Wattle Valley Kitchens - Terry Bronstring**

Jacob is studying Certificate 1/1 in Cabinet Making and is in the second year of his apprenticeship. Jacob always liked woodwork and making and designing things with his hands. Jacob started working at Wattle Valley Kitchens 3 days a week in a VCAL program and then in March 2020, commenced an apprenticeship.

Jacob wants to learn as many techniques as possible from other trades while working on the jobs to gain various skills for the future.

Jacob said winning the Rotary Club of Forest Hill Ford David Award is great for his self-confidence and to be recognized for working hard and doing an excellent job by his teacher Ross Barden is a real honor. Congratulations Jacob!

**Alexandra Calcraft** was the third awardee but due to illness Alexandra was unable to attend.

Alexandra is studying Certificate 11/ in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology and is in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of her apprenticeship.

Alexandra's interest and passion for cars started at a youthful age when she worked with her grandfather and father on Holdens and old vehicles. After completing a pre-apprenticeship course at Box Hill Institute, Alexandra commenced an apprenticeship with VACC and host employer, Etheridge Ford. Alexandra said Etheridge Ford is a great employer, always helpful and knowledgeable and have provided her with the opportunity to work on bigger jobs all by herself. Alexandra said she is honored to receive the award as she has never done this well in anything before.

The Rotary club of Forest Hill, along with the Davis family, was thanked for the ongoing support in assisting apprentices over many years.

John Bindon.



**Jacob, Jeanette, Sue and Wei**

## April is Maternal & Child Health Month

### CELEBRATIONS



This week we can celebrate the years of service given to the club by John Donaghey. John, who is now an Honorary Member and is enjoying life in Ocean Grove, joined Rotary in 1992.



### NEXT MEETING

11<sup>th</sup> Apr – Ian Crawford – “Birds in our Suburbs” (Bucatini)

### COMING UP

18<sup>th</sup> Apr – No Meeting (Easter Monday)

25<sup>th</sup> Apr – No Meeting (Anzac Day)

2<sup>nd</sup> May – Guest speaker arranged by Youth Co-ordinator

9<sup>th</sup> May – Members speak about work experiences that left their mark.

### SPROUTINGS

Here are some more great opportunities for you to enjoy and to help further your interest and skills in the environment.

#### What's on at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary.

#### **City Nature Challenge April 29 to May 2**

**Be a Citizen Scientist for these four days!**



**Let's turn our cameras on Eastern Melbourne's outstanding urban biodiversity! *To get involved***

1. Download the free iNaturalist app,
2. Look out for wild plants and animals, in the bush, or at home, to photograph from Friday 29 April to Monday 2 May.
3. Upload your photographs to the app.

***A detailed program of CNC events at the Sanctuary will be advertised soon!***

## Breakfast with the Birds ~ Autumn Survey



**Saturday APRIL 23 7.30 for 8 – 10am**

Bring binoculars if you have them, and **kids, please bring an adult!**

*Join our expert leaders Ian Moodie & Greg Oakley, stay for raisin toast, & help tally up the numbers for this autumn.*

**Or join the next working bee at the Sanctuary on Saturday April 23, 9.30am. For further information contact Su and Peter 9878 6829 / 0437 172 333**

## What's on in Whitehorse.



**Caring for our Creepy Crawlies**

**When:** Wednesday 27 April, 7 - 8:30pm

**Where:** Online

**Bookings essential:** [Click here](#)  
or email [green@whitehorse.vic.gov.au](mailto:green@whitehorse.vic.gov.au)

Invertebrates are vital for healthy habitats, and most gardeners want to support the bees, bugs, butterflies, spiders and more! But are you seeing fewer of these fascinating critters in our back yards than we used to? Join Dr Lizzy Lowe, entomologist from Cesar Australia, to hear about how invertebrates are coping in urban areas, how climate change might impact them and what we as gardeners can do to help.

## What's on at Open Gardens, Victoria.



**'A Day out with Dahlias' Sunday April 10, 2022**

Spend half a day with passionate dahlia grower, Sue Morrison in her beautiful Western Victoria garden

@the flowernut.

Learn all about dahlias - from the tubers and how to divide and store them, to the best growing conditions,

to how to achieve the best blooms.

**Where:** Wooriwryite near Terang. The address will be provided after booking with Trybooking. Afternoon tea included.



### Coliban Springs, Redesdale

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 April Book via Trybooking

[Coliban Springs](#) is wonderful large garden which started life as sheep paddocks, but when the Gibson's arrived in 2004 a garden was a priority. So began the journey.

There are many points of interest, including a deck area that overlooks the lake, many sculptures throughout the garden, a gorgeous rose arbour and other rose plantings spread throughout. There are two lovely lush lawn areas, a fun children's play area in the garden and an amazing grass tree planting grown from seeds by the owner.

This is a garden not only for birds, but for people as there are wonderful seating areas throughout and a sense of being in a garden as well as being in nature.

**Where:** 866 Coliban Park Road, Redesdale Vic 3444

**Times:** 10am-4.30pm

**Entry:** \$10 adults, \$6 students, under 18 free

### What's on at ESRAG.

(as these talks are at 1am AEST, here is the YouTube information for last month for you to use.)

#	Date	Presenter	Topic	Domain Focus	URL-YouTube
CP5a	9-Mar	Surender Gupta	Erase the E-Waste	Circular Economy	<a href="https://youtu.be/p33n4UFLng4">https://youtu.be/p33n4UFLng4</a>
CP5c	9-Mar-	Dr Jeni Padua	Eco-Entrepreneurs	Sustainable living	<a href="https://youtu.be/fVnocjBBshM">https://youtu.be/fVnocjBBshM</a>
54	16-Mar-	Dr Tristan Campbell	Hotspot Restoration	Biodiversity	<a href="https://youtu.be/FH46pNgMx_g">https://youtu.be/FH46pNgMx_g</a>
55	30-Mar-	Dr Yasar Atacik	Circular Economy, the future	Circular Economy	<a href="https://youtu.be/YHqnKNrqn8I">https://youtu.be/YHqnKNrqn8I</a>

### ESRAG Oceania.

I will forward the ESRAG Oceania Sustainability News, March Edition to our RCFH club members. If you see any project you think our club can do, let me know.

***Anyone else interested in receiving a copy, please email me- glen.grant008@gmail.com***

It is full of exciting news: from bee information, to RC Berwick's attendance at CUAD, to environmental sustainability volunteering, to a club providing cleverly camouflaged monitoring cameras for spotting wildlife, to many Rotary grants and large-scale projects and, for the children, how to recycle old broken crayons.

It also contains a summary of the presentation by Marie Gerrard on Virology and animal to human transfer, which I had attended and found very interesting.

**April Chapter Meeting:** Tuesday 19 April at 7.30pm on ZOOM.

**Guest Speaker will be Rupert Maloney, the Head of Hydrogen at the Clean Energy Finance Corporation. Rupert is leading the effort to establish the CEFC as a market leader and investor in the commercialisation of the hydrogen sector across Australia.**

**Advancing Hydrogen Fund - Clean Energy Finance Corporation ([cefc.com.au](http://cefc.com.au))**

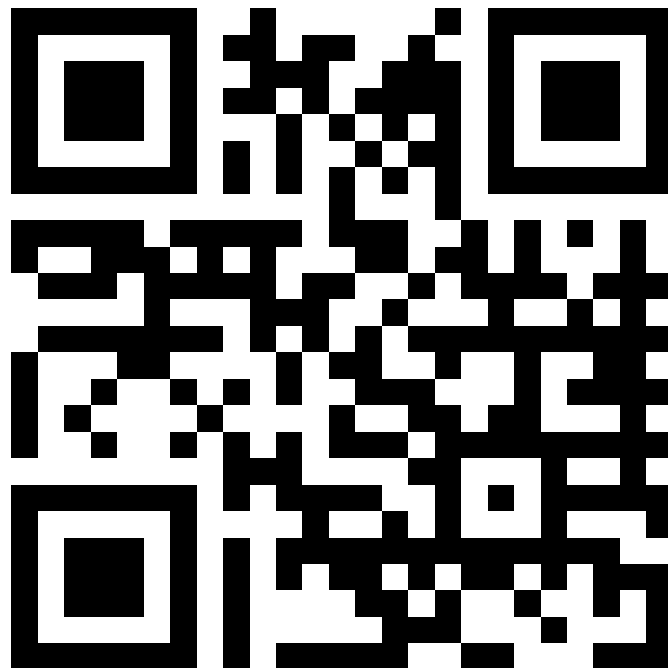
ESRAG Oceania Chapter Meeting

Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 7.30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598376225>

*I hope you have found something in the column this week to enjoy and perhaps share with the children or grandchildren over the school holidays.*

*Glenys*



**SCAN ME**

**My thanks to Bob Laslett for his work in publishing the newsletter over the last couple of weeks while I have been enjoying myself touring around Tasmania. A great job, Bob.  
Bill**



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

### MAST GULLY NURSERY

Mast Gully Nursery stall is operated by Jenny Lee. She has been part of the Blackburn Craft Market for over 20 years, about 5 years after she started her business on 5 acres of land Upwey. Jenny runs a wholesale flower business during the week but at weekends you'll find her at markets selling plants. She goes to six different markets including Rotary markets at Nunawading, Doncaster and Warrandyte. The plants started as a hobby which soon grew into a business. She has a large variety of potted plants but specialises in helibores and would love to talk to you at the market about her passion for her self-propagated plants which probably accounts for half her stock with the other half coming from nurseries in the Monbulk area. Just recently she has downsized her block though keeps the same number of plants for sale. While Spring may be her busiest time as people start to think about what new plants they'll plant out, Jenny says she's pretty busy throughout the year. She is thrilled with the new Blackburn Craft Market setup so come and see her next to the rotunda and perhaps listen to jazz at the same time. You can always contact her at [donallan@bigpond.com](mailto:donallan@bigpond.com)



# We will be back soon - COME TO THE MARKET



Market operates on the second Saturday each month (except for January)