



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 34

President: Bill Marsh

22 March 2023

BILL'S BY-LINE



Interesting speakers just keep on turning up at our weekly meeting. Actually, they don't just 'turn up', a great deal of work goes into sourcing interesting speakers and then arranging for them to speak to the club on particular nights that are suitable for them and the club.

Monday was the latest example when we had Norm Boreham speak to us about the 'Alma Doepel' project. It was great to be able to welcome Anne Teese (MASH), Jan Cook (Mitcham) and Shia Smart (Nunawading) to the meeting as they sort to gather information about the project to take back to their clubs. I am looking forward to working with them to support this project.

Norm would be happy to present to any other club that may be interested in finding out about the proud history of this beautiful ship.

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Next week we will hear from those who went to Conference in Canberra and also check up on progress of a number of programs as the end of the Rotary Year rapidly approaches.

While we receive very little 'snail mail' these days it was lovely to get a hand written note from Jessica Redwood (CEO Children First Foundation) telling us how much she enjoyed her visit to the club and thanking us for our donation to support their work.

Enjoy your week. Stay safe.

Bill

March is
Water and Sanitation
Month

NEXT WEEK

27 March

Conference Reports

Chairperson:	Glenys Grant
Greeter:	John McPhee
Notes for "Happenings"	Ron Brooks
Thanks	Barbara Searle

COMING UP

All will be revealed when Ron gets off his bike. (can't wait for that!)

CELEBRATIONS



All the best to John Bindon
as he recovers.



Meeting Report March 20, 2023

The Chair was Glenys Grant

• Acknowledgement of country.

I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay my respects to Elders past and present.

• Acknowledgement of Australia & RI

Toast our wonderful country, Australia, and our equally wonderful organisation, Rotary International.

Glenys welcomed:

Speaker Norm Boreham, Vice President, of the Alma Doepel Supporters club.

Visiting Rotarians: Anne Teese (MASH), Jan Cook (Mitcham), and Shia Smart (Nunawading)
Seven members and partners Judy Marsh and Judy Laslett.

Apologies: Sue Ballard, John Bindon, Ron Brooks

Future apologies: John McPhee.

Presentation: President Bill received a presentation of 500 used stamps. These are to be donated to the Rotary Trachoma Eye Project.

Reports:

President Bill Marsh: listed current items of interest.

We will not conduct a sausage sizzle at our April market. Stall holders can attend for free. Our club will have one or two members present to assist if required.

We received thank you notes from Childrens First Foundation. They gave us a wonderful acknowledgement in their Annual Report.

Secretary:

- PO Box to be closed.
- Box Hill non cashed cheques sorted out with school

International:

- Fiji Eye report in previous newsletter

Youth

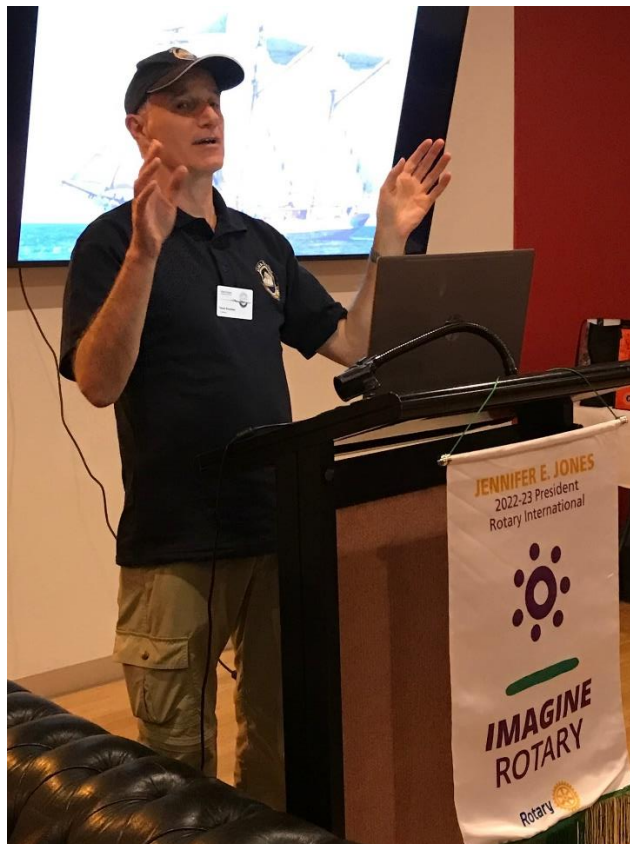
- MUNA: Glenys attended the first 2023 combined 9810 & 9820 Model United Nations Assembly meeting.
- Timetable is mainly organised and a subcommittee for resolutions has been formed.
- MUNA will be held on August 19 at Nossal High School, Berwick in the auditorium which is a large venue.
- All Rotarians supporting the event will require a current WWC, and a completed Form 3 or Form 4. That is to be sent to the 9820 Youth Protection Officer by Sept 20.
- Resolutions to be debated will include UN Environment issues.

Environment report.

- A meeting has been organised with Forest Hill College and Council reps to further discuss an **environment focused Kids Teaching Kids forum**.
- The Victorian KTK committee have been contacted for advice.

Speaker:

- Norm Boreham - Vice President of the Alma Doepel Supporters Club. Norm grew up and was educated in the Whitehorse area. He spent his working life in finance and business management.



- Having owned a wooden boat since age 14 he had a natural affinity with them and particularly for sleek multi masted white hulled sailing ships with beautiful white sails. After he'd been tempted on a 10 day voyage as an indentured crew member on a 2 masted Brig from Melbourne to Hobart in 2013 a fellow member of the Melbourne based Wooden Boat Association put out a call for help with an Open Day at the *Alma Doepel* restoration. Norm responded and was immediately hooked! AK82 had a passionate advocate.



Norm had a powerpoint presentation that gave us the history of the ship and documented the restoration so far. From now to full restoration will take approximately 2 years if they raise \$5.4 million. It is planned to offer a 9-day cruise to young people as a training, growth opportunity. It is anticipated that the students would be from years 9 to 11. Our Rotary District has shown some interest in assisting.



- Bob Laslett thanked speaker.

Raffle raised **\$57**

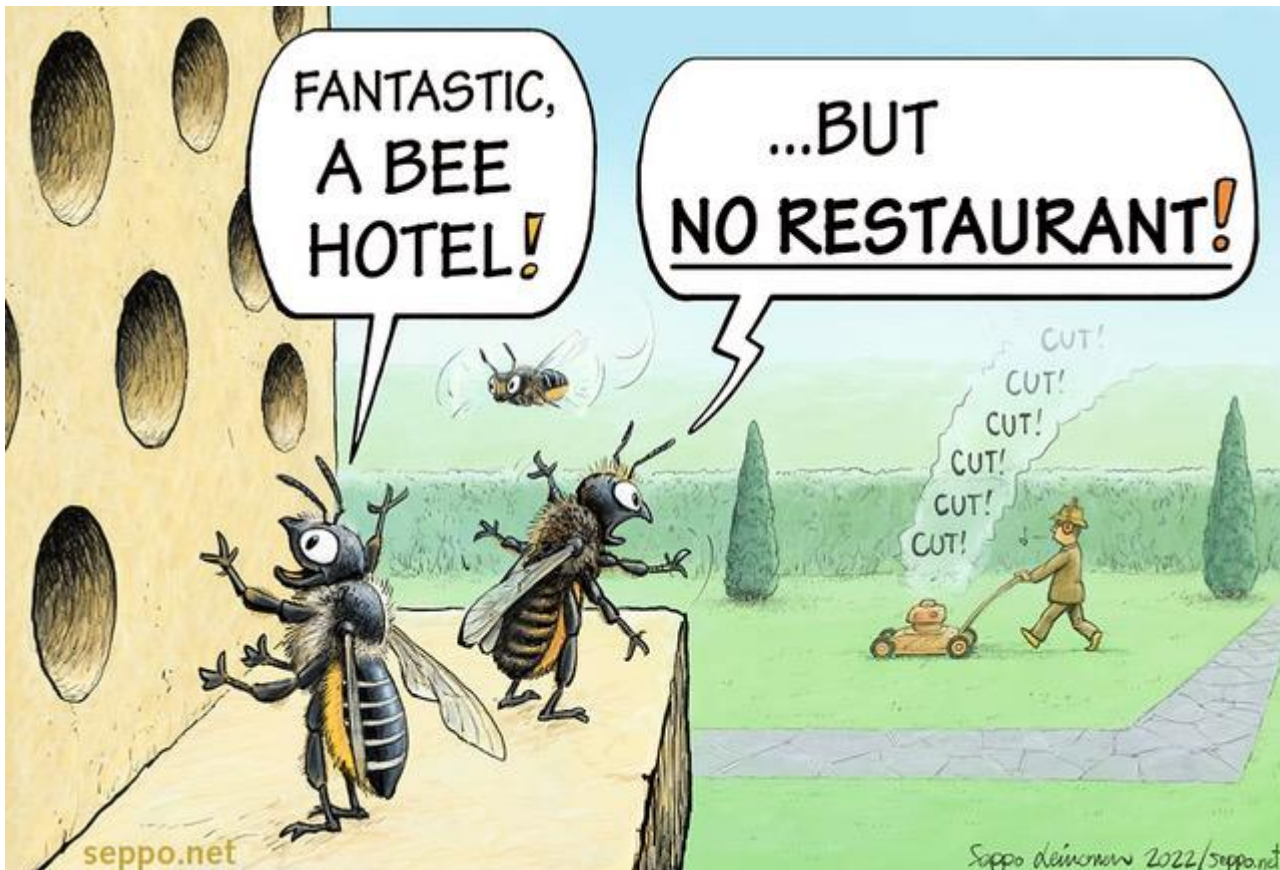
Raffle Winners: Bob, Warwick and Mitcham president Jan.
The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Stuart (and Glenys)

Sproutings

There is no detailed Sproutings Enviro column this week, but this cartoon is in "Nature" ie Posted in [Nature](#) |

It's perfect - Especially since we supported the students Bee Book and also the Bee homes in the indigenous garden at Forest Hill College.



Bee hotels help wild solitary bees & wasps. Rotten tree trunks and open sandy patches are good for them.

But pollinators also need food. So mow less grass & leave wild areas for wild flowers in the garden, please!

World Water Day -today



<https://www.worldwaterday.org/>

RYDA

The next RYDA day with Forest Hill involvement is Monday 24 April at Springvale.

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?”

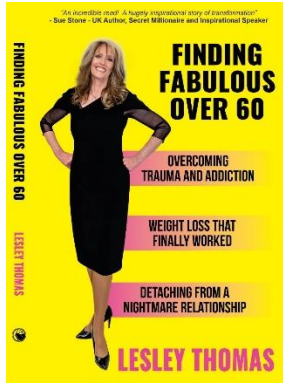
They source as many of their pieces second hand as they can - think preloved necklaces, earrings and bracelets from friends, family and op shops - they're working towards a circular jewellery economy. They purchase all their backings from women-led small businesses in Adelaide and Brisbane. They endeavour 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- April 8