



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No 35

President: Sue Ballard

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Shhhh!! Read quietly. It has been a busy week and Sue is having a rest. She will be back behind her desk next week.

MEETING REPORT

It was delightful to have 29 people at our special meeting celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australasia. It also happened to be Paul Harris's 153rd birthday. We were honoured to be joined by Glenys Coates, Peter and Pam Davis, Kathy and John Donaghey, Heather Bremner, David and Carole McNamara, Heather Neilson, Margaret Taylor and Kevin Grigsbey. Unfortunately, Lynne was not well enough to join us and we hope and pray she is feeling better. Kevin and Lynne have had a number of health issues for the last 5 years.

With our club members and their wives there, we had 24 of the 46 presidential teams who have lead our club represented.

Stuart Williams chaired the meeting.

President Sue welcomed our visitors and conducted the toasts.

We looked at many photos compiled by Ray Smith and Bob Williams. Ron Brooks had put them together in Power Point presentations.

Stuart gave a brief history of the club that emphasized the contribution our club had made to Rotary International, Rotary Australia, our district 9810 and our local community.

He commented that our club had been fortunate to have - visionary leaders and members, creative committee people, practical- "make it happen people" and even people who just "get in there" and do the work required.

Pam and Peter Davis proudly represented our founding father and early visionary, Ford Davis. The four wives of past presidents, Glenys, Margaret and the two Heathers have continued to support us.

Stuart had invited a number of people who had had interactions with our club to comment on the "impact Rotary had had on their lives. Many took the opportunity to reply. Their replies were marvellous and made us all feel extremely proud.

David read his daughter's reply. He also spoke of Antti who had also sent a brief message. Glenys Grant read the replies from 2 recent award winners and Ron Brooks read a wonderful, detailed reply from past exchange student Mizuki Toyoda. Stuart read a beautiful piece written by Carmina, a Mexican exchange student in his first presidential term.

We had photos to accompany many of the responses. Hope Katolo creator, Melanie Haley sent us a message and Georgina, the Head Teacher, at Hope Katolo wrote a thankful piece. We had photos of the water tanks we funded.

Our good friend, Past International President, Ian Riseley in his piece said- "The character of a club is represented by the people it attracts and retains as members, and the two examples he mentioned PDG Bob Laslett and incoming President John Bindon , show why Forest Hill is a fine club.

We raised \$122 with the raffle. We had Rotary 100yr coins, a First Day cover acknowledging Rotary in Australia and wine and chocolates as prizes.

Stuart closed with-

Rotary might look different in the future but we can be confident that our core values of service, fellowship, leadership, diversity and integrity will unite us and drive us forward.

Rotary- truly an organization that gives ordinary people the opportunity to be involved in extraordinary experiences.

There was a lot of chatting after the meeting was closed.

Stuart



April is Maternal & Child Health Month

NEXT MEETING

3rd May – Trivia Quiz

COMING UP

26 th April -	No Meeting (Anzac Day)
3 rd May -	Trivia Quiz
7 th May -	First Friday Film Night
8 th May -	Blackburn Market
9 th May -	Whitehorse Farmers' Market
10 th May -	Youth – FHC Enviro Speakers

CELEBRATIONS



Coming up are two wonderful chances to celebrate.

On 26th April John McPhee has a birthday. (That many candles could be classed as a bushfire, John.)

On 28th April Ron & Robbie Brookes celebrate their Wedding Anniversary.

Best Wishes from all at RCFH.



SPROUTINGS

This week I have included again the invitation to be involved in the City Nature Challenge, a global event. It's being held 30/4 -3/5 and there plenty of choices of events to attend.

All you need is to get the iNaturalist app and take some photos at one of the many events listed, or on a walk, in a park, or in your garden. INaturalist does the rest and you have helped the global environment community! Details:

<https://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/waste-environment/trees-and-gardens/wildlife-guests-and-pests/wildlife/city-nature-challenge>

The really good news is that you can attend an in-person INaturalist training session run by Monash University at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary on Friday, April 23. 10am Let me know if you are interested in attending.

Glenys

RCFH Youth Environment Project

Our Youth Environment project at Forest Hill College is progressing well. Adrienne Baucke, the projects co-ordinator, invited me there this week to meet the VCal year 11 students involved - and what an enthusiastic bunch they are!

We were with Belinda Moody, Manager, Whitehorse Gardens for Wildlife programs, who gave them a talk on the excellent environmental impact of indigenous plantings.

The students are now working on their timeline and their requirements - for instance, what tools they will require, what plant removal is needed and where to get watering and mulch. Some students have already volunteered to look after certain aspects. One is seeking out mulch, hoping to get it for free if possible.

Our plan is to ensure students own the project and not feel we are working out everything for them.

We are helping them with contacts, ideas and options, as well as the budget and will visit them regularly but the final decisions will be theirs.

Next week some members of the Gardens for Wildlife group will be there with us, and the students will break into small groups with them to discuss the plants for the pond and garden beds.

On May 10 Adrienne and Belinda will attend the Rotary meeting and talk about the project and the impact it will have on the school, students and environment. I invite as many as possible to attend this evening – just let Ray know for bookings.

Here are some photos of the area as it is now for your interest.





Scan Me!!

OUR 100 YEARS OF ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA DINNER.

A great night and a chance to welcome back some old friends.

(There was a great deal of talking!!)











RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

Powerhouse Cheese

Barbara Power started making her own cheeses over 10 years ago. With a degree in Microbiology she had a good scientific foundation to base her production. Two years ago, she started up her own commercial business **Powerhouse Cheese** and persuaded her sister, Donna Hall, who also has a Science degree, to leave her native New Zealand and join her in this venture. These two Artisan Cheesemakers use cow's milk in small 100 litre batches of milk from St David's Dairy in Fitzroy. They sell their cheeses at markets every Saturday and Sunday around the Melbourne area or you can order on line for pick up on Monday afternoon. The rest of the week you will find them busy in their cheesery making their standard Blackburn Blue, Whitehorse White and Ash Bree cheeses or producing new varieties like their Bellbird Blue or a surface ripened Rosella Red which may become another standard offering in the future. Certainly, these two talented very local artisan cheesemakers running **Powerhouse Cheese** have a future.

www.powerhousecheese.com.au



Hi Everybody,

Celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australia.

Don't miss the first and only 2021 opportunity for a face-to-face catch up with Rotarians from D9810, their families and friends, Rotaractors, Interactors and Earlyactors. Everybody is welcome so please spread the word to family and friends.

Come along and take part in the Monash Cluster's handover of the R100 Baton, enjoy a BYO picnic in the park, view the small but select display of Rotary's Australian history and current club activities. You can also have some fun by flying a kite or joining the Rotary Bee World Record Waggle Dance Challenge attempt at 2pm.

It all happens at Jells Park, Wheelers Hill on Saturday May 15th. Gates open at 10am.

Registration is free, however we need to know numbers in these current COVID times so please register by clicking on the link below:

www.trybooking.com/BQKBP

Let's have some fun and celebrate a wonderful Rotary milestone.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Should you require further details contact: 0448 445574.

Regards

Ken Miller

R100 Committee Chair

PS: If you want to know what the waggle dance is click on link below

<https://bit.ly/2RGPQZJ>

'PICNIC IN THE PARK'

ENJOY A FABULOUS FAMILY FUN DAY AT JELL'S PARK
TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF ROTARY.
B.Y.O. EVERYTHING! (10.00AM-3.00PM)

Rotary District 9810

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

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A WORLD RECORD
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DOING THE FUNKY
WAGGLE DANCE
IN ANY ONE PLACE
AT ANY ONE TIME

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