



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 37

President: John Bindon

11 May 2022

MOVING FORWARD



Just when we thought we had plain sailing towards the end of the Rotary year without any interruption, I now find out that I have been infected by COVID, which has made me feel very tired and lacking motivation.

Special thanks to those members who were able to step up to keep the club moving.

Last Sunday Whitehorse Cluster had a successful Whitehorse Farmers' Market. This coming Saturday our club has its own Blackburn Arts and Craft Market, and we are looking forward to mild weather which will result in a good turnout.

In our last market we found the new barbecue trailer worked out very well, saving our members a lot of heavy lifting of the equipment on and off the old trailer.

In approximately 6 weeks' time, District Changeover will take place and I would like to see a strong representation of the Rotary Club of Forest Hill at this function.

Yours in Rotary

John Bindon.

District Governor Dr Daryl Moran and Jenny

together with

District Governor Elect Ken Miller

Request the pleasure of the company of
All District 9810 Rotarians,
Partners, Rotaractors and Friends
at the 2022 District Changeover Dinner

DRESS TO IMPRESS - COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

Venue: Southern Golf Club, Lower Dandenong Road, Keysborough

Saturday 25th June 2022

6:30pm for 6:50 pm start

Online bookings only <https://www.trybooking.com/BZFM>
Bookings Must close 12 noon, Monday 13th June 2022

Enquiries:
Tina McInerney 0418 331 459 Cost: \$69.50/person
tinamcinerney@netspace.net.au Drinks: At bar prices

Please wear your Rotary name badge and PHF with ribbon

Rotary Community Services Projects.

Australian Rotary Health [ARH]



Australian Rotary Health is **one of the largest independent funders of mental health research within Australia.** It also provides funding into a broad range of general health areas, provide scholarships for rural medical and nursing students, as well as Indigenous health students. Australian Rotary Health provides funding into areas of health that do not readily attract funding and promotes findings to the community. Australian Rotary Health is a project of the Rotary Districts of Australia and is supported by Rotary Clubs. It has a broad vision to improve the health and wellbeing of all Australians.

Bowelscan



Bowelscan is a community project that seeks to increase knowledge of bowel cancer and its symptoms as well as distribute testing kits to facilitate early diagnosis. Bowelscan is an initiative developed by the Rotary Club of Lismore and now conducted by over 300 Rotary Clubs across Australia. For further details refer to the website: rotarybowelscan.com.au

MEETING REPORT

Rotary International Convention 27-31 May 2023



PDG Tony Monley was our guest speaker last week and told us all about the RI Convention that all five local districts are hosting next year. A fabulous opportunity for all local Rotarians to see an International Convention on our own doorstep. They are planning for 17,000 plus attendees. We won the right to host in a playoff with London. Two of our winning cards were the attraction of the aboriginal theme and the fact that Victoria is tipping \$5 million into the pot towards the \$13 million cost and a free venue. It will be held in two venues, South Wharf area Southbank and the Rod Laver arena. Jennifer Jones will be the RI Pres and the local host committee will be chaired by Mary Barry with D9810 Tony Monley and D9800 Dennis Shore as the two Vice Chairs. There are 12 other local Rotarians demonstrating their Vocational skills on this committee. They will be looking for 600 local volunteers to help, both Rotarians and Friends of Rotary are welcome. If you register then you can be rostered within the Convention venues while if you have not registered you will be posted outside the Convention venues. You will be able to register to volunteer in June 2022 once this year's Convention has started.

It is expected to draw \$100 million into Victoria. During the day, there will be main speakers and then there will be breakout sessions. Main speakers will give their deliveries twice. Sometimes the second delivery will be a recording. If you register early, you will be at the first, live events.

The evening events programme will start with the usual "cultural" event for Melbourne..... a footy game! on the Friday evening. Saturday evening will be at the Melbourne Museum. Monday evening will be both South Wharf, which has been booked out and will be closed off from the general public with a \$100 for three voucher dinner or home hosting/club hosting. They are looking for volunteer Rotarians and clubs. If you are prepared to take 50 guests then they will provide bus transport and cover the food cost up to a certain value whereas if less than 50 the club would need to organize transport and this will be funded up to a value. For home hosting they want you to live within an hour's drive, they will again cover some out of pockets while hosts are expected to organize the transport. Tuesday evening will be a repeat of the South Wharf and a special Melbourne Cup dinner at Flemington racecourse for up to 1,000.

They are still looking for Sponsors (contact verson@netspace.net.au) and are looking for Australian companies who want to promote themselves at a booth in the House of Friendship.

Call to Action

Register early for the Convention

USD425 @ 4th June

USD475 @ 9th June

USD575 @ December

Submit Expression of Interest for a host hospitality event on 29th May 2023

<https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/home-hospitality>

Register as a volunteer when launched

Ron Brooks



Our Sergeant, Bob Williams, painlessly extracted \$23.80 from us to be added to our annual donation to the Rotary Foundation.

Note:

Tony is not holding the raffle prize, it is the special RCFH mug that was presented to him as our guest speaker by PDG Bob Laslett.

May is Youth Service Month

CELEBRATIONS



Let's celebrate our three members and one partner who have had COVID and are now almost fully recovered. Is this variant highly transmissible? You bet! One member attended a funeral and following the service at least 12 attendees tested positive.



NEXT MEETING

16th May – Members speak about work experiences that left their mark.

Club roster for 16th. May 2020.

Chairperson: Ron Brooks
Greeter: John Bindon
Vote of thanks: Suzanne Ballard
Notes for "Happenings": Bob Laslett
Cashier & Recorder: Barbara Williams

COMING UP

23rd May – Ron Brooks – Expo 2020

30th May – Bucatini Dinner with Partners.

6th June – Thomas White – Youth Citizenship Awards

A GOOD NEWS STORY



Good News Story
May 22 - Bethany's str (Open the PDF in your browser)

SPROUTINGS



For further information
go to
Muna9820.org.au

The good news is that **MUNA** (Model United Nations Assembly) is running again following the COVID shutdown. This year it is an event organised by District 9820 and one in which we are welcome to participate. Note the Logo at this stage shows 9820.

The first joint meeting was on May 5. Future joint zoom meetings are planned and then some of our District 9810 members will be at the venue as workers during the event, where and when needed. Next year 9810 will be more fully involved.

The other good news is that the three resolutions agreed to by the committee are

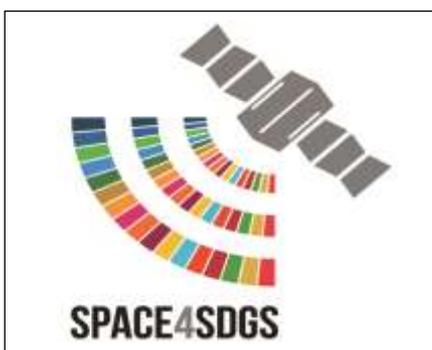
- **Climate change**
- **Violence against women and girls**
- **Space Governance.**

All are serious and topical subjects and all are very worthwhile. Two are focused on Environment and Sustainability.

As you know, each team is allotted a country to represent, and they have to express the views of their chosen country, rather than their personal views. With those topics it will be interesting to see if they can rigidly adhere to that- I think the first two topics will be the toughest....

I was also interested in the third topic- **Space Governance**. This information came from the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs – unoosa.org.

Space Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals



SPACE4SDGS

Space technology and its applications play an important role in supporting the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

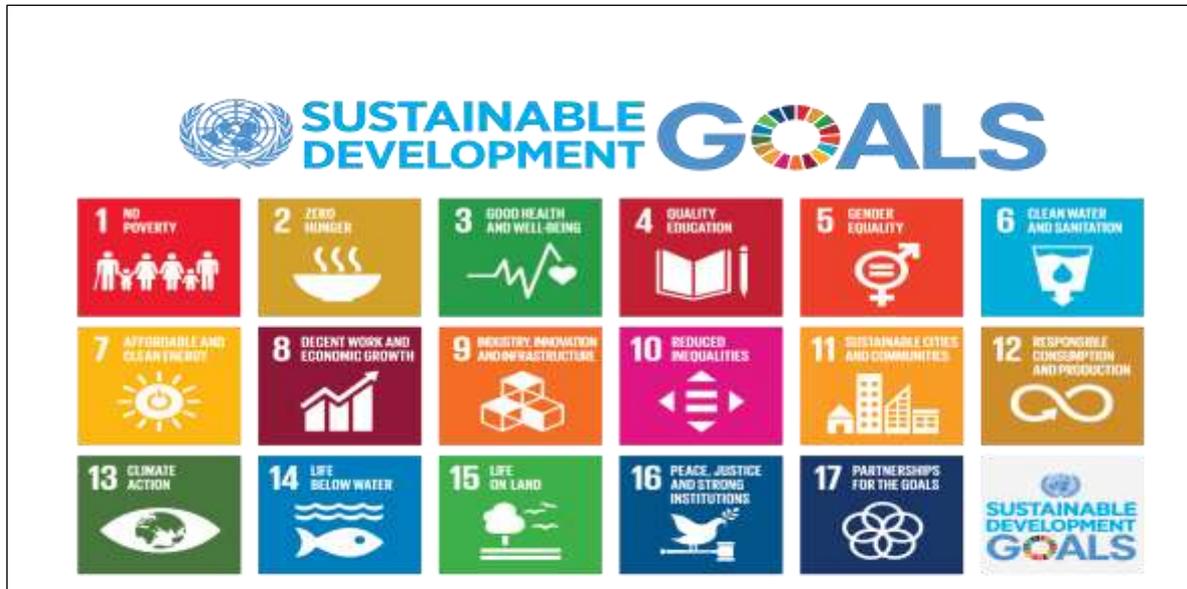
Space4SDGs highlights how outer space can be used for monitoring and achieving the SDGs.

The United Nations, involving more than 190 Member States, has developed the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in order to address challenges in the form of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with 169 associated specific targets.

The importance of these roles and their place in the UN (General Assembly resolution [A/RES/70/1: Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)) is recognised and valued.

However, the potential of space in supporting the SDGs is much wider. Space-based services and technologies are key in understanding **climate change** and during the full **disaster management cycle** - only two examples among countless applications to which space can contribute to.

See what space can do for each SDG by clicking on its icon and also check out the joint report with the European GNSS Agency: " [European Global Navigation Satellite System and Copernicus: Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals. Building Blocks towards the 2030 Agenda](#)



Now here is a job worth thinking about!

[#UNOOSA](#) is looking for a Director at the D-2 level to be based in Vienna, requiring the following qualifications.

- Space-related degree 15 years of senior supervisory experience
- Experience in space affairs
- Apply by June 12, 2022

Experience in supporting sustainability and the environment

Blackburn Lake upcoming Events

Working bee Saturday May 14, 9.30am. Meet at Visitors Centre.

Sustainability week activities Sunday May15-

Birding with Sean Dooley 9-11am and Nature Journaling two sessions in the afternoon. See the Council website for booking details.

While there, check out the other activities as well.

Reconciliation Week Activities.

The Welcome ceremony will be held Sunday May 22 at 2pm.

www.blackburnlakesanctuary.org

This arrived from **Clean Up Australia**.

<https://www.cleanup.org.au/happy-international-composting-week>

Did you know that last week was International Compost Awareness Week?

‘Soon we’ll all have a **FOGO** (Food Organics Garden Organics) bin - which allows food scraps to be collected, so they can be turned into top quality compost.

Currently about 30pc of us across the country have access to FOGO collection services, but breathe easy, we have now been promised federal commitment to help roll out FOGO to all Australian households by the end of 2023.

However, without FOGO, many of us don’t know how we can reduce the amount of food waste that goes to landfill each week (which can be as much as a third to even half of our household bins), and can wrongly assume that the solution is onerous, smelly and dirty - and that a big garden or outside space is an imperative. Wrong!

It’s easy to start. One suggestion is to join **Share Waste** – it’s a free app that connects people who wish to recycle their kitchen scraps. ‘

The Whitehorse Councils ‘Have your Say’ on waste is, I believe, still available for you to contribute to. As I will be part of the discussion on waste that follows through being a Whitehorse community representative on environment and sustainability, please email me with any relevant comments after reading and filling in the survey. glen.grant008@gmail.com

Have a good week. *Glenys*



The first McDonalds – spread like COVID – all over the world in no time!

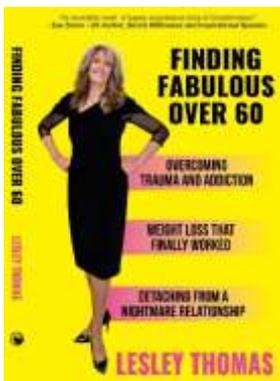
RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

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 in 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



We will be back soon - COME TO THE MARKET



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