



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This week I have been busy zooming into other Rotary Club meetings. Last week I attended the MASH meeting where the Deakin Award winner was presented with her prize by Alma Reynolds. Indigo is a psychiatry student at Deakin University. She is involved in a number of volunteer organisations but what made her stand out over the other applicants was her passion for volunteering and parallels with Rotary values. Her parents were present and thanked Rotary for this award. Indigo will be invited to visit clubs in the cluster to talk about what volunteering means to her.

As a follow on from this, on Monday the Deakin Award subcommittee met with Alma to discuss the award going forward in future years. What worked and plans for next year's award.

This Tuesday I attended the Box Hill Burwood Club Zoom meeting where the guest speaker was Associate Judy Hope from Eastern Health. Judy has been assisting the 100 Year Committee with the mental health wallet card we are working on; Judy discussed her work in Box Hill hospitals emergency department and the mental health issues they are seeing. She discussed the complexity of issues and the difficulties they face getting the right support for patients. The wallet card we are developing will help those in need find the right support once they leave hospital.

Mental health is an issue we all need to be aware of and the importance of self-help, especially as we are in another lockdown. I am sure, like me, you have some days that are better than others. Find something that helps you cope with stress, depression, anxiety etc.. We are all different so we need to find our own path. For me it's being with my dog, either on a walk, playing in the backyard or cuddling on the couch. I have mind puzzles I do to keep me focused and a phone to talk to others who live alone, too. One of my neighbours and I have been known to have a glass of wine in the front yard and have had others set up camp seats and join us. Whatever works for you please stay safe.

Sue

**Note: Stuart will be liaising with Bucatini. Please contact him for dinner meeting attendance and visitors.**

## MEETING REPORT

No meeting this week as we were to have a Partners' Dinner in Bucatini. The best laid plans of mice and men (and Rotary Clubs) are soon overturned by COVID. This night has been moved to 7<sup>th</sup> June but, again, subject to COVID.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**I would appreciate any material /reports for our Annual Report to be emailed to me by the 7th of June.**

We need to provide numbers for Bucatini even if we are eating in the restaurant. People attending next Monday please email me.

Those rostered for jobs at future meetings are:

June 21 Chair: Stuart W, Vote of Thanks/Report: Ron B

June 28 (Changeover) Chair: Bill M, Vote of Thanks: John B Meeting report: SW.

Stuart

## June is Fellowship Month

*While COVID may be impacting many Fellowship activities, remember to check in with family and friends on a regular basis. A friendly face or a supportive word is always appreciated, especially when times are difficult.*

### NEXT MEETING

7<sup>th</sup> June - Partners' Dinner in Bucatini

### COMING UP

14<sup>th</sup> June - No Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> June - Committee Handover Meeting

Chair: Stuart W Thanks & Report: Ron B

28<sup>th</sup> June - Changeover

Chair: Bill M Thanks: John B Report: Stuart W

5<sup>th</sup> July - Club Forum

Chair: John B

### CELEBRATIONS



***It's time to party!!***

***Bob L celebrates his birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Ron B celebrates joining Rotary on the 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Bob & Barb W celebrate their wedding anniversary on the 6<sup>th</sup>.***

***Congratulations to you all.***



## RYDA DETAILS FOR 2021

| Date             | Venue     | Names   |
|------------------|-----------|---|
| 8 June 2021      | Lilydale  | Sue, Ron, Hans, Bob W plus 2 Maroondah          |
| 17 August 2021   | Sandown   | Stuart, Hans, Bob W plus 3 Maroondah            |
| 16 November 2021 | Sandown   | Stuart, Ron, Anna, Hans, Barb W, Bob W          |
| 22 November 2021 | Wonthaggi | Barb and Bob W and maybe Anna and Hans<br>Bob W |

## SPROUTINGS

This week we have some good news about recycling, milk produce, and other snippets of information from Whitehorse Council, etc.

First, though – did you drink your milk on June 1?

[June 1](#) was [World Milk Day](#). World Milk Day was launched in 2001 by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N to recognise the importance of milk as a global food. This year, the theme focuses on sustainability in the dairy sector with a focus around environment, nutrition and socio-economics.

[SA School kitchen garden program.](#)

### [Recycling.](#)

Innovative ideas like turning food waste into biodegradable cling wrap and using artificial intelligence to sort plastics for recycling are the focus of the current round of federal research funding to boost local manufacturing.

The research grants would help meet the government's commitment to phase out exports of unprocessed waste by 2024 and recycle 80 per cent of waste by 2030.

Glass exports were prohibited from January 1 this year, export of whole tyres will be banned by December 1, unprocessed single resin/polymer plastics will be banned from July 1, 2022, and export of mixed and unsorted paper and cardboard will be banned from July 1, 2024.

Victoria will be able to recycle all of the used glass bottles following \$8.1 million in investments from the state and federal governments, but the majority of plastics will still end up in landfill.

The first seven projects to share in the Recycling Modernisation Fund are worth a total of \$46 million to the state and \$190 million nationally.

Plastics projects include \$3 million for a reprocessing plant in Laverton North, \$847,961 for a plant turning plastics into concrete slab foundations in Sunshine West, and \$155,045 to make plastic pipes out of materials collected for recycling.

The funding includes \$3 million for a glass treatment plant in Coolaroo, \$228,750 for sorting and processing glass at Mildura Rural Council, \$481,800 for a Wheelie Waste facility in Warrnambool and \$400,000 for a glass recovery plant in Epping.

The state's capacity to recycle glass and increase plastic recycling will double by 40 per cent, to make new glass bottles or pavements and create 350 jobs.

[Mike Foley, climate & energy correspondent for The Age and The Sydney Morning Herald.](#)

Single-use plastic items including straws, cutlery and plates will be banned in Victoria in a bid to reduce the amount of plastic waste going into landfill.

Other items to be phased out over the next two years include drink stirrers, polystyrene food and drink containers and cotton buds.

## Vision themes and key priorities – Whitehorse Community Vision.

The following themes and key priority areas outlines what needs to be the focus to achieve the Whitehorse 2040 Community Vision.

*Theme 1: Diverse and Inclusive Community*

*Theme 2: Movement and Public Spaces*

*Theme 3: Innovation and Creativity*

*Theme 4: Employment, Education and Skill Development*

*Theme 5: Sustainable Climate and Environmental Care*

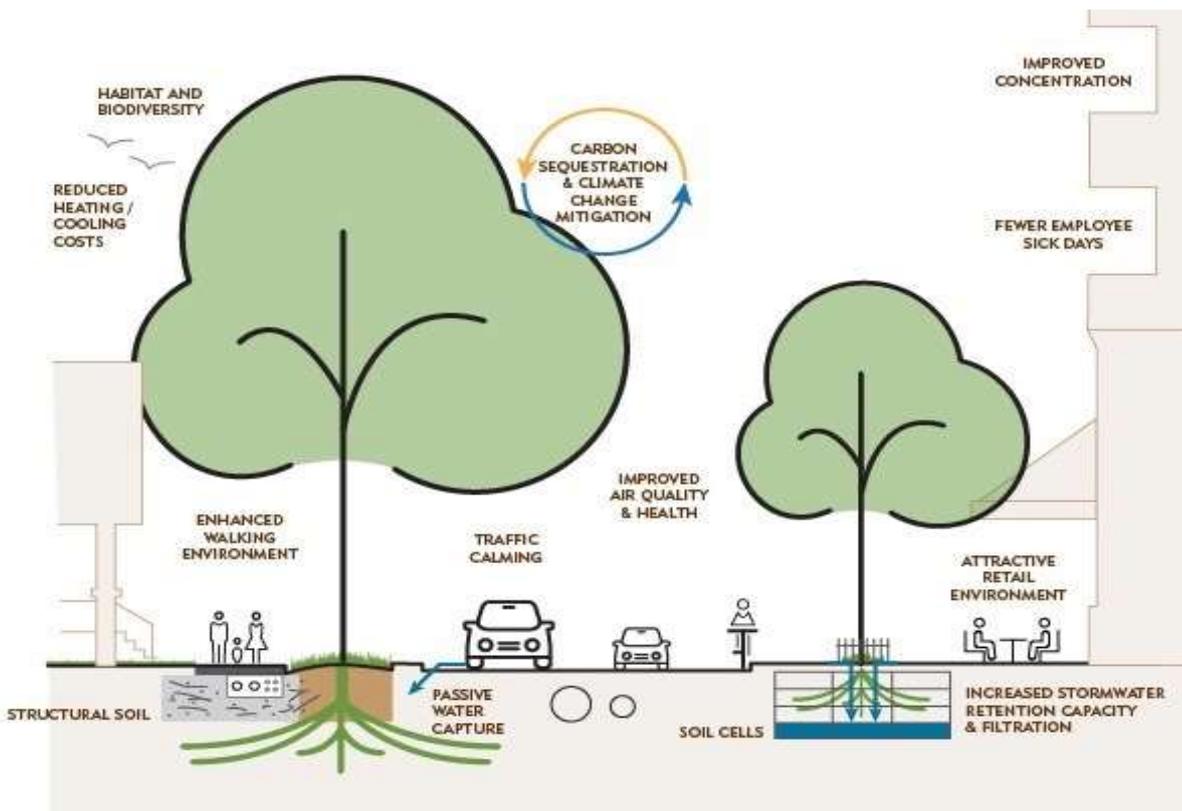
**We will grow & improve the unique biodiversity & landscape of Whitehorse.**

- **Key priority 5.1: Take a leadership role in tackling climate change.**
- **Key priority 5.2: Focus on the environment whilst also balancing the social and economic needs of Whitehorse.**
- **Key priority 5.3: Consider our natural environment when making decisions including creeks, wetlands, lakes, bushlands, flora & fauna.**
- **Key priority 5.4: Enable the community to reduce, reuse, recycle using circular waste principles.**

*Theme 6: Whitehorse is an Empowered Collaborative Community*

*Theme 7: Health and Wellbeing*

## Tree Canopy Cover



## **Tree Canopy Cover - Whitehorse Urban Forest Strategy:**

Canopy cover, rather than number of trees, is used to evaluate our urban forest. When looking down on Whitehorse from above we can estimate the total area of tree canopy that covers the Municipality.

Research shows that we can begin to reap social and environmental benefits from our urban forest when tree canopy cover exceeds 30%. Anything less, and there is generally not enough canopy cover to achieve the full benefits of the urban forest.

Often it is not just more trees, but more extensive and healthier canopy cover that has the greatest impact on shade and cooling. In many cases it may well be better to plant one larger tree with a bigger canopy, rather than many small trees with low canopy cover.

***Belinda Moody, Tree Education Officer, Whitehorse City Council***

## **Green giants: the projects to make Australia a clean energy superpower.**

The world's largest power station is planned for a vast piece of desert about half the size of greater suburban Sydney in Australia's remote north-west.

Called the [Asian Renewable Energy Hub](#), its size is difficult to conceptualise. If built in full, there will be 1,600 giant wind turbines and a 78 sq km array of solar panels a couple of hundred kilometres east of Port Hedland in the Pilbara.

This solar-wind hybrid power plant would have a capacity of 26 gigawatts, more than Australia's entire coal power fleet. It is expected to provide a near constant source of emissions-free energy around the clock.

Most of it will be used to run 14GW of electrolyzers that will convert desalinated seawater into "[green hydrogen](#)" – a form of energy that analysts expect to be in increasing demand as a replacement for fossil fuels in the years and decades ahead.

Though still five years away from construction, the hub vaulted closer to reality in recent weeks after the federal government granted it [major project status](#) – a designation that should smooth the approval processes – and the Western Australian government greenlit its first stage.

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That's all this week, see you after lockdown,

*Glenys*



**Scan Me!!**

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

### ***KUMFY KIDS***

For 22 years, there has been a knitting corner at the Blackburn Market just opposite the Band stand. They have been selling at markets for 26 years. Everything on sale is hand knitted, mostly acrylic “to keep the price down” Bernadette told me. But they will, and do, make woollen items on order. They generally knit items for new born up to about 4 years of age. They also sell handmade knitted clothes hangers. Jeanne was sitting alongside Bernadette and told me that they do have other knitters at times working at home including one lady of 92. They have a regular turnover of garments and if anything doesn’t sell after a little while they donate it to the op-shop. That is an amazing community spirit. Go and see them at work both knitting away while they chat. They will make any item at any size on order. Kumfy Kids can be contacted at [bmcrennan@gmail.com](mailto:bmcrennan@gmail.com)

