



# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 42

President: John Bindon

15 June 2022

## MOVING FORWARD



President John is back in business and looking forward to joining us on Monday night for our meeting.

John begins a 10-session block of radiation therapy on Monday, As always, he is bright and breezy and looking forward to returning to Rotary.

Understandably, John is disappointed that his Rotary year has been interrupted by COVID and illness thus preventing him from achieving all that he planned. Both of these factors are beyond his control and we are just relieved that he is back and we can enjoy his company once again.

We certainly look forward to welcoming him back to Rotary and our club.

### Notes from this week:

The power of positive thought triumphed over the weekend and we got through the Blackburn market and the Whitehorse Farmers' Market without rain interruption. Both days were very icy and I was glad to be working on the bbq where it was nice and warm.

Other than our three travelling members every person in the club, and a number of family members, was involved in one, or both, markets. A fantastic effort and my 'Thanks' go to everyone. We may be small, but when we work together we can achieve a great deal.

Amazing the number of people who attended both markets, despite the weather. Habit, good value and a range of products combined to make both days financially successful.



**WELCOME TO WINTER!!!** (Only 77days 'til Spring.)

## MEETING REPORT

No meeting this week due to Queen's Birthday holiday.

## NEXT MEETING

20<sup>th</sup> June – Rotarians Against Malaria (Peter McPhee)

## COMING UP

### Club roster for 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Chairperson:** Bob Laslett  
**Greeter:** John McPhee  
**Vote of thanks:** Sue Ballard  
**Notes for "Happenings":** Bob Williams  
**Cashier & Recorder:** Barbara Williams

**June is Fellowship Month**

## CELEBRATIONS



This week we can celebrate President John coming out of rehab and re-joining the real world.

Also, on Monday Robbie B and Glenys celebrate their birthdays. Best Wishes from us all.



## OAM

Congratulations to:

Mr Alan Everitt SEALE  
For service to the community through a range of roles.  
District 9800, Rotary International

Nice to see a Rotarian recognised for all of the work put in 'Making a Difference' in the community.

## SPROUTINGS



*Here are some invites for you.*

### **Club Display:**

Why not have a look at our display in the Whitehorse Nunawading Library?

We have an impressive list of projects, including one which explains a bit about our environment project at Forest Hill College.

**Bush Heritage Australia** invites you to join their first winter webinar. Its focus is the impact of effective land management and native species protection in the face of climate change.

### ***'Creating climate resilience on our reserves'*** Wednesday, June 22, noon.

Australia has so many shifting weather patterns, making it one of the developed countries which is most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

Think of the latest floods, bushfires, harsh drought and extreme heat all causing devastation to natural food sources and wildlife habitats.

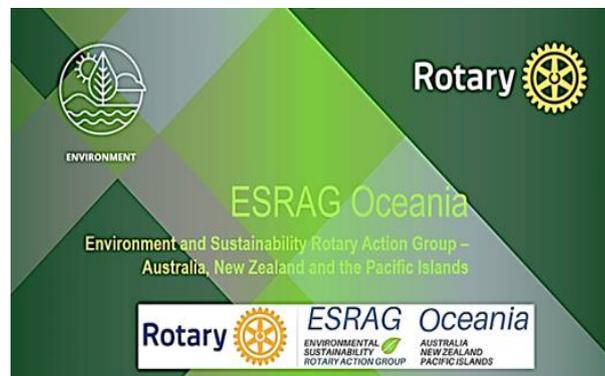
Join Bush Heritage Australia's Rebecca Spindler and Vikki Parsley as they discuss blending multiple knowledge systems to provide the evidence base for progressive, future focused conservation management that addresses climate change on all our landscapes.

See [events@bushheritage.org.au](mailto:events@bushheritage.org.au)

**ESRAG meeting:** (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group). Aaron Schroeder presents on the role of emission offsets on the road to a carbon neutral world. It seems that some in ESRAG want Rotary to get involved with carbon credits and carbon trading. Here we will look at the basics of this complicated issue.

### ***'The role of emission offsets on the road to a carbon neutral world'***

Based on independent verifications of more than 300 greenhouse gas statements this presentation will give an overview of how offsets work. This will include activities of carbon capture and storage, oil and gas production, and processing fossil and renewable electricity generation, dairy and beef management, soil carbon sequestration, nitrogen fertilizer management, waste management, and biofuels. Then Aaron will turn to where the markets are at in the world for carbon credits.



### **ESRAG Oceania meeting Tuesday 21 June at 7.30pm**

A review of the year that was and discussion on the action plan for the coming year.

We will break out into discussion groups and focus on the directions, speakers and topics and actions to promote environment in our zone.

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

Annual Report will be presented by Chair Ted Waghorne.  
Action planning for the coming year with Rob Anderson.

**This, also, from ESRA:**

## **ESRAG Rotary Club Carbon Calculator (Oceania)**

### **FAQ: How much Carbon dioxide is being emitted in your Club Meetings?**

Rotarians, Rotary Club meetings and Rotary projects all result in carbon dioxide emissions that contribute to greenhouse gases driving climate change.

The ESRAG Carbon Calculator has been developed for the Oceania region to enable Clubs to estimate the impact of their normal meetings and projects.

### **FAQ: How can I reduce the Carbon Footprint of my Club's activities?**

Attending and running Rotary Club meetings and in carrying out most of the projects that we do will result in carbon emissions. However, there are smarter ways to continue doing these important activities that have lower emissions. Once you have estimated your Club's carbon footprint start working on how you can reduce these emissions without affecting the quality of your activities.

### **FAQ: How can I offset my Club's carbon emissions?**

Even after you have reduced the carbon footprint of your Club meetings and projects some footprint is likely to remain. You might like to reduce your carbon footprint to zero or even go further. It is possible to support a carbon sequestration project using public, commercial or even Rotary activities.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE CALCULATOR**

ESRAG Oceania has commissioned Toitū Envirocare in New Zealand to develop a calculator that can be used by any Club in Australia or New Zealand, to estimate their club's carbon emissions.

Clubs are now able to estimate their emissions from meetings, events and projects (if required), using this calculator, with assurance that the methodology has been designed and developed by an international environmental consultancy.

Clubs which are interested in calculating their annual emissions, or for specific events or projects, can access the calculator by following the process listed on the ESRAG Oceania website. Then complete the **input collection form** which is attached. This will require the collection of data for identified meetings, events and projects. **Input collection instructions** to assist in this process are attached to the form.

The completed **input collection form** should then be submitted to ESRAG at [esragcalculator@gmail.com](mailto:esragcalculator@gmail.com). ESRAG will process the information submitted through the calculator and send the resulting reports back to the Club concerned.

The club concerned will then be entitled (if they wish to) to make the following report, to reference the designers of the calculator and the source of emission factors used:-

***'[Club name] has estimated its annual organisational emissions for the measurement period [x-y] from the following sources [x, y, z] using a calculator designed by Toitū Envirocare, which uses emission factors from DEFRA, Ministry for the Environment, Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources and other relevant sources.'***



Enjoy your week,  
**Glenys**

# RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

## OUTBACK SPIRIT

**Outback Spirit** have been regulars at our market for years and they also regularly sell at the Rotary Club of Mt Waverley and Dingley Farmers markets amongst others. Juleigh and Ian Robins make all their chutneys, sauces, pickles and marinades at their new Dandenong factory. Not only are they delicious but they are gluten and MSG free. Ian and Juleigh are recognised pioneers of the Australian native food industry and have been at the forefront since its inception in 1986. They established Robins Foods in 1997. Ian and Juleigh's vision is to bring Indigenous foods into the mainstream food market and the company is the industry leader supplying the **Outback Spirit** branded range of products to supermarkets nationally in Australia.

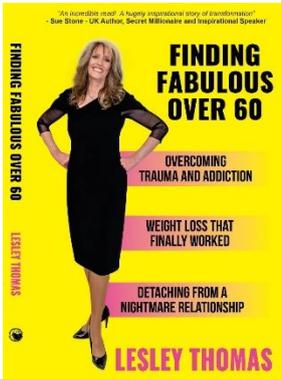
In 2000, Ian and Juleigh decided to formalise their relationships with the company's indigenous suppliers and established an ethical supply chain that ensures that benefits from the sale of **Outback Spirit** products go back to the Aboriginal people who are developing their own enterprises based on native foods. They established the Outback Spirit Foundation to further help the Aboriginal people.

Juleigh is an accomplished cook and together with Ian has written three native food cookbooks – Wild Lime (1996 Allen & Unwin) and Wild Classics (2000 Allen & Unwin – with Ian Robins) and Wild Food (2010 Lantern Books, a Viking Books imprint).

So, go and have a chat to Juleigh's brother in law Bill at the Blackburn market stall and taste some of these unique foods. Find out more about the products, the company, and the Foundation at [www.outbackspirit.com.au](http://www.outbackspirit.com.au)



# We will be back soon - COME TO THE MARKET



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