

# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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President: John Bindon

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## MOVING FORWARD



As this is my final report as President, I take this opportunity to thank all members and partners for their efforts over the year, and I am especially indebted to members of the Board.

The last few months have been challenging in many ways, but we were able to work our way through it, to finish the year on a high note.

Thank you for your work for Rotary. The new year will still need your passion, skills, and dedication.

Next week Bill Marsh will step into the role of President. We will have a changeover on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>. July to formally induct Bill and his team to the new Rotary year.

I look forward to handing over to Bill and urge each member to give Bill your full support so that we can build upon the foundations of our club.

I thank Ron Brooks for a good range of guest speakers, Bob Williams in his role as Sgt and other duties he has been doing behind-the-scenes. Stuart Williams in his role as secretary, and Warwick Stott as treasurer.

To our committee chairpersons in Glenys Grant, Bob Laslett, Barbara Searle, and Sue Ballard. Special mention to John McPhee for his efforts in running the Blackburn Arts & Craft market.

We would have loved the opportunity to gain new members into the club, sadly we are poorer for the loss of a member during the year. Like most, we are an ageing Club that continues to be active in a host of activities and projects. The various directors' reports elaborate on the amazing and far-reaching achievements throughout the year.

John Bindon

President.



**WELCOME TO WINTER!!!** (Only 63 days 'til Spring.)

## MEETING REPORT

Meeting Report - 27 June.

This week's meeting was the most intimate and relaxed meeting of the year. WE only had six club members present. Our seventh dinner companion was Ray McLeod-Dryden from Box Hill Burwood club. Missing from our meeting were- Barbara Searle, Barbara Williams, Bill Marsh , Glenys Grant, Bob Laslett and Ron Brooks. Sue Ballard, was in the chair and opened the meeting with the usual 2 toasts.

Reports were minimal as it was the last meeting in June.

**Secretary:** Stuart reported he had updated the 3 Rotary data bases. Numbers for Changeover are building... approx. 40 already. Anyone wishing to attend changeover please contact Bill or Stuart asap.

**Treasurer:** Warwick – nothing new. **Intern/ Foundation:** Bob L on holidays. **Vocational:** Barbara- no report. **Community:** John Bindon mentioned that a couple of our Community grant recipients were coming to Changeover. **Youth/Enviro:** Glenys- no report. **Markets:** John/ Warwick - Warwick sent around the roster for WFM. **Program:** Ron - no report but all in-hand.

Bob Williams conducted an amusing Sgt session.

Sue introduced guest speaker Ray to speak about the Rotary Centenary Wallet Project.

The Whitehorse clubs, utilizing a District Grant, supported this as a Centenary project and joined with Eastern Health, Bendigo Bank. They created a resource card that folds out to give lots of information and contacts. A lot of thought and work went into adapting the card so that it would be useful to people in crisis. It has clear and valued messages for people in crisis.--- the message is—we care. There is someone who cares. It was one of 3 Centenary projects the group took on.

Bob Williams thanked Ray and presented him with a RCFH mug.

We also chatted to Ray about his policing career. A laid-back interesting meeting.

The Sergeant raised \$14.20, The raffle- \$31.00 and non-drinker Stuart won the raffle and took the red wine.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Stuart Williams

## NEXT MEETING

4<sup>th</sup> July Sue Ballard - 'Aboriginal Food & Culture'

### Club roster for 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.

**Chairperson:** Glenys Grant

**Greeter:** Bill Marsh

**Vote of thanks:** Barb Searle

**Notes for "Happenings":** John Bindon

**Cashier & Recorder:** Barbara Williams

## COMING UP

11<sup>th</sup> July Changeover Dinner

# June is Fellowship Month

## CELEBRATIONS



We have just had a Federal Election, changed the government in many ways, and now we are moving on. All without any riots, protests, deaths or attempted assassinations. No matter who you voted for this is something to celebrate.



## FEEDBACK FROM THE YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

*Thank you very much for sharing the photos with us...they are very nice 😊.*

*Thank you all again for that night. We really enjoyed every moment and the kids kept talking about it for days.*

*We wish you all the best!*

*Best regards,  
Adel*

*Thank you very much for sending the photos.*

*And again, thanks for a wonderful evening. It was a very special experience for us, in particular for Alina, to attend the dinner and the presentation.*

*Have a wonderful day. Stay warm!*

*Regards*

*Joletta*

Two of the many wonderful notes received following the awards. It is always nice to have the hard work of so many in the club acknowledged. Glenys Grant

## SPROUTINGS

Like the plants around us, 'Sproutings' has taken a break this week to rejuvenate and build up strength for the coming year and like the plants, 'Sproutings' will be back vibrant and strong next week.

## 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)