

# FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 44 President: Bill Marsh

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## BILL'S BY-LINE



I am writing this as I enjoy the sunshine at Lorne. A great way to spend my last days as President.

Today is the last By-line I will write for some time. Changeover is in 5 days, at which time Sue will begin her role as President. I wish Sue all the best as she takes on this new challenge. All of the members will support you, Sue. It is time to keep all of the good things we have done in the past running smoothly; however, it is also time to try out any new ideas you may have to reinvigorate the club. Enjoy the next four months.

On Monday Sue and Stuart told us about their adventures at the RI Convention. It certainly sounded like a fun few days with the chance to see what is happening around the world. An event not to be missed! I **almost** got there! Judy and I came down with COVID a couple of days before it started and so we missed our chance to attend a Convention in our own city. Singapore sounds good so we will have to see what the next 12 months has in store for us.

My thanks to all of our members, Honorary members and friends of Rotary who have made my time as President enjoyable and almost stress free. There is probably much that I have left out but what is important is that RCFH is alive and well and still Making a (Positive) Difference to the lives of people around the world.

Enjoy your week. Stay safe. Stay warm.

Bill

## NEXT WEEK

### 26 June Changeover

Chairperson:	Bill Marsh
Greeter:	John Bindon
Notes for "Happenings"	Sue Ballard
Thanks	Ron Brooks

## COMING UP

3 July	Sue Ballard	NAIDOC week
10 July	Matthew Sonnemann	Stockmarket & Economic Update

*June is  
Fellowship  
Month*

**CELEBRATIONS**



Let's celebrate another year of great Rotary service by the fabulous Rotary club of Forest Hill. Belated birthday celebrations to Glenys Grant and Robbie Brooks for 20 June.



**Meeting Report June 19 2023**

Selected photos from a fabulous convention.



Presentation to Jennifer Jones



The handover



Incoming President Gordon's family

### **Editor's Note**

A huge thankyou to all who contributed to your newsletter this year. Special thanks to regular contributor's President Bill, Glenys, Ron, Bob W, & Stuart. Also congrats to those receivers of the newsletter who sent in comments and suggestions.

All the best to next year's editor.

From the sunshine in Port Macquarie.

Bob

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

**Jeremy & Mary Ann Furness** are locals from Croydon. They sell children's books, oil paintings on gum leaves, and knitted toys in markets at Nunawading, Yarra Junction and of course the Rotary Blackburn station markets. Jeremy started writing and illustrating his Barry the Bike series of children's books over 10 years ago. It is one of the very few children's books that feature classic motorcycles, cars, and trucks. Go to Barry the Bike on Facebook to see all the books in the series.

Mary Ann started **oil paintings on gum leaves** as a 15-year-old inspired by paintings by her grandparents. Her grandfather was William Beckwith McInnes who won the Archibald Prize seven times. These gum leaf oil paintings are as unique as they are beautiful. She paints on specially prepared Tasmanian Blue Gum Eucalyptus leaves which when painted are sealed to ensure a long life. She has been a professional illustrator for the last 40 years working for some of the world's leading publishing houses but now Mary Ann runs Wattle Gum Studios nestled in the Croydon Hills.

Mary Ann started **knitting toys** as a girl and now has turned that pastime into a commercial venture with her beautiful, cute range of animals, fish and birds.

Jeremy and Mary Ann can be contacted on 0403 310 032 or [mafurness@bigpond.com](mailto:mafurness@bigpond.com) or via Instagram [mafurness\\_arts](https://www.instagram.com/mafurness_arts). But better still, come and talk to them at one of their regular markets to see the full range of their talents.



## SOME OF OUR BLACKBURN MARKET STALLHOLDERS



Come and frequent the Market next month- July 8