



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

No. 07

President: John Bindon

11 August 2021

MOVING FORWARD



There is no doubt with the current lockdown this has been a tough time for some of our members, but we are a resilient lot, and we are working our way through it.

Despite the pandemic we had a successful Whitehorse Farmers' Market on Sunday which was, well attended. People were glad to get out of their homes to attend the market, to buy food etc. Thanks to those members who gave their time to make this possible.

All being well we should have our Blackburn "Arts and Craft Market" on Saturday, 14th. August. When we get the all clear, a roster will be put out, showing who, and what duties members will be doing. (Whoops! Lockdown extended – there goes the market.)

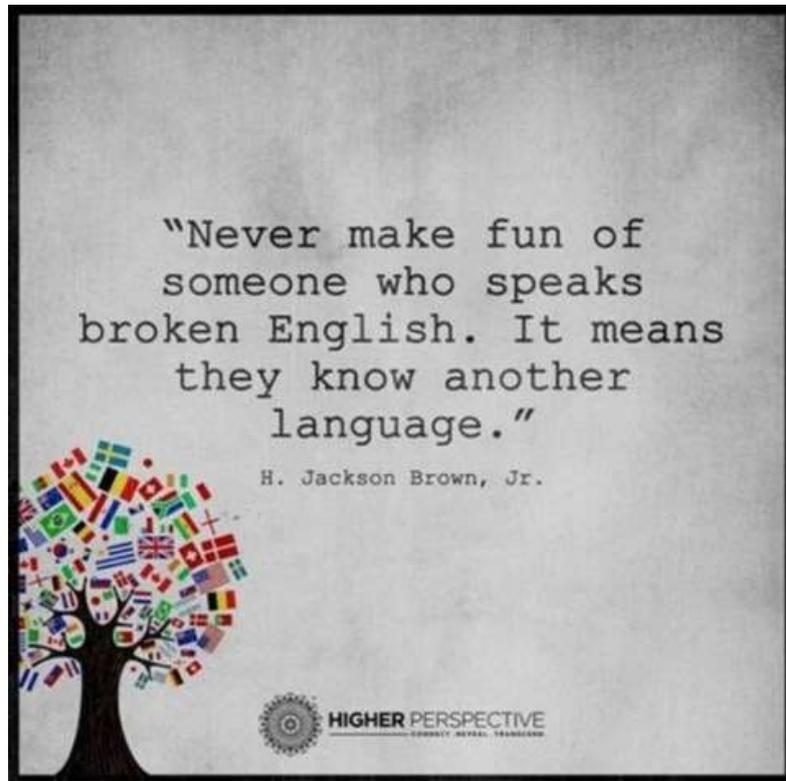
Last week we had PDG Shia Smart, informing us on how we should/could recruit members. We must use every means possible to let the community know that we are seeking members, this will include posters on community boards and shop windows, brochures to hand out to people who are interested, and people who attend the Blackburn Arts and Craft Market, and the Whitehorse Farmers Market.

We need to change our ways so that we can attract volunteers to assist us in our work. I am sure that there are people in the community who would like to work as volunteers for Rotary. They may not have the time or the commitment to attend meetings or bear the cost of membership but they want to help their community. With volunteers we can expand our work within the community.

Congratulations to Glenys Grant, assisted by Sue Ballard for their work in gaining a Bronze Award for the club, with their work for the environment. District Governor, Daryl Moran, will attend the club at some time, to present the award in person.

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Note: Stuart will be liaising with Bucatini. Please contact him for dinner meeting attendance and visitors by 8.00pm on Sunday prior to the meeting. Any changes after this time to be notified directly to Bucatini.



MEETING REPORT

Monday was a fun meeting – seems a strange thing to say about the DG's annual visit. However, DG Daryl Moran and his wife Jenny were great guests and great speakers.

Jenny spoke about her special project for the year 'Days for Girls'. This is a project that the club is very happy to support and we have a special guest speaker on the topic scheduled for 20th September. Jenny spoke before Daryl – quite possibly a novel happening for her and it was great to watch Daryl sitting back nodding. No, he wasn't asleep, just nodding in agreement with the points Jenny made.

As always, because it is such a key issue, Daryl spoke about membership and the declining numbers in Rotary. The potential for amalgamating with another District was discussed, (planning is well advanced), but hopefully, numbers across the District will increase and this will not become a reality.

Daryl encouraged the club to continue working 'to make a difference' in their community and promised that the District stood ready to help in any way possible. In a time of COVID uncertainty it was great to hear Daryl with such a positive message.

To complete the evening Daryl presented the club with a 'Bronze Award' for their work in the Environment.



What an attentive audience!!

August is Membership 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. Get vaccinated so we can all 'get about' again.

NEXT MEETING

16th August - Stuart Williams 'When I saw them, they took my breath away!'

Meeting Roster

Chairperson:	Bob Williams
Greeter:	Ron Brooks
Vote of Thanks:	Glenys Grant
Note taker for Happenings:	Barb Williams
Recorder:	Barb Williams
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COMING UP

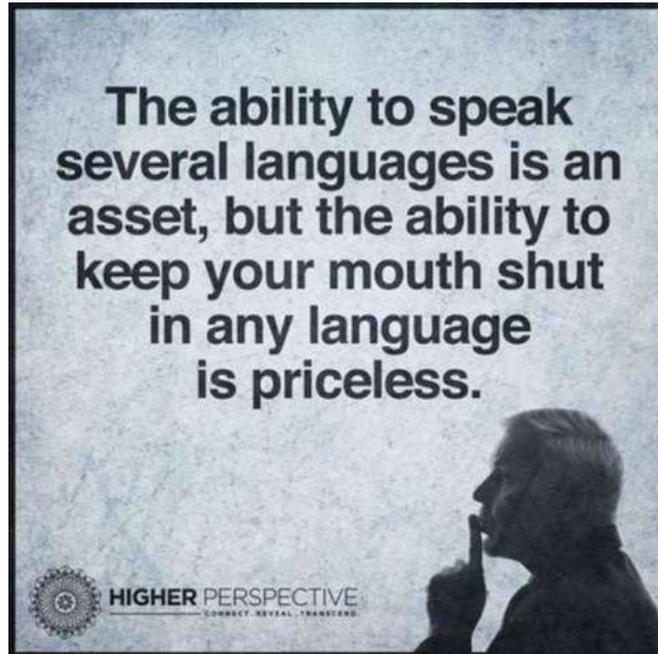
23 rd August -	Wendy Cooper – Eastern Palliative Care
30 th August -	Bucatini Partners' Dinner
6 th September -	Lesley Thomas "Finding Fabulous Over 60"
13 th September -	Club Birthday
20 th September -	Anna Burley "Days for Girls"

CELEBRATIONS



Big celebration yesterday. Jenny Tuck celebrated her birthday while she and Chris celebrated their Wedding Anniversary.

Get out and enjoy but stay safe and stay healthy. Get vaccinated.



SPROUTINGS

Well, we did it.

A **District 9810 Enviro Club Bronze Award** for our club.

Our award is one of the first in the District in this new area of focus, according to the congratulatory message from DG Daryl Moran, who presented us with the award on Monday August 9 at our zoom meeting.

Thank you all for such a sterling effort in supporting the club in its endeavours – and most of all – for what you are doing for the environment.

Our application.

The application consisted of the formal official documents including the Enviro Officer and President's signatures. *Thanks here to Sue Ballard for her vetting the application and suggestions and support in the enviro area.*

Achievements: Thirty two points of data were listed in this part of the application. These were accompanied by 12 pages of supporting information.



Data included:

- Club information.
Number of members,
Required: Appointment of Environment Officer; appointment of enviro committee members and meetings. (Members were shared with Youth committee).
Enviro officer admittance as an ESRAG Foundation Member.
- Environment & Sustainability Skills Matrix:
Aim, development of 70 questions, results and indications as to further action.
- Weekly environment column in newsletter:
Sproutings. Included were some of the type of content, links, webinars etc that have been circulated.
Thanks here to Bill Marsh for a great newsletter and his support.
- Club Group activities. A number were listed.
Group recycling: Thank you Ron for leading the way for the District and the club in the coin and stamp collecting.
- Club international activities:
List of recent activities and some past activities, with dates.
- Individual Activities:
List of the environmental and sustainability activities by one up to three members. This was quite extensive.
- Evidence: Twelve pages of Appendices were attached.
- **Future planned activities:**
Here we included the Youth Enviro Project at Forest Hill College.

The club will need to submit an annual application with supporting documentation to retain the Bronze Award.

District 9810 higher Enviro awards are silver and gold, and if you are interested in a bit of light reading have a look in Club runner at what these higher awards involve. We would be delighted to be sent suggestions for future silver or gold projects for the club, so please put your thinking caps on.

Thanks, must be given to 2020-21 President Sue Ballard and 2021-22 President John Bindon and all Rotary Club of Forest Hill members for their support.



See you next week, *Glenys*

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RCFH BLACKBURN STATION CRAFT MARKET – TRADER OF THE MONTH

SKIDADDLE PLAYERS

Every month for the last 10 years or so we have heard the sometimes lively and sometimes plaintive sounds of jazz drifting down over the stalls at the Blackburn Craft Market. The Skidaddle group give their time freely to entertain us while clearly having fun (or is it that they would play anywhere for a free sausage at the end of the morning). If you haven't met them, they are Richard Desmond (cornet), Neil Davidson (drums), Andrew Stevens (banjo), Michael Cousins (trombone), Tony Lee (clarinet), and Rod Evans (double bass). Michael and Richard also sing. So next time you are at the craft market, go up, say hello, smile, tap your feet, sing along - they'll love you for it. Rod is their low-profile leader and told me they are available for parties, and for gigs particularly their 16-piece big band that plays swing music mostly from the 30's and 40's. You may have seen and heard some of the other bands they play in which include the Dandenong Ranges Hot Jazz Orchestra, South Dereel City Stompers, U3A Big Band, and the Diamond Valley Big Band, too many to list. As I was listening to them play I heard one say let's change the key to ..., I didn't realise it but all these guys read music as well..... and there was me thinking they just play it all by ear.

So if you what to hire them please contact: rodevans@macrodynamics.com.au

