## A special greeting to all our network of friends!

As we all tread carefully back into the community it is great to see that all those wonderful people with whom our organisations have been engaging for years are still out there trying their hardest to make our special part of the world just that little bit better.

Due to the environment through which we have all endured, our Club has not produced a comprehensive newsletter, except for a few one page issues, for a year or so. So it is nice to be able to be a little more expansive in our information and commentary to you all.

The first thing that we all should do is to give ourselves a huge round of applause...



for having survived the curve balls that were thrown our way. From what I can see we have all survived!! Some of us are a bit worse for wear and that is why we want to reach out and help a bit where we can.

## **2021 Community Grants**

Box Hill Burwood Rotary were delighted to be in a position to reinstate the Community Grants Scheme and we recently had the great pleasure of getting all our beneficiaries together for an awards presentation. Our Club was delighted with the scope and nature of the projects which we were able to support this year. Here is a list of the organisations and their projects which received funding.

Organisation Name	Project Name	Brief Project Description
Avenue Neighbourhood House @Eley	Shade Sail	Replacement of shade sail for outdoor groups and events
Louise Multicultural Community Centre	Early Mind Matters	Commence a Healing Yoga Course and purchase equipment to facilitate health and wellbeing opportunities
Kerrimuir Neighbourhood House	Oasis@Kerrimuir	Creation of a community garden/relaxation space
Alkira Centre Box Hill	Lounge Replacement	Enhancing the home setting in residential care for the intellectually disabled
Nunawading Toy Library	Busy Toddler Play	Provision of new toys to aid Active Play
Donvale Nunawading Girl Guides	Updating Hall Equipment	Rejuvenation of vital equipment to encourage participation and ongoing education



#### **Centenary of Rotary**

The Rotary Club of Melbourne has the distinction of being the first Rotary Club to be chartered in Australia. This happy event happened on April 21st 1921. All across Australia this year the Rotary movement is celebrating the Centenary of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand.

Our club is very proud to have been chartered by the Rotary Club of Melbourne in December 1956, and we have been proudly serving our community continuously since then.

All the Rotary Clubs in Whitehorse, along with Whitehorse Rotaract and the three Interact Clubs, had a celebration of this milestone by undertaking a massive Baton Relay around the City on Sunday April 11th, the coldest and wettest day so far this year. But we all had fun and finished the night off with a dinner to celebrate both our achievement that day but more particularly to toast the success and endurance of Rotary in our Great country.



### A New Venture for our Club

We have some exciting news!

Plans are well underway to launch a new community market, managed by Box Hill Burwood Rotary. The market will be held on the first Saturday of every Month, in the undercover carpark of Burwood One Shopping Centre at the corner of Burwood Highway and Blackburn Road in East Burwood.

Being undercover, we are not at the whim and fancy of the elements.





Full details of the market and how to secure a stall can be found on the Local Projects page of our Club website - <u>https://www.boxhillburwoodrotary.org.au/local-projects/</u>

Our club would like to extend an offer to all our "connected Community". We will make available to your organisation a free stall for your fundraising purposes – once a year. Your participation will need to be in accordance with the terms and conditions of participation but otherwise you are free to use it as a marketing opportunity or a fundraising vehicle or whatever purpose you would like. You can obtain details on this offer from Charlie Xu, the Market Coordinator at <u>burwoodonemarket@gmail.com</u>

### **Opportunity Shop**

Our Op Shop has been a very popular place with locals since being able to trade again. Many houses were culled of quality, no longer required goods, and we were delighted to be able to connect these goods with new owners.

The shop, at 113 Canterbury Road Blackburn South, is always on the lookout for good quality, clean and saleable second-hand goods. Just bring them in between 10am to 4pm weekdays or from 10am to 1pm on any Saturday.

The shop is also eager to take on additional volunteers.

And of course, everybody is welcome to become a regular customer.



# **Community Connections – Edition 1**



#### **Annual Whitehorse Art Show**

After, regretfully, being unable to stage our show last year, we are proud to say that we will once again be staging the Whitehorse Art Show from November 4th to 7th at the Box Hill Town Hall.

More information will follow.

Until then – cheers to you all.

President David Tolstrup

# **Share Your Story & Remain Connected**

You can contact us on president@boxhillburwoodrotary.org.au

We'd love you to share your stories of interest with us - and we'll help by promoting you!

Please also visit and interact with our two Facebook pages:

- Our Club Page <u>@boxhillburwoodlrotary</u>
- Our Op Shop
  <u>@boxhillburwoodrotaryopshop</u>

