



Bulletin 18 - 27 October 2022

MOVIE NIGHT IN SUPPORT OF YACAABA CENTRE



Our meeting this week was transferred from Thursday to Wednesday to allow our club members to attend the special screening of *Some Happy Day* in support of the Yacaaba Centre. Twelve members and partners attended and enjoyed the very thought provoking Australian produced movie. Prior to the movie we enjoyed a glass of bubbly and a most enjoyable cheese platter.

Some Happy Day, set in Melbourne, is a story about Tina, a homeless woman in search of a better life. Tina's life has been impacted by abuse as a child, a difficult upbringing and domestic violence in her later relationship. The film shows in graphic detail a single day in Tina's life as she searches for a better life. During the day she meets Frances a social worker

with troubles of her own. Over a single day their lives interweave revealing unsettling connections that lead to change and redemption.

There are scenes where the privileged and the less fortunate come face to face. We have all encountered people sleeping rough, of lugging the ubiquitous striped carry bags, or pushing shopping trolleys containing their worldly belongings. Rarely do we know the story behind how these people arrived at this point in life.

Some happy day was directed, written and produced by Catherine Hill. Catherine has been employed as a case manager and crisis worker over two decades, working with individuals managing complex issues and often experiencing homelessness. Alongside this work she has been employed as an actor, script editor, story consultant, lecturer and theatre director. Catherine's vision with *Some Happy Day* is to entertain, educate and inspire actions to address homelessness.

Catherine Hill was present for the showing of her movie and provided a preview and explanation of the production. Following the viewing Catherine was joined on stage by Kate Washington, Member for Port Stephens and Louise Simpson, manager of the Yacaaba Centre. The situation regarding homelessness in the local community was described by Louise and Kate. There is much to be done to address this issue locally and considerable support is necessary. It is pleasing that our Rotary club continues to support of the Yacaaba Centre. We are currently providing a \$550 donation per month as well as providing property maintenance and other support where appropriate.

Hopefully, *Some Happy Day*, through the story of Tina, will provoke conversation and more action that works towards addressing the issues of homelessness. Such actions can be small; a change of attitude as you walk past someone sitting in a shell of bedding on the street, a conversation with a friend, donating to a service.

EVENTS

BIRTHDAY: 4 Nov – Lyn Booth **JOINED ROTARY:** 1 Nov – Geoff Diemar (1988 – 34 Years ago), Bill Michel (1986 – 36 years ago), Richard Turner (1973 – 49 years ago).

ROSTER - 3 November: **Door:** Erin Brinkley. **Meet & Greet:** Richard Turner. **Grace:** Ian Brigden. **Toast:** Jim Booth. **Bulletin:** Dieter Greiter. **Binoculars:** Geoff Diemar. **Three Minute Talk:** Jim Booth.



Construction began this week on the erection of a carport at the Rotary shed. The car port was generously donated to the club by our member Lesley Freeman who had previously purchased the kit but no longer had use for it. The kit

was transported from Lesley's home to the shed site some time ago. When in place the carport will house the trailer used to carry our equipment and goods to Bunnings barbeques. This will save moving the trailer in and out of the main shed each time we need to access supplies or equipment from the shed. The carport block was poured last year in readiness. Unfortunately, the shed site is very waterlogged and access to the shed is difficult due to the boggy surface. Thanks to "Dad's Army" for volunteering with the carport erection.



GLENNYS PARKER.

Glennys, wife of our former member Ed Parker passed away earlier this week after a six-year battle with ill health.

Her funeral will be held next Friday 4 November 2022 at All Saints Anglican Church, Nelson Bay at 2.00pm. A wake is to be held in the Church Hall following the funeral ceremony.

Ed is well and has taken care of Glennys during her long struggle with cancer.

Members and Friends extend sincere sympathy to Ed and Family.