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### Club Meetings:

Wednesday at the International Motel,

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6pm for 630pm or by Zoom

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2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
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4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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## President Charles Message



### From the President's Desk.

Our last Club zoom meeting was dedicated to Membership. It provided us with the opportunity to voice thoughts and ideas for Member retention and expansion. The Membership Committee will act accordingly.

The P.E. Nominating Committee is conducting interviews following submissions from members. Watch this space. Your Board of Directors is finalizing a questionnaire to ensure your ideas and hopes are condensed for discussion at a later date. Please take note of the due date for completion, and my incentive for its success.

F. N.R. continues to punch above its weight as evidenced by the excellent idea of Program Chair Maree Hutchins and the "ideas lady" Beverly Unit. Her husband John entertained us with guitar and occasional backing to a selection of tunes from "our" time. P.D.G. Tony and Carla Spring showed some interesting dance moves, but the Hanlon Girls, Maddison and Kensi outperformed everyone with their vitality of youth and at one stage even accompanying John on piano. Future stars, me thinks!

Keep well,  
President Charles.



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**Next Meeting 26th August 2020**

**Zoom Meeting – 6pm for 6.30 start**

**Program - Guest Speaker Alan Middleton**

**Chairman: Russell Cock**

**Meeting – 19th August 2020**

**Guests:** - Rick Lawrence

**Apologies:** Stuart Jones, Russell Cock , Linda Tinney

**Leave of Absence:** Nil

**Chairman : David Louden**

**MILESTONES -**

**ROTARY ANNIVERSARY: NIL**

**BIRTHDAY: Viv Ellam 28<sup>th</sup> August**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Nil**

**Sgt Cookie** called the meeting to order and welcomed

President Charles.

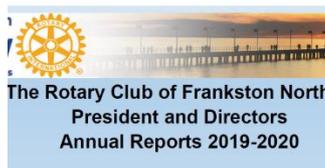
**President Charles** – Welcomed all members and guest Rick Lawrence.

**Chairman:** David , called for urgent announcements

**Secretary Eric** - All mail collected and emailed to appropriate person for action.

Footy tipping -. Round 12 Tamey did best this week with 8, Terry Vickerman is now in lead on 73, Colin Price & Geoff Magor second on 72 and Tamey in 3rd on 71, Tip 9 is now \$30. Round 13 starts on Friday night. Good tipping.

**IPP David Cahill –**



IPP David presented the 2019-20 Annual Report and a copy has been sent to all members.



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### Program & Fellowship Chair – Maree Hutchins

- **Maree's Marbles-** Maree conducted her raffle for the night with Tony Spring winning the bottle of sparkling. Well done again Maree. Good fun.



- **Director Public Relations & Media**

Judi highlighted the many webinars she has participated in over the last week including and talk by Greg Ross Chairman of Australian Rotary Health. This webinar showed the excellent research projects undertaken and sponsored by ARH. She also participated in the Membership webinar which Judi suggests is available on YouTube. Also the launch of the Centenary of Rotary in Australia.

- **Maree Hutchins- SOS Childrens project in India.**

Maree advised that efforts to apply for a global grant were unsuccessful for a variety of reasons, however a number of

individual members indicated their willingness to donate to this project and the Board will consider a contribution.

- **Vietnam Vets Day – 18 August 2020**

Members raised a glass in remembrance of all Australians who took part in the Vietnam conflict especially those members of Frankston North Rotary.  
( see article in this issue )

### MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION -- COMMITTEE & MEMBERS

Chairman David Loudon advised members that the meeting was designed to hear from members on their views and ideas on membership development for FNR and if/ how meetings need to change to attract members. What should FNR look like as a Rotary Club ? especially when we come out of Covid 19 restrictions and get to meet in person.

Tony Spring then outlined the discussions and ideas that the committee have already discussed. Discussion opened and members gave their thoughts with some innovative and thoughtful ideas. All these ideas were collated on the night and will be submitted to the Board and Membership Committee for further action.

However it doesn't end there, membership development of FNR depends on us all to contribute and work towards continuing our strong club.

**Please submit any ideas and thoughts you have on this most important topic for our future to the Board/Membership Committee via Secretary Eric.**



## MUSIC WITH JOHN UNITT

What a fantastic way to finish a hectic Friday ( we are all so busy at the moment) and start another relaxing weekend.

John entertained us with some fantastic music and even had Tony & Carla dancing in the lounge room.

AS President Charles has said David & Bev Hanlon's granddaughters stole the show and John managed to play the wiggles for them. Also good to see our intrastate guest and past member Bob Edgar join us.

Fortunately we all had to be muted during the show so we didn't hear the melodious tones of Linda Tinney or Ron Cook . Although Simon Gillham did get in with a few bars of something! was that singing ? and of course John Tame could be seen drumming away through the whole evening. And with yours truly singing so lo (you cant hear it) we had a great night .

Thank you John for your wonderful music and to Bev for organizing the fantastic time of fellowship. Hope we can do it again.





### The Road to Recovery

The ticket sales for the Fundraiser Road to Recovery is now up and running, we had some initial issues with eventbrite who suspended the raffle, so we had to change it to an event on 30/9, that is you buy tickets to the **event not raffle tickets**, but we will use the event tickets for our draw. Please pass to family and friends and acquaintances.

Flyer is attached and the below is the link to use to purchase tickets, **NB. that if you buy multiple tickets you need to complete details for each ticket you purchase.**

Our ticket purchasing link is:

- <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fnr-road-to-recovery-raffle-tickets-114849453808>



## ROAD TO RECOVERY



- WIN A FRAMED ORIGINAL PAINTING BY MAUREEN GILLHAM
- RAISING FUNDS FOR EAST GIPPSLAND ROTARY FIRE AID
- TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA EVENTBRITE \$5 EACH
- TICKETS ON SALE 27 JULY – 28 SEPTEMBER 2020
- DRAWN WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER AT 7PM
- WINNER NOTIFIED





**Meet our Rotarians :** This segment is designed to hear from our FNR Members on their Rotary Anniversary. No Anniversaries this week but we reflect on **Australian History - Vietnam Veterans Day 18 August 2020**



## **Battle of Long Tan**

The Battle of Long Tan was a significant moment in Australia's war in Vietnam.

On 18 August 1966, in a rubber plantation near the village of Long Tan, Australian soldiers fought one of their fiercest battles of the war.

The men of Delta Company, 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, faced a force of some 2000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops. The battle was fought in wet and muddy conditions during a heavy tropical downpour.

By the end of the day, 17 Australians had been killed in action and 25 were wounded, one of whom died a few days later. This was the largest number of casualties in a single operation since the Australian Task Force had established its base at nearby Nui Dat the previous April.

On this day, we commemorate all the battles fought by Australians in Vietnam, from large-scale operations to platoon and section-level encounters. We remember the sailors of the Royal Australian Navy who supported land operations, and members of the Royal Australian Air Force who served in combat and transport roles.

## **A day to say 'thank you'**

On Vietnam Veterans' Day, we pause and reflect on the bravery, teamwork and endurance that Australians displayed throughout the war.

It's a day when we recognise all who served in Vietnam. We honour those veterans who:

- lost their lives during battle
- returned home wounded, ill or injured
- lost their lives in the years since they returned
- still carry the physical and emotional scars of their service

We also pause to reflect on the impact of service on our veterans' families.



Upcoming EventsDate	Activity	Speaker	Chairperson
26 <sup>th</sup> August (zoom)	Reports from Directors & Speaker Alan Middleton	All Directors Alan Middleton	Russell Cock
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Humanitarian Endeavors	Hamida Lufti	TBA
30 September	Future Frankston	Peta Murphy	TBA



**MEET OUR SPEAKER 26 August - ALAN MIDDLETON**

The following is a brief excerpt from Alan’s bio and I am sure we will hear more of Alan’s exceptional life and perhaps a few “stories “when he speaks to us on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

Alan Middleton is married to Janet, they have a dog Trixi and returned to live in Frankston in Jan 2018 after Retiring from Queensland Police Force.

Alan was born in India in 1958 and contracted and survived polio in 1961. His family emigrated to Melbourne via the Suez Canal & England on the SS Arcadia in 1967.

He attended school at Noble Park High and joined the Victorian Police Force and served in Elwood and St Kilda areas in the 1980’s.

Alan then spent time as a covert “spy” with the Operations Intelligence unit. *Should be some stories here* His last posting was as a Major Fraud Squad Detective in 1996.

Alan then worked across Arnhem land and the Kimberley for a decade as an accountant and Grant Controller in the many Aboriginal Communities. In this role he flew himself around the islands & communities in this remote part of Australia in his Auster airplane almost everyday.

In 1982 Alan was accepted into the Australian Air Force pilot training program where he flew Macchi Jets. He is a long term RAAF reserve and re-joined full time ADF in 2007.

Alan returned to policing in 2010 by joining Queensland Police Service. He worked in Brisbane then Townsville then Weipa and retired at the mandatory age of 60.

Currently is the Chief Flying Instructor for his own flight training school- Sport Aviation Flight Academy where he trains & mentors pilots from Tyabb, Swan Hill and Moorabbin.

Alan has just completed updating his postgraduate qualifications in Information Technology by completing a Cert IV in cyber security. He combines his qualifications in law, business and police detective training to undertake private investigations.

Alan is a fellow of CPA Australia, a members of the West Australia Law Society and the Australian Security Industry



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