



## District 9820

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### ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKSTON NORTH. INC

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Club Meetings:

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### The Four Way Test

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2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?



President Ian

Anzac day invokes many individual memories for us. At our last meeting PDG Lynn Westland shared her experiences as an entertainer during the Vietnam conflict singing to the troops, and as a mother of son who served in conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Lynn's speech was passionate and thought provoking.

This week we take our meeting to Monterey Secondary College to share dinner with teachers and students visiting from Adhyapana School in Madurai. Tamil Nadu State, Southern India. A couple of our members are hosting students and teachers. A hectic and thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Ian McConnell

### This Weeks Program

#### Indian Fellowship Night at Monterey Secondary College 6pm

#### Rotary Guests

PDG Lyn Westland (Casey)  
PP Trevor Westland (Casey)  
SUPRAMANIYAM, Uthaman (RC of Madurai Central)

#### Guests

Ian Gardner, Karen Walters, Michael Block, Glenn Matthews, Godson Rajan, Thomas Jose, Rincy Jose, Suju Sivanandam, Chitra Sivakumar, Rugmini Menon and Maderai Adlupana

#### Apologies:

Russell Cock, Alan Harwood, Stuart Jones, Don MacDonald, Charles Mallia, Robert Pill, and Bev Unitt.



## LOA

Con Demopolous and PDG Tony Spring, Geoff Magor and Eric Neill

## MILESTONES

### ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:



Linda Tinney 30 April 2008

Colin Price 1 May 2012

### BIRTHDAY:

Nil

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Nil

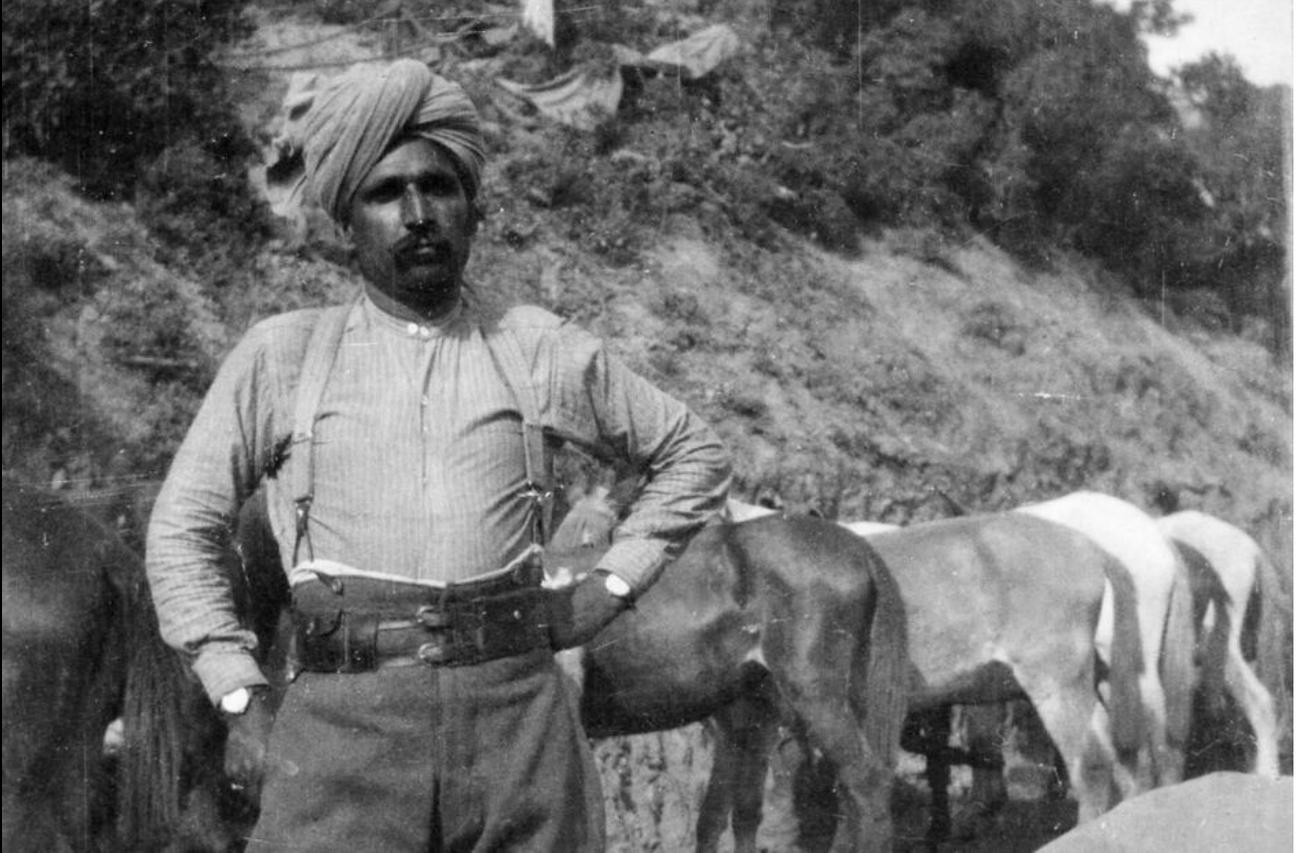
**President Ian:** Welcomed visiting Rotarians, partners guests and our guests from Southern India Tamil Nadu. He also spoke of our ongoing connection with our Indian Friends and the little known relationship we have from Gallipoli

President Ian Read this article to highlight our history at Gallipoli

## **Anzac Day 2015: Up to 15,000 'forgotten' Indian soldiers fought alongside Anzacs**

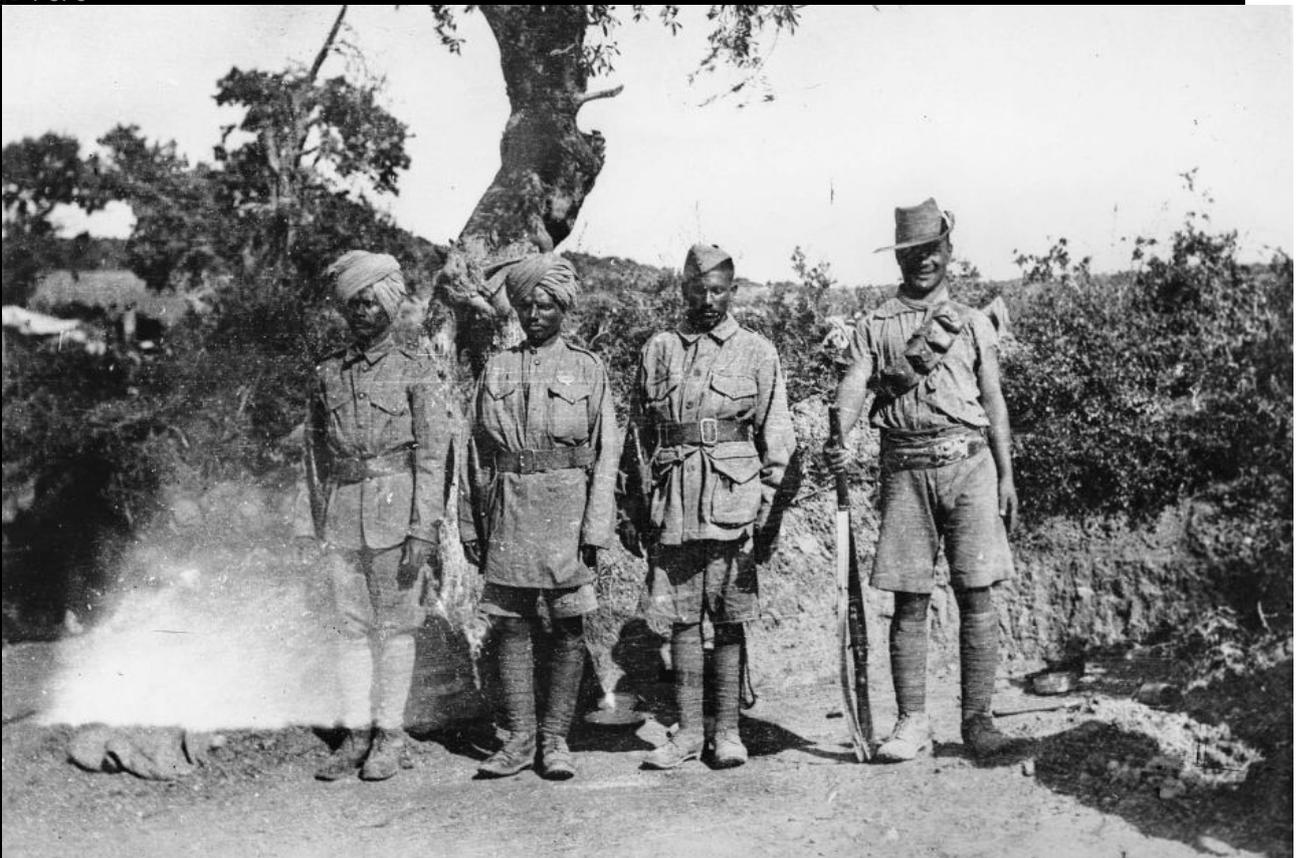
By South Asia correspondent [Stephanie March](#)

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A sergeant major of the Indian Mule Corps at Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli, in 1915. (Australian War Memorial)

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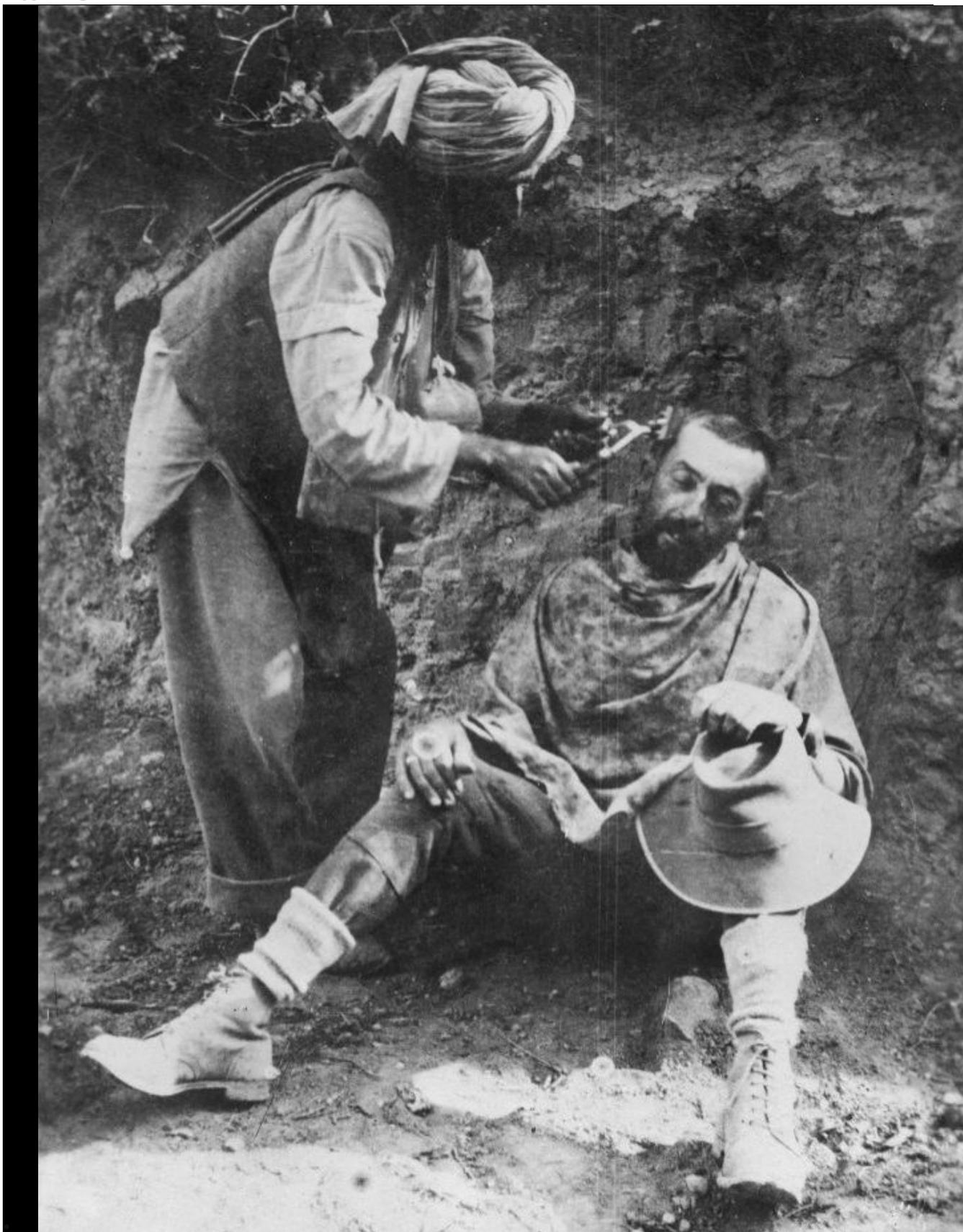
Three Indian troops and a Gurkha (far right) at Walden Grove, Gallipoli Peninsula, April 25, 1915. (Australian War Memorial)

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An Indian Mountain Battery in action at the back of Quinn's Post at Anzac Cove. (Australian War Memorial)

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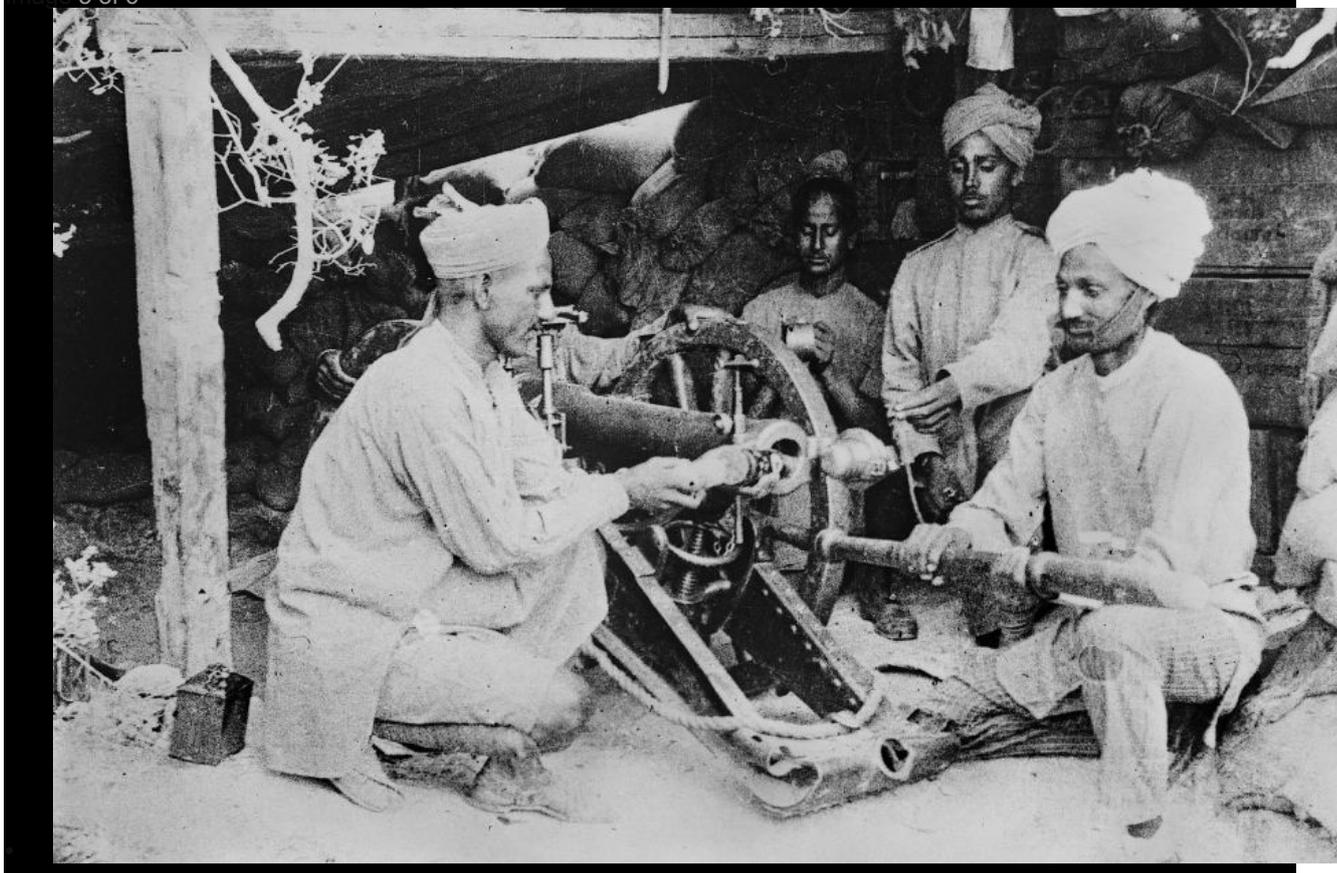


An Indian soldier gives another soldier a haircut in Gallipoli, November 1915. (Australian War Memorial)



Two soldiers, one of them an Indian wearing a turban, on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915. (Australian War Memorial)

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A group of unidentified Indian gunners near the 1st Battalion's rest camp at the foot of White's Valley, Gallipoli Peninsula. (Australian War Memorial)

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Up to 15,000 Indians fought with allied troops at Gallipoli, but their contribution remains relatively unknown and unrecognised in Australia and their homeland, research has found.

"The average Indian is almost ignorant about Gallipoli as a campaign in World War I," retired Indian Air Force wing commander Rana Chhina said.

Historians believe almost 1,400 Indians died at Gallipoli and up to 3,500 were wounded.

Unlike many of the Australian troops, all the Indians who fought were professional soldiers.

"We had an Indian infantry brigade, the 29th Indian Infantry Brigade. We had a mountain artillery brigade and, of course, the mule transport," Mr Chhina said.

The Mule Corps comprised of 650 men and more than 1,000 mules to transport supplies to troops on the peninsula where motor transport was impossible.

Historians say the Mule Corps established themselves in an area known as Mule Gully, which came under constant sniper and machine gun fire during the day.

As a result, most transport took place at night.

"The Mule Corps were the unsung heroes of Gallipoli. If it hadn't been for them, the Anzacs and the rest wouldn't have been able to hold on in the manner that they did," Mr Chhina said.



PHOTO:

[Australian and Indian troops pose for a photograph at Gallipoli.](#)

Indians and Australians were friends on the battlefield



Photographs and sketches from the time show Indian and Australian soldiers spending time together — sometimes sharing food rations.

"You would find Anzacs coming and sharing the Indian soldiers' rations because their roti and daal was far more palatable than the salted bully beef and biscuits," Mr Chhina said.

"The relationship between the Indians and the Australians and New Zealanders was actually very good, by all accounts.

"The Anzacs recognised that the Indians were professional soldiers. They developed a very healthy respect for them."

Mr Chhina said there was some evidence that friendships were formed on the battlefield between soldiers from the two countries.

"There are also various Australian and New Zealand accounts — in soldiers' diaries or in photographs that they've sent back home — where they refer to 'my Indian friend' or 'my Gurkha friend'," he said.

'The forgotten soldiers of history'

Many of the Indians who fought at Gallipoli were from the Punjab, but few records remain about their contribution to the war effort there.

#### [Gallipoli 2015: Australia Remembers](#)



[As Anzac Day approaches, find a collection of World War I stories from around the ABC.](#)

When the British divided India in 1947 and the nation of Pakistan was created, millions of people — including many Punjabis — fled in different directions across the newly-created border.

"It was the largest mass migration in human history — almost all of their letters and other belongings and possessions were destroyed," Mr Chhina said.

"The same happened at an official level. A lot of our World War I records were destroyed during the trauma of partition."

Mr Chhina said the only recognition of some of the 15,000 who fought — or the approximately 1,500 Indian soldiers who died at Gallipoli — is a small plaque at a hospital in Ferozepur in the country's north.

"I am afraid they are literally the forgotten soldiers of history," he said.

One man who has not forgotten the contribution Indian soldiers made at Gallipoli is Perth doctor Tajinderpal Singh.

His great-grandfather, Nanak Singh, served as part of the 1/69 Punjabi regiment at Gallipoli.



"My great-grandfather said the battle of Gallipoli was a very bloody battle and it was very traumatic," Mr Singh said.

"He said as they landed on the beaches there were bodies everywhere.

"It was very unfortunate in that there were many Sikh bodies there and they were friends that he knew — other soldiers that they knew — and the only way to get off the beach was to walk over these bodies."



**PHOTO:** A sketch done by a soldier showing an Australian sharing lunch with an Indian in Gallipoli. (Supplied)



## Guest Speaker



Lynne Westland nee Dutton attended East Oakleigh State School and Oakleigh High School.

As a teenager Lynne was working professionally as Singer in Clubs and on TV including Graham Kennedy's In Melbourne Tonight.

In July 1971 Lynne went to Vietnam and performed at Nui Dat for the Troops serving there.

Lynne has been married to Trevor for 44 years, they have 6 children and 13 grandchildren. For 26 years Lynne has worked for Tobin Brothers Funeral Directors, who have been very supportive of her Rotary life.

She is also a Marriage Celebrant, Justice of the Peace and Bail Justice.

Lynne herself joined Rotary for business, stayed for the friendships and the opportunity to serve and make a difference.

Past District Governor Lynne Westland joined the Rotary Club of Berwick in 1999 and was President in 2008-2009.

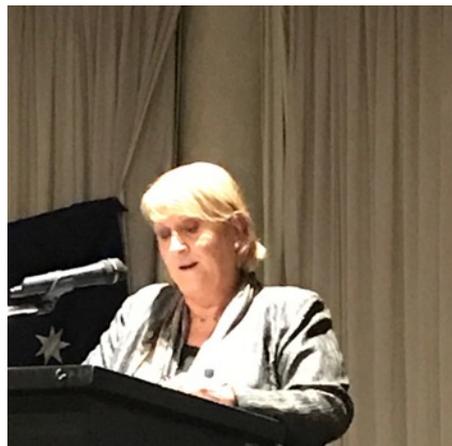
Other Rotary involvement include,

- Leading a Group Study Exchange team to Denmark,
- An Interplast Tour to Fiji,
- Chair of District Youth Exchange and
- Chair of RYPEN for 1 year and is now a member of the Rotary Club of Casey.

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Whilst District Governor in 2016-2017 Lynne and Trevor together with the Rotary Club of Casey held the first District 9820 Conference Overseas/Tasmania.

Lynne will also be talking about being a Mother of a returned Soldier from the War in Afghanistan and her return to Vietnam 2018.





**PDG Lynne Westland** spoke about her excitement as a young 19 year old entertainer flying into Saigon and travelling around Vietnam entertaining the Australian and American Troops. She spoke of her nervousness and her naivety at the time. The days were busy 3 shows a day often with gunfire in the background. At times the gunfire was overwhelming

It wasn't until years later in 2004 when as a mother saying goodbye to her son going to Iraq and Afghanistan. Now she felt dread and apprehension. Though he was a soldier and Lynne is very proud of his service to Australia.

Lynne and her family also needed courage a different courage but courage all the same. It was mentally emotionally challenging due to the intolerant distance. Family needed patience and love to support the returning service personal as many came home emotionally, mentally exhausted.

**Ron Cook** read the Anzac Ode



**David Loudon** read, on behalf of Ron Cook, a tribute to a member of the Tunnel Rats and the role the Tunnel Rats had in Vietnam

**President Ian** presented a Banner to our visiting Rotarian SUPRAMANIYAM, Uthaman (RC of Madurai Central)





Visiting Teachers from Southern India Tamil Nadu

**John Tame** sent this notice and I believe as many people will think it is most relevant to place in our Anzac Day Meeting. A tribute to our member PDG Peter Newman

**Peter Thomas Newman OAM ED JP FRVAHJ**

*Peter lived with his wife Fay in Mt Eliza and, although he already had a busy schedule, he decided he could spare some time to work on the document witnessing roster at the Frankston Police Station. Commencing in May 2010, he attended over 100 times and was eager to assist when other team members could not attend. His organisational expertise and extensive knowledge made him an ideal recipient of membership to the 100 Club.*

*Peter was a retired Army Colonel, with 30 years service in many areas. Other experience included: Executive Director Australian Fire Protection Association (1984-1985), Consultant MPW Australia (1985-1987), Hospital Management (1987-1994), Local Government Commissioner (1994-1997), School Council President, Rosebud Secondary College (1996-1999), Community Support Frankston Material Aid Fund Inc. Trustee (1998-2019), Rotary International (1981-2019), President Ranelagh Residents Association (1997-1999) & Chairperson, Melbourne Veteran & Services Support Centre (2008-2018).*



## Club Announcements

**David Cahill:** Spoke of selling tickets at the market  
RSVP for Change Over Dinner to Judi Mckee

**Simon Gillham:** Exploring accommodation in Bendigo for the conference

**Linda Tinney** Asking for donations of girls underwear, sizes 8, 10 and 12 : face washers and hotel style soap. Also for material to enable reusable sanitary pads to be made and supplied to girls in developing countries

## Club Reminders:

### Community Raffle



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(Charitable organisation number 43945)  
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## Footy Tips are Back

**Round 5** Maree continues to lead the group Good Luck with your tips. Eric is away for next 6 weeks, any tip 9's that go off Eric will pay out on his return.

## Club Welfare

### Message from Con Demopolous:

I am now at home and well. My doctor sent me to hospital last Wednesday afternoon and they kept me there overnight. I came home Thursday morning. The knee is progressing slowly and I am able to walk without crutches. Stairs are a problem but our bedroom is now downstairs. The set exercises are painful.

You may care to publish this to tell our members a huge thank you. Its been amazing the good wishes and visits from our members. There also been lots of offers of help. Loula may take up the offer if things get out of hand.

I am proud to be a member of Frankston North Rotary.

Best Regards

Con.



**Rotarians Out and About**

**Maree Hutchins took her Indian Guests to the Dawn Service at Beauty Park Frankston**



**Eric Neill and Marina are currently Travelling Turkey and enjoying fellowship with Rotary members that Eric met on his GSE Trip**





### **April is Maternal & Child Health Awareness Month**

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.



### Upcoming Events / Activities

Date	Activity	Speaker	Chairperson
28/04/2019	District Assembly	165 Burke St Warragul	
01/05/2019	Friendship Dinner with visiting Indian students and teachers at Monterey SC.		Monterey SC 1800
08/05/2019	Russell Cock and Robert Pill	Whats New in My Life	PDG David Loudon
15/05/2019	Projects and Board Meeting Night		David Cahill
26/06/2019	Change Over Night		The Sands Carrum Downs

### Duty Roster

Date	Meet and Greet	Room Set up & Put Away
May	Maree Hutchins	David Cahill, Con Demopolous, Glenn Ellam
June	Judi McKee	Linda Tinney, Ron Cook, Alan Harwood

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