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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of all the things we think, say or do . . .

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

FROM PRESIDENT MAUREEN



Hello All,

I'd like to start with thanking David Cahill (and his trusty assistant Jan) for the fellowship evening last Wednesday. For those who are unaware the Mystery Tour ended up at Arthurs Seat. What an amazing view on the way to the top and then on the way back down again. That drive has to be on the top of your list when you're showing off our area to interstate and overseas visitors. Apart from the chilly wind and some hungry bull ants (both of which were totally out of anyone's control) it was a great evening. Thank you to Con and Loula for bringing their lovely friends along. We appreciate their support for our Rotary Club. I hope they can come along to our Clover Cottage Dinner. The pizzas were very yummy and warm too. I wonder how Eric and David pulled up.

At last week's "Cluster" meeting two possible projects for our cluster were announced. There is still a lot of work to be done before they go ahead and then our Board has to approve our involvement in them. The first is accommodation for people who have to travel to our region for cancer treatment. That has been around for a while and the sec-

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:00 for 6:30

Neil Bainbridge

CEO-Cranbourne Racing Club

Chairman: Eric Neill

MILESTONES

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:

Nil

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Nil

BIRTHDAY:

Linda Mallia -10 November
Charles Mallia -11 November
Jan Cahill -11 November



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ond is the "Choir of Hard Knocks" which will be re-named. Both are worthwhile projects but they also require big commitments from the Cluster Clubs. Our Board will keep the Club informed.

A number of us attended our first Bunnings BBQ for the year on Sunday. Well done, Linda and thank you to all your helpers who turned up. I think we managed to add a significant amount to the Club's bank account.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Our Magical Mystery Bus Tour Fellowship event finally arrived after weeks of speculation. David Cahill really surprised with this one. We nervously boarded a bus at our meeting point in Carrum Downs and headed south down the Peninsula to Arthurs Seat to a Rotary shelter where a mobile pizza oven was already cooking a variety of gourmet pizzas. While it was cool, the busload of Rotarians, Partners and guests quickly warmed their insides with sizzling pizzas. The crisp night air on top of Arthurs Seat kept us moving but the pizza and accompanying beverages eased the pain somewhat.

Glenn entertained us during the trip with his trivia question and rewarded those with the correct answers with sweets. Needless to say, quiz king Mark suffered a sugar overdose as a result of his enormous database of useless information.

Many thanks to David for organising a unique fellowship event and we look forward to his next 5th Wednesday effort, probably in April.



Where are we going???



We are about to find out as we all board the bus...well almost all of us!



Apparently someone did miss the bus and had ring to find where it was going, and then meet us there sometime later after a lonely drive.

Our man Bill is determined to find out how this lapse in concentration happened.

UPCOMING DUTIES

Meeting Date:	Regalia	Meet and Greet	Cashier
5 th November	Charles Mallia	Beverley Unitt	John Tame
12 th November	John Tame	Charles Mallia	Beverley Unitt
19 th November	Beverley Unitt	John Tame	Charles Mallia
26 th November	Brian Capon	Con Demopoulos	Don MacDonald



NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



SERGEANT BRIAN’S GOOD NEWS STORY:

“KOALAS ON THE MEND”

Queensland researchers say they have made a breakthrough in the fight to protect the shrinking koala population against chlamydia.

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You are invited to a Garden Party



Frankston North Rotary and Peninsula Youth Music Society invite you to a Garden Party to raise funds for the purchase of musical instruments for young children who wish to learn to play an instrument. You will be entertained by fine young musicians. Delicious sandwiches cakes and scones will be served with tea and coffee

Where – Mark and Jane’s Home

Corner of Liddersdale and Cliff Road Frankston South

When – 1.00 – 4.00pm Saturday 15th November

Entry \$20.00 per person

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Judi McKee 59 75 1030 Dorothy Aspin 9789 3686



Ladies, wear a hat and why not the men too





Kosta's Fact:

Giant prehistoric kangaroos walked, not hopped

An extinct Group of giant kangaroos, that died out around 30,000 years ago, got around by walking rather than hopping, says a new study.

These sthenurines, or short-faced kangaroos, included species that were more than three times the size of the largest kangaroos today. The largest, *Procoptodon goliah*, was 2.7m tall and weighed up to 240kg. These animals lived alongside modern species of kangaroo, but specialised on a diet of leaves from trees and shrubs.

Scientists have speculated that such large kangaroos would have had difficulty hopping, with previous studies suggesting the sthenurine anatomy was better suited to the way modern kangaroos get around slowly, using their tail as a fifth limb, detailed comparisons of limb bones from 140 species of extinct and modern kangaroos show that while sthenurines share many similarities with modern species, they also have key differences suggesting they walked rather than hopped.

Broad hips and ankle joints adapted to resist torsion or twisting, point to an upright posture where weight is supported by one leg at a time, says Dr Christine Janis from Brown University, USA, who led the study published today in the journal *PLoS One*.

Their broad hips also allowed for another important modification: large buttocks - a feature shared with other walking species. "These muscles are larger in humans than in [other] apes, and prevent us from toppling over when we stand on one leg," she says.

But, these features "don't correlate with hopping behaviour, and are best explained by them bearing weight on one leg at a time," Christine says.

The findings come as no surprise to some experts. "I certainly don't see bipedal striding as somehow impossible," says Rodger Kram, a biomechanist from the University of Colorado, Boulder, in the USA.

"Modern kangaroos move their legs alternately when swimming, so the neural pathways exist even if they are seldom used."

The findings cast new light on kangaroo evolution, says Christine. "We've always known that [sthenurinae] skulls were different from modern kangaroos, and that they had a different diet."

But scientists haven't really considered a different type locomotion altogether, says Professor Mike Archer, a palaeontologist at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. "No-one had suspected that these extinct 'ordinary' kangaroos couldn't hop, which makes this a very interesting study indeed."

"One of the things that makes the question hard to answer is that there are many similarities between the skeletons of living and extinct kangaroos, and that for the most part, Macropods - kangaroos, wallabies and their relatives - have evolved to bipedal hopping locomotion," says Natalie Warburton, a vertebrate anatomist at Murdoch University in Perth.

Walking may have been a key factor behind the large body size developed by some sthenurines. Small wallaby-sized sthenurines probably walked occasionally, when moving slowly, says Christine. But as they evolved toward bigger body sizes, their moving strategy evolved too.

"[Walking] allowed some species to evolve to large body sizes where hopping would have been an unlikely way of getting around," she adds.

NEXT WEEK

6:60 for 7:00 (Partner's Night)

Joint Meeting with RC of Cranbourne

Andrew Pinxt -Tonga Update

Chairman: Tony Spring

COMING UP

- 15 Nov: **Garden Party at Mark Sammut and Jane's Home**
- 23 Nov: **Kids/Grandkids Christmas Party - Aldercourt Primary School**
- 26 Nov: **Club AGM and Club Assembly**
- 10 Dec: **SWAGS for Homeless**
- 17 Dec: **Club Christmas Meeting - Baxter Valley Winery (Partners Night)**
- 11 Feb: **Community Engagement Night (Planned)**
- 4 Mar: **International Women's Day Breakfast**
- 18 Mar: **Clover Cottage Fundraising Event**
- 27-29 Mar: **District Conference (Shepparton)**

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