



District 9820

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**ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKSTON NORTH INC**  
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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 MAUREN



**T**oday I attended the Avenues of Service Forum in Berwick with Bill Fowler, David Cahill and David Hanlon. It was worthwhile on two levels. Firstly, because of the information that was gained and secondly for the fellowship enjoyed. For Bill and I, we caught up with some old acquaintances and met some new ones. Everyone we spoke to we

learnt something about their Club and their projects, some of which maybe of interest to our Club in the future. The first session I attended was "Youth" and Bill attended the session on "Vision". In the next session we swapped around. On the drive home we discussed them and found that each of us got something different out of it but we found the projects coming out of "Youth" very exciting. Our district is looking at starting an Interact Club for people aged between 12 and 18 years old. There was also mention of an Earlyact Club for primary school children. The Rotary Club of Rosebud-Rye are also supporting a book for children 8 years old and up and also for children as young as 6, to give them life skills and resilience building techniques to cope with challenges they face every day in the school yard and elsewhere including "social media". The book is called "A is for Attitude". Maybe our generation could get something out of it too. We're never too old to learn. This project is part of the fight against the overall problem of youth suicide. I invite you to go to this web site: [www.attitudeboksproject.com](http://www.attitudeboksproject.com) to find out more about it.

There is another Avenue of Service Forum being held in October in Churchill. I would like to encourage you to attend, especially new members and those who haven't attended for a while. You never know what little gem you might pick up to re-ignite the reason you joined Rotary in the first place.

#### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

**6:30 for 7:00 (Partners Night)  
DG's Visit  
Chairman: Maureen Gillham**

#### MILESTONES



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:  
Nil



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:  
**Brian & Margaret Capon: 29 August 1964**



BIRTHDAYS:  
**Viv Ellam: 28 August**

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

**Chairman:** Mark Sammut

**Apologies:** Barry Dean, Linda Tinney, Russell Cock, Ron Cook, Eric Neill, Con Demopoulos

**Leave of Absence:** Michael Shanks, Robert Pill

### Secretary David

- ✓ We received an offer from Tom Trumble, who is a Military History Author, to speak at a Club Meeting. David Loudon to investigate.
- ✓ A Care Case worker has made a request for assistance. John Tame will evaluate this request.
- ✓ The Community Golf Day on September 6 does not currently have enough entrants to make it worthwhile proceeding with. Please look for golfers to enter for this great golf experience on one of the best courses in the State.
- ✓ Ron Cook is home after a stint in hospital to treat one of his toes which became infected following his recent foot surgery. It was feared that he may lose the toe but that seems to have averted. Despite being still under a heavy program of antibiotics, Ron is in good spirits but is frustrated sitting with his foot raised all day.
- ✓ Linda needs some one to take over the coordination of the Christmas Cake, Pudding and Shortbread fundraising project. Charles Mallia kindly volunteered to take this on.

### Announcements

#### **Charles Mallia**

- ✓ For the District Conference on 27-29 March 2015, we have booked in at the Big Valley Motor Inn in Shepparton at \$95 per double room and \$90 per single room. Registration is \$260 per person until January 31 and \$280 per person after that. Club numbers are requested by the end of November this year. We are planning an old-fashioned (does that mean the phantom may make an appearance?) Friday Night fellowship dinner for our Club. There will be golf and a winery river cruise on Friday, a mix of exciting speakers around the theme of the centenary of ANZAC on Saturday followed by a 1920's themed Dinner and on Sunday we will remember our friends, examine our future and consider what we should be doing in 2015. Lunch at the nearby craft fair will link us back to the city before we make our way home. The District Conference allows us the renew friendships with Rotarians throughout the District, share in each other's experiences in Rotary and gain inspiration to undertake new and exciting activities in support of the advancement of the Rotary ideals.

### **SERGEANT BRIAN'S GOOD NEWS STORY:**

#### *“99-year-women Sews a Dress for an African child Every Single Day”*

In a senior living community in Davenport, Iowa, a group of residents meet weekly to sew dress for a charitable organisation. But for Lillian Weber, the hobby has turned into a mission. In her Bettendorf farm house she makes a dress for a small girl in Africa every single Day.

By next May 6, when she celebrates her 100th birthday, her tally will reach 1000 hand-made dresses donated. In the past two years she's finished more than 840 of them.

She may use just a single pattern but adorns each one with special decoration, ribbon or ruffle that makes the dress one-of-a-kind.

“When I get to that thousand, if I'm able to, I won't quit,” she told WQAD-YV. “I'll go at it again.

She simply loves what she does. She also needs to stay busy.

Her donations are distributed to schools, orphanages and churches by a Christain outreach group call Little Dresses for Africa, which says it's distributed 2.5 million pieces since it was founded in Michigan in 2008.

The group's founder heard about Lillian's labours and has promised to hand deliver some of her dresses and take pictures to send back to Iowa. Because nothing can say thank you like a radiating smile on a young girl's face.

**AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION MONTH**

**Club Assembly: Mark Sammut**  
**“Club Vision Survey”**



President Elect Mark led us in an evaluation of our Club Vision Plan, in which we describe where we want our Club to be in five years and the activities that we need to undertake to achieve that vision. We are nearly through the current Plan and will soon begin the next one. At the beginning of each Rotary Year, Club Directors outline the projects in each of their portfolios that we are going to undertake to lead us towards where our Club Vision tells us where we want to be in a few years time.

The Club Vision is reviewed and revised, if necessary, each six months but tonight’s exercise is conduct a survey on the relevance to, and the understanding of, the Club Vision concept to all Club Members.

The questions asked were:

1. What do you understand is the purpose of the Club Vision Plan?
2. What do you understand is your role in the Club Vision Plan?
3. Do you think the Club Vision Plan has been communicated clearly?
4. What would you like to see incorporated into the Club Vision Plan?
5. What can be done to make the Club Vision Plan relevant to you?
6. How relevant is the Club Mission Statement (on Page 1 of The Rotary Ho!) to you?
7. What would you change in this Statement to make it more relevant to you?

Those Members not present at this meeting can forward their thoughts on the above questions directly to Mark.

**“Youth Exchange”**

Our Club has not participated the Youth Exchange Program (YEP) for several years after being a leading participator in the earlier years of our existence. Our situation follows the trend at District level, and wider, and can be attributed to changes in student eligibility requirements, difficulties of the aging Rotary demographic to act as Host Parents and general changes in lifestyle. District is putting in measures to make this a bit easier by encouraging Clubs to share students and to assist with identifying matching outbound students.

With new Members in our Club since our last Exchange Student, we should re-visit our ability to again participate in YEP. We have the opportunity to “share” an incoming exchange with another Club, which would require 2 Host Parents from our Club. The Club agreed, in principle, with the idea of re-entering the YEP by sharing an exchange student. Mark will identify a partner Club and prepare a proposal for us to consider in the coming weeks.

**KOSTA’S FACT OF THE WEEK:**

**“PREDICTING DEADLY JELLYFISH MOVEMENT NOW POSSIBLE”**

*BY NATSUMI PENBERTHY*

We may soon have a warning system to predict up to a week in advance when there’s a high risk of being stung by tiny and almost invisible irukandji jellyfish.

One of the world's most venomous family of creatures, irukandji jellyfish are a concern in northern Australia where they periodically appear off beaches during summer. Stings have been known to cause fatal brain haemorrhages, although this is rare. But they typically send 50-100 people into Australian hospitals each year.

Until now, the movements of irukandji have been difficult to predict, other than a general time of year - summer - when they're more prevalent. ....cont.

**UPCOMING DUTIES**

Meeting Date:	Regalia	Meet and Greet	Cashier
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Bill Fowler	Glenn Ellam	David Cahill
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	David Cahill	Bill Fowler	Glenn Ellam
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Glenn Ellam	David Cahill	Bill Fowler
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Maree Hutchins	Eric Neill	Wayne Peterson

.....cont.

Modeling by Australian researchers demonstrates for the first time that irukandji jellyfish most often show up when there is a drop of south-easterly trade winds near the shore.

Swimmers who stayed out of the water on high-risk days may reduce their chances of being stung by 90 per cent. However, they would only been able to enter the water without protection for just over one-third of the year.

This is still a huge improvement for our northern beaches

The link with winds may be about water turbulence. When water is stirred up, irukandji typically stop swimming and sink to the bottom, and may be moved away from the shore by water movement. While currents caused by a drop-off of south-easterly winds may then carry these relatively weak swimmers closer into beaches.

The family of jellies sport bells up to three centimetres long, but its stings from their sometimes metre-long wispy tentacles (typically used to incapacitate prey) that can cause serious reactions and sometimes fatalities.

Thirty minutes after a mild sting, irukandji syndrome symptoms can include severe lower back pain; excruciating muscle cramps in limbs, abdomen and chest; and sweating, anxiety, restlessness, nausea, vomiting, headache, palpitations, life-threatening hypertension, pulmonary oedema and toxic global heart dilatation.

Aside from freeing up beaches over summer, forecasting irukandji could lighten the burden for Australia's tourism operators. In 2002 there were estimated losses to the tourism industry were in excess of \$US65 million the Great Barrier Reef after two irukandji-linked fatalities.

Currently the theory has only been tested around Palm Cove, just north of Cairns in far north Queensland.

**NEXT WEEK**

**6:00 for 6:30**  
**Directors Reports**  
**Flourish Cafe**  
**44 Norman Av, Frankston South**

**COMING UP**

06 Sep: **Charity Golf Day**  
 10 Sep: **Monterey Secondary College**  
 17 Sep: **The Moss Foundation**  
 24 Sep: **AFL Pre Grand Final Night**

Australians all let us rejoice  
 For we are young and free  
 We've golden soil and wealth for toil,  
 Our home is girt by sea:  
 Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
 Of beauty rich and rare,  
 In history's page let every stage  
 Advance Australia fair,  
 In joyful strains then let us sing  
 Advance Australia fair.

**THE INVOCATION**  
 "For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks"  
**THE LOYAL TOAST**  
 "To The Queen, and the People of Australia"

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