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**ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKSTON NORTH INC**  
Chartered 7 May 1973

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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 MARK**



It is hard to fathom a life of not knowing what has happened to your father, husband, brother or wife. Last week Andrew McKee of the Victorian police spoke to the club about his time in Timor Leste. Andrew undertook three roles in 2002 as part of policing roles under the auspices of the United Nations.

The role he spoke most passionately about was as lead investigator investigating crimes against humanity, collecting evidence and looking for mass graves that were reported to exist throughout the western part Timor Leste. During the period of 1975 – 1999 over 120,000 East Timorese were killed in a bloody occupation by Indonesia. In 1991 the Dili massacre resulted in global condemnation and led by Australia, the Indonesian government agreed to a referendum of the East

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**THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**

7:00 am start

**"International Women's Day Breakfast"**  
*Mornington Race Course*

**MILESTONES**



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:  
**None this week**



BIRTHDAY:  
Beverley Unitt - 2 March  
Linda Tinney - 4 March



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:  
David & Janet Cahill - 2 March 1974

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Timorese people for self determination. The result for Independence was not expected by Indonesia and what ensued in the following 3 years was systematic murder by pro- Indonesia backed militia in an attempt to destabilise the Independence movement.

Andrew spoke with deep passion and emotion about investigating people that disappeared and with immense sorrow but also with pride in locating the remains of people that were missing. His investigation was hampered by scant information, hearsay evidence, the lack of documentation and the fear of retribution. What drove him was a deep sense of humanity and justice in bringing the perpetrators of these crimes to justice.

Unfortunately, the atrocities of East Timorese are played out in a global scale each year. Syria, Afghanistan, Rwanda, Libya, Zimbabwe, just to mention a few. However, it is the Individual like Andrew McKee that makes the ultimate difference in these conflicts. It is the individual that is moved into action, despite the danger to themselves, that is prepared to take on the emotional burden of humanity at all cost.

To know that people like Andrew McKee exist in the world makes it such a better place.

Until I see you next, keep safe and well.

President Mark

#### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

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| <b>Chairman:</b>          | Peter Newman  |
| <b>Apologies:</b>         | Barry Dean, , Beverley Unitt, Maureen Gillham, Rhonda Idczak, Michael Hall, Jenny Ludlow, Tony Spring |
| <b>Leave of Absence:</b>  | Anne Linton, Ron Cook, Rod Puls   |
| <b>Visiting Rotarian:</b> | Jim Baker (RC Mundingburra, Townsville)   |
| <b>Guest:</b>             | Andrew McKee  |

#### Announcements:

##### **President Mark:**

- The Community Raffle is in full swing and needs our support to find more community organisations to participate and earn easy funds for their own groups. We have dispatched over 74,000 tickets and have many more ready for dispatch. We do all the work, providing great prizes, getting the necessary approvals, printing tickets, etc and all the participating groups need to do to receive around \$1.50 for each \$2.00 ticket sold is sell the tickets. We still need more groups to participate to ensure we can deliver the full \$1.50 dividends to the selling organisations, so please follow up any such group you may know of to maximize the return for all participating groups. There are 12 weeks of selling left so the opportunity to raise easy money for more community groups is still there.
- We have a busy few weeks coming up following the District Conference, which provides a great opportunity to refresh and renew our commitment to Rotary through inspiring speakers and great fellowship within our Club and Rotarians within our District. We then have a marquee event with the International Women's Day Breakfast and a Club fundraiser and fellowship event at the Club Film Night.
- This month's Rotary Down Under magazine has an excellent article about attracting young professionals into Rotary Club. I commend this article to you as it contains some good messages that could benefit us.

##### **Secretary David**

- Could those Club Members who are attending the International Woman's Day Breakfast please pay me the \$40 per person before Wednesday so we can finalise the Club tables. We are expecting around 380 guests, including the Mayor and Two Councillors from Mornington Peninsula Shire. Raffles and media coverage has been arranged and we are looking forward to an exciting event.
- The Movie Night fundraiser is on Wednesday March 9, starting at 6:30 at Mornington Theatre. Cost is \$20 per head. We will be seeing "The Lady in the Van" with Maggie Smith. It is not too late to invite family and friends for a great night. *(see flyer on page 5)*
- Jenny Ludlow is home after her operation and is recovering well, despite being tired and sore. Michael is

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quickly learning to be cook, bottle washer, housemaid and nurse. Jenny thanks the Club for the flowers she received.

- Last week, Rotary celebrated it's 111th birthday and we invited PGD's Peter and David to lead the Club in singing Happy Birthday to Rotary and blow out the candles on the cake we all shared.

**Eric Neill:**

- Eric attended a Presidents Elect meeting and reported that the District Assembly for next Rotary Year will be held in Frankston on **Sunday 15 May**. All incoming Board Members are expected to attend. Other Rotarians who want to further understand the workings of Rotary leadership are also invited to attend.
- The District Changeover Luncheon will be at the Warragul Country Club on **Sunday 3 July**.

**Wayne Peterson:**

- Last weekend we sold around 100 of the Club's allocation of tickets for the Community Raffle at Bunnings Frankston. All members have been emailed a spreadsheet of available times of times and venues to sell more tickets and all members are asked to nominate which days and times they can help with this task. Please email Wayne with your preferred place and time to help.

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|  | <p><i>Guest Speaker : Snr. Sergeant Andrew McKee - Victoria Police</i><br/><i>“Peace &amp; Conflict - East Timor 2002”</i></p> <p>Andrew has 23 years experience in a range of operational, training and corporate area within Victoria Police. He has worked with State, National and International Services and has been the recipient of international scholarships to work overseas. In East Timor, he had 3 specific roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close Personal Protection of President Megawati Sukarnoputri and US President Bill Clinton at the first Independence Day celebrations.</li> <li>• Head of Investigations in Suai in Cova Lima District for a short time, and</li> <li>• Crimes against Humanity Investigator with the Serious Crimes Investigation Unit out of Dili, to investigate reported incidents.</li> </ul> <p>In August 1975, East Timor declared it's independence from Portugal but, after 9 days it was invaded by Indonesia and was forcibly annexed as one of their provinces. The East Timorese Fretilin Movement and Indonesia fought over control and between 1975 and 1999 there were approximately 150,000 conflict deaths. After President Suharto's fall in 1998 and the economic crises he left behind, incoming President Habibie offered autonomy to East Timor through a vote to determine if the population wanted independence. To the surprise of Indonesia the vote was 79% in favour of independence, and they did not accept it. The country was in chaos as the militia, who were trained and equipped by the Indonesian Army, forced 200,000 people into West Timor splitting East Timorese families. In 2000 agreement with Indonesia was reached that Australia would take control of East Timor. The Indonesians did withdraw but destroyed everything in their path as they did.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(continued on page 4)</i></p> |
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**NEXT WEEK**

6:30 pm sharp  
**“The Lady in the Van”**  
**Mornington Theatre**  
**Main Street, Mornington (Beach End)**

Andrew arrived in Dili, the capital, in May 2002 as basic rebuilding of infrastructure such as power, water and road access was going on, and was housed in shipping containers on the outskirts of town.

Following his Personal Protection task on Independence Day, he moved from Dili to Suai which is a beautiful coastal region but was still prone to random attacks, with NZ and Fiji troops suffering casualties trying to secure the border. Schools, education, medical supplies, communications, services and courts were very limited. Small crimes were handled by local elders but major crimes had to go to Dili, 250 kilometres away over dreadful roads.

Andrew's main job there was to teach the local police how to investigate crimes, build trust of the community with police - which was sadly lacking, and put active process and governance into place.

He was then recruited by the Serious Crimes Investigation Unit to investigate Crimes against Humanity or Genocide that occurred during the conflicts around independence in 1999. Investigation was difficult due to scant details on alleged abductions, tortures and murders. After interviewing village leaders and the local community for 6 months, they exhumed bodies to confirm the cause of death. They brought charges against local perpetrators and issued arrests warrants against high ranking Indonesians. Many of these warrants are still outstanding as the people named have died or remain in Indonesia where they are protected.

Andrew was also involved in the reception and integration into the community of those East Timorese who were displaced into West Timor during the conflict, and the reintegration of low level offenders into their communities.

East Timor has come a long way since those terrible days but still face significant challenges involving stability of government, financial stability and equality, and infrastructure and maintenance.

Other communities might find these challenges too much but the peoples of East Timor have amazing resilience and will survive and recover.



President Mark with Andrew

## CONNECT WITH KOREA -- TOUCH THE WORLD

### EARLY REGISTRATION SAVINGS END 31 MARCH

The countdown to the Rotary Convention is on! Join the more than 40,000 Rotarians who have already registered and experience the biggest event of the Rotary year Convention Committee Chair Ian H.S. Riseley has helped secure an outstanding group of speakers, including a world champion of public speaking, a famous spiritual guru from India, and the CEO of an organization that works to keep children out of institutional care and living with families.

Come to Korea to get inspired to do more good and *Be a Gift to the World*.

Take advantage of early registration savings until 31 March. Register today!



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See "The Lady in The Van" at our Club Film Night on 9 March at Mornington Theatre at \$20 pp

Sunday 13th March 2016  
at 2.30pm  
Peninsula Community Theatre  
Wilson's Road, Mornington

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| <i>Duties for Meetings</i> |                               |   |  |
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| <b><u>March</u></b>        | <b>Cashier</b><br>Glenn Ellam | <b>Greeters</b><br>Eric Neill<br>Charles Mallia | <b>Room Setup and Put Away</b><br>Don MacDonald<br>John Tame<br>David Louden |
| <b><u>April</u></b>        | Wayne Peterson                | David Louden<br>Charles Mallia                  | Judi McKee<br>Linda Tinney<br>Michael Hall                                   |
| <b><u>April</u></b>        | David Louden                  | Peter Newman                                    | Charles Mallia<br>David Cahill<br>Con Demopoulos                             |

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### Happy Birthday Rotary

PDG's David and Peter with RI's 111<sup>th</sup> birthday cake surrounded by Club Members

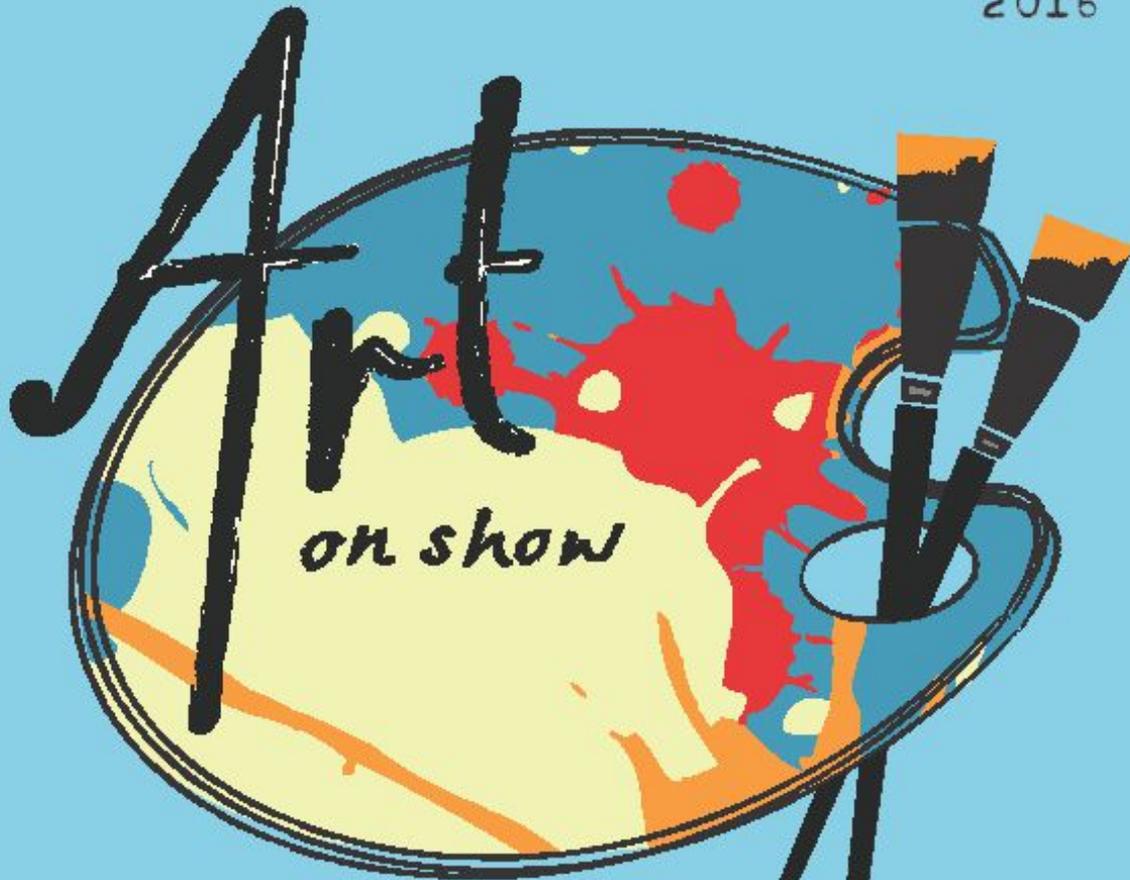


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March 12th-14th 2016  
10am - 5pm Sat/Sun  
10am - 1pm Monday

Opening Night  
Fri 11th March  
6:30pm for 7pm