



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 MARK



The Rotary International Theme for March is Water and Sanitation.

Drinking clean water and being able to use a toilet are a given in our country.. For a majority of the world this is not the case. Let me run some statistics by you:

- Worldwide 780 million people do not have access to clean safe water.
- An estimated 2.5 billion people or 35% of the world's population do not have access to proper sanitation.
- According to the World Health Organisation, regions of the lowest coverage of sanitation were Africa (33%) and South East Asia (65%)
- According to UNICEF, 1 in 5 girls in primary school age do not attend school. The major reason for this is that girls are responsible for collecting water for the family.

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:00 for 6:30 pm

"A Journey through Morocco"
PE Eric Neill

MILESTONES



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:
None this week



BIRTHDAY:
Fay Newman - 1 April



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:
None this week

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- An estimated 810,000 children under the age of 5 die each year from diarrhoea. This accounts for 11% of the world's death of children under the age of 5.
- Worldwide, soil transmitted helminths infect more than 1 billion people due to lack of poor sanitation.
- Trachoma is the world's leading cause of preventable blindness and results from poor hygiene and sanitation. Approximately 41 million people suffer from trachoma and 10 million people are irreversibly blind as a result.

Water and Sanitation is one of Rotary's key areas of focus. Each year there are thousands of Rotary projects undertaken worldwide to provide people with adequate drinking water. Without these projects, countless more people would be afflicted by disease and death. Our Club's contribution to the Rotary Foundation provides funds for Rotary to tackle projects relating to the basics of drinking water. Perhaps in the near future we could look at undertaking a project to provide sanitation in a neighbouring country, especially when you consider that one third of the people in our region do not have adequate sanitation.

Some food for thought!

Until next week, keep safe and be happy.

President Mark

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Chairman: Linda Tinney
Apologies: Barry Dean, Beverley Unitt, Colin Price, Geoff Magor, Jenny Ludlow
Leave of Absence: Anne Linton, Tony Spring
Guests: Peter Goonan, Carol Tapioca

Announcements:

President Mark:

- As mentioned in my blog last week, the Board discussed the spiralling cost of acquiring Club Banners and mailing out birthday and anniversary cards to Club Members and Partners. This provides a considerable drain on Club funds and the Board has proposed that we discontinue these long standing practices. Feedback is required on this decision from Club Members.

Secretary David

- Peninsula Rotaract are holding a Casino Night at the new Clubrooms at Frankston Football Ground on May 14. High Rollers in the Club need to keep that date free.
- The RI District 9820 Nominating Committee for District Governor has met and considered candidates for the position of District Governor 2018-19 and has nominated Janne Speirs of the Rotary Club of Traralgon. The position for District Governor 2018 - 2019 is now subject to the approvals process. Sections 1(k) to 1(q) of the RI District 9820 By-Law No. 1, details the rights of clubs to propose a challenging candidate, and the process to be followed should that be the case. Any challenging candidate must be proposed no later than Tuesday 5th April, 2016.

Peter Newman

- At a recent meeting of the Frankston Community Support Trustees, of which Peter and Brian Capon are members, a discussion on the requests received for support for school equipment for disadvantaged student was had. It was thought that the Frankston North Rotary Educational Trust Fund may be able to help. A formal approach from that body will be made to our Club for consideration by the ETF.

Judi McKee

- We have received about 100 Trauma Teddys that have been passed on to Frankston Hospital. They are providing great comfort to distressed children in hospital so please keep them rolling in. We received a letter from

Don MacDonald

- We have received a touching letter from Glory, a sight impaired lady at Vision Australia, about how she loves knitting Trauma Teddys, but needs help sewing them up because of her poor eyesight. As well as helping distressed children in hospital, this project is giving great pleasure to people like Glory.

MARCH IS WATER & SANITATION MONTH

- We have been invited to participate in a joint project with Peninsula 2.0 Club, similar to our Computers for Community project but on a larger scale. This proposal will be considered by the Board.

Eric Neill

- The Club Footy Tipping competition is on again at \$20 per entry. Those who participated previously still need to reactivate their registration at www.footy.com.au, and new participants will need to register at that address. Our Club competition is Rotary Club of Frankston North. Please pay your \$20 entry as soon as possible.
- The Succession Plan Skills Set Questionnaire, to give the Club Executive an insight into what jobs Members may be best suited for and for Members to indicate what skill areas they may want to receive training in, was emailed out to all Members. Please return the completed questionnaire asap.

Wayne Peterson

- We have the next 3 weekend booked at Bunnings Frankston to sell Community Raffle Tickets on behalf of the Club. Volunteers are still required to fill those time slots. We are currently looking at alternative venues to increase sales.



Your Energy Bill and Solar Power

Peter Goonan

Commercial General Manager - Sumo Power

Peter has had 10 years in the retail energy industry working in Market Analytics, Budgeting/Finance, Pricing Management and Commercial Management. He also worked as a wholesale energy spot trader.

Your energy bill is calculated from a data aggregation of the meter data, the network tariff mapping, retail tariffs and any offers/discounts. To maximise energy saving, the customer needs to know how much electricity they use at different times of the day and the tariff type they are on. The average household consumption is 6 MWh p.a. at a cost of around \$1850.

The total bill is comprised of Network Charges (45%), the actual energy *(continued on page 4)*

Duties for Meetings

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

NEXT WEEK

6:00 for 6:30 pm
“Holidaying in Morocco”
PE Eric Neill

COMING UP

23 April - Club Trivia Night

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(21%), Government environment schemes (8%) and Retail costs (25%).

There are 5 typical electricity load shapes that indicate how each consumer uses their electricity throughout the day. Perhaps the most common is that of a working family with children, which has a peak in the morning, low usage during the day and the major peak in the evening and night. As it happens, energy from solar panels on your roof produces energy from around 8am, peaking in the middle of the day and falling off around 6 pm. Your usage profile on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis can be tracked on:

<https://energyeasy.ue.com.au/>

To encourage the uptake of solar energy panels in private homes back in 2009/11, the government offered a credit of 60 cents per kWh fed back into the grid, locked in to 2024. This was a great deal that was taken up by so many people that the government discovered it was costing them too much money, so they reduced the feed in credit in stages to the current 5c/kWh. So if you got the 60c deal, don't sell your house or upgrade your solar system until 2024, or you will lose this great deal.

At 5c/kWh feed in credit you won't make much money selling power back to the grid when you are buying it from them at about 25c. However if you are in a position to be able to run your pool filter, washing machine, dishwasher, clothes dryer, vacuum cleaner, etc during daylight hours, you will be using your own energy at zero cost instead of buying it from the grid. This is the value of having your own solar panels.

The next obvious solution is to store the excess energy you generate and then use it later outside daylight hours. Battery walls to achieve this are coming onto the market but they are large and expensive and are not yet an economic solution, as the payback time is generally longer than the useful life of the batteries.

To determine if the economics of a solar system are favourable in your circumstances, there is a Solar Payback Calculator on the web site:

<http://www.solarchoice.net.au/blog/solar-power-system-payback-calculator>

Solar providers are offering attractive finance terms, e.g. 5, 7 or 10 year credit. There are package deals of Solar installation and energy deals.

Sumo Power and United Solar are offering a Virtual Storage package called Sunbank which gives the benefit of a battery system without the physical batteries. It is a financed solar installation & energy plan with a 8kwh/day usage included and can be paid off over 7 years.

It pays to take advantage of free offerings, such as LED light replacements and in-home energy usage displays.

It is always worth trying to change your energy usage behaviour by looking at what you are able to change in your usage pattern at little or no cost.

Victoria has the most competitive retail energy market in the world with over 20 retailers fighting for your business, so it pays to always be on the lookout for sweeteners such as Pay on Time discounts and additional value adds such as, movie tickets, loyalty clubs/rewards, magazine subscriptions and football club memberships. The cancellation fee of an existing contract is legislated at \$20, so barriers to switching is virtually non-existent. You should be paying around 18c/kWh after discounts, down from the undiscounted rate of around

25c. This will give the average user a saving of around \$400 pa.



Peter with President Mark

It is worthwhile to take the time to understand your energy usage and how much you are spending. You can then calculate the benefit of solar energy, remembering you may need to change your energy usage pattern to achieve the potential of energy cost savings.

Also remember not to get the cheapest solar system you can find as, like in most purchases, poor quality products are rarely cheaper in the long run. Engage a reputable company who is endorsed by the Clean Energy Council and the Australian Solar Council to consult with you and put a plan of action to maximise your savings.



TRIVIA
Night
Saturday 23 April 2016

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Cost: \$15.00pp
(kids half price)
BYO Nibbles, drinks & glasses.
Tea & Coffee provided.

Location:
St Francis Xavier
Church Hall
Frankston

RSPV by Wed 20 April 2016
Contact person: David Hanlon
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Frankston North Rotary are
holding a fun night where you and
your family or friends can
challenge others for the title of Club
Trivia Champions.
Professional facilitator—Bungle Trivia
- Minister for Useless Information.

All proceeds will go towards funding
Frankston North Rotary's community
projects.

Please put together a table of 8 and
enjoy a fun night.

