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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



With Easter done and dusted for another year my attention always looks forward to April.

The Anzac Day Club meeting for me is the highlight meeting of our Club each year. I am always moved by the Last Post and the key note speaker always embraces the true essence of the ANZAC spirit, mateship, resourcefulness in adversity and the tenacious never say die attitude.

We are blessed in our Club to have PDG Peter Newman. Peter's guiding hand in this event has truly

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:00 for 6:30 pm

"No Roads to Health"

Kristy Sullivan

ICU Manager - Frankston Hospital

MILESTONES



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:

John Tame - 6 April 1983



BIRTHDAY:

Marina Neill - 8 April
Bernie Hutchins - 8 April



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

None this week

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made it special. Our Club has a history of members that have served our country in conflict. Each and every one of them at times has shared their experiences and fears with the Club and it is this sharing experience that makes our Club unique.

Not unlike the camaraderie experienced by returned soldiers, our Club to shares in this ethos. I have had on two occasions recently have heard visitors remark to me that our Club has a special feeling that very few clubs have. It is our collective interactions and shared beliefs that make our club tick.

So I ask each and every member of our Club to invite someone to our Anzac Day meeting. Let's share our great gift of our Club with as many people that we can. It is such a shame to keep it our secret!

Until next week, keep safe and be happy.

President Mark

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Chairman:	David Louden
Apologies:	Barry Dean, Beverley Unitt, Michael Hall, Jenny Ludlow, Maureen Gillham, Con De mopoulos, Maree Hutchins, Rhonda Idczak, Judi McKee, Don MacDonald
Leave of Absence:	Anne Linton, Tony Spring
Guests:	Charlie Spiers, Carol Tapioca

Announcements:

President Mark:

- Jim Baker, a member of RC Mundingburra in Townsville and a former member of our Club, asked if we could help financially with the set-up of the RC Club of Lafaek Dili in Timor-Leste, which is in their District and is co-sponsored by Jim's Club. The new Club is to be made up of local people so their knowledge of Rotary is low and need all the help they can get. We are proud to have donated \$250 towards this project.

Secretary David

- The Club Trivia Night will be held on 23 April at St Francis Xavier Church Hall, Frankston. (*see flyer on page 6*). The address is 58 Davey Street, with car parks on Baxter Street beside and Park Street behind the hall. To make the night a success, we need a large turn-up, so invite your families and friends to attend. Be assured that mobile phones will be banned so correct answers will be achieved only through towering intellects, not the internet. We also need prizes (bottles of wine etc,) to be donated and help with the set-up of the hall prior to the event.

Eric Neill

- The Club Footy Tipping competition is up and running with 22 participants and David Louden leading after the first round by fluking 9 winners. 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.
- Many thanks to those Rotarians who manned the gates at the Frankston Bombers Good Friday football featuring Brendon Fevola. This day was a great success and our Club raised \$500 for Club projects.

Glenn Ellam

- Entertainment Books are coming out shortly so be ready to grab yours. The books are full of discount vouchers for local restaurants and business and are great value. By using only a few of the hundreds of



Journey through Morocco

Eric Neill

Why go to Morocco? Well, in 2010 Marina and I went to Turkey, where we did a self drive tour, purchased a tagine from a Moroccan restaurant and just loved the idea of seeing more of that part of the world.

We found a 14 day small bus tour with Ghekos Adventure Tours. There were 16 people on the tour, plus the guide and driver. The tour group was made up of Australians, New Zealanders and English, 7 of our age group and the others 25-35. It was a really good mix and all got on very well.

Morocco is about 17 times *smaller* than Australia: Australia is 7.7 million sq km in area and Morocco is 446,000 sq km. Morocco is a Kingdom, has population of 33.8 million of which 99% is Arabic and Berber, and their religion is Islam. The current Sovereign is King Mohammed VI who has been king since 1999. We flew into Casablanca and met the tour group that night. We found Casablanca, to our surprise, was a very dirty large city



and our hotel was just a hotel.

Our first tour stop was the Grande Mosque Hassan II, the largest in Morocco and which can house 25,000 for prayer inside. It was built in 1993 by King Hassan II.

The tour then went by local train to Meknes, a beautiful old walled city, where we toured the city bazaar and market place.

We then to Fes Medina (old City), the 2nd largest in Morocco which is a Walled City with UNESCO heritage listing. It is a pedestrian medieval town of 220 hectares with a population of 300,000 and was founded in 9th Century. It has 12,000 lanes, alleyways and

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Duties for Meetings

	Cashier	Greeters	Room Setup and Put Away
<u>April</u>	Wayne Peterson	David Louden Charles Mallia	Judi McKee Linda Tinney Michael Hall
<u>May</u>	David Louden	Peter Newman Charles Mallia	Charles Mallia David Cahill Con Demopoulos
<u>June</u>	Judi McKee	John Tame Charles Mallia	Eric Neill Brian Capon Russell Cock

NEXT WEEK

6:00 for 6:30 pm

Spirit of Tasmania

Fiona Sturman

Chairman: David Cahill

COMING UP

23 April - Club Trivia Night

15 May - District Assembly (Frankston)

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dead-end streets.

We visited Pottery and Tile works, Carpet Weavers and literally followed our noses to the Tanners quarters. With my beard and swarthy complexion, I got called Ali Barber by the tour group everywhere we went.

Leaving Fes by bus went over the partially snow covered Atlas Ranges, and met a nomadic family who move their family and sheep herd to the mountains for summer and lowlands for winter.

The tour then to Erg Chebbi ([ergs](#) – large seas of dunes



formed by wind-blown sand) for a camel ride and climb up a 500 metre high sand dune for sunset and overnight desert camp.

We then on to Todra Valley-Gorge, which had amazing greenery in silted valleys used for ancient irrigation. Next stop was Dades Valley and Ait-Benhaddou,



which is a fortified city on an old caravan route, and is where many films have been shot, notably Gladiators and parts of Game of Thrones.

The next day we crossed back over the Atlas Ranges to Marrakech and stopped at women's co-operative where they make Argan oil by pressing the argan fruits kernel from the tree.



In Marrakech, we visit the Piazza and Bazaar, which was a hive of frantic activity.

We then went by public bus for 3 night stay to the Atlantic seaside fortified village of Essaouira, on the way seeing goats up in Argan trees, lots of fishing vessels, seafood and markets.

Then back to Marrakech from where we then went on to Croatia for the next phase of our holiday.

In summary we found Morocco to be a wonderful country full of history, culture, and friendly people. We did not feel unsafe anywhere, but we did eventually get sick of tagines, It was a different tour with a great tour group and guide. Hotels were generally basic with several not having lifts, but did have hard beds.

Our highlights were: the overnight camp in the desert and the camel ride to get there, the old Medina of Fes, the seaside old city of Essaouira and having a hamman there, which was interesting and great. It is a real part of Moroccan culture and life; having hammans weekly.



Eric with President Mark

“HUGE GAINS IN MALARIA CONTROL”

By Tony Thomas, RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise

Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease but half the world population (3.2b) is still at risk from it. Because of improved campaigning and a 20-fold funding increase this century, new cases have plummeted. They fell 40% last year to 214m. Deaths fell even more sharply, by 60%, but still run at 500,000 p.a. Anti-malaria successes are estimated to be contributing about 20% to the global gains in infant mortality. Malaria kills a child every 60 seconds. Its lethal effects hit strongest against pregnant women and children under 5. Fifteen African countries comprise 80-90% of the malaria reservoir. A billion people are infected but 80% of them don't know it – and from them the infection spreads by mosquitoes to others. Identifying carriers is improving from cost-effective technologies such as 50c tests that can be resolved on-the-spot.

A particular peril is a region in Cambodia where strains have developed with resistance to the best new drugs. If those strains were to 'escape' and get into Africa, humanity would incur a devastating setback. Medical science (e.g. one-shot super-drugs) and modern approaches offer big advances in the coming half-decade, compared to past efforts involving long-lasting treated bednets and sprays. Malaria 'hot-spots' are now being identified and tackled at source, with mapping of travels of infected (but unknowing) carrier groups by use of mobile phone data, for example. This limits the multiplying of new 'hot-spots' while the primary hot-spot is tackled. As with polio, the battle is to eradicate the disease – merely controlling it is not enough.

Global targets, via the World Health Organisation and the Gates' foundations, are to triple funding to US\$9b annually. The cost-benefit ratio is estimated at about 36 times. Cases and deaths are to fall by a further 90% by 2030 with no resurgences. Bill Gates himself, who is funding around US\$250m annually, sees elimination of malaria by 2040.

From Australian Rotary's point of view, the front line is PNG where gains have been strong in recent years. In 1997 malaria was PNG's biggest killer; now it is only 8th ranked. Cases per 1,000 people are 38, down 75% since 2009. More than 9m treated bednets have been distributed, with current cost per net at about \$10. The successes in PNG have led to a significant fall in global aid, since the donors have re-focused onto worse-hit nations. Hence innovative approaches are needed.

In our other neighbour Timor Leste, cases have fallen to only 1 per 1,000 people, and elimination of malaria there is possible.

Centurion Club Awards

PDG Charlie Spiers presented Centurion Certificates and badges to Mike, David, Colin, Russell and Rod.

Awardees Maree and Rhonda were absent last week.

Centurions donated a minimum of A\$100 to The Rotary Foundation and can nominate that their donation be directed to TFR Annual Programs Fund or PolioPlus.





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.

