



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**



**A**t last week's meeting, Secretary David gave a presentation on Rotary International and the District's position with respect to interacting with children.

I use the word interaction because virtually any one on one contact between a Rotarian and a minor is discouraged. In my time as a Rotarian I have been a host parent to a youth

exchange student and also have interacted with members for the Monterey Interact club. On occasions I have been in sole charge with these students and really thought nothing of it. I am guessing that most of the club members have been in a similar situation in their Rotary past.

What has caused this hypersensitive reaction and over compensation from common and practical sense? There is no doubt in my mind that the current Royal Commission into institutional child abuse is driving this reaction. The essential under lying

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**THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**

6:00 for 6:30

**"Be You Success Coaching"**

**Bev Unitt**

**MILESTONES**



**ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:**

**Judi McKee - 22 June 2005**  
**David Hanlon - 28 June 1995**



**BIRTHDAYS:**

**None this week**



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:**

**None this week**

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root cause for this institutional abuse is a lack of due diligence and any semblance of vetting and review of people that were responsible for minors.

The natural preventative measure to the issue is to develop procedures that mitigate the risk. David's presentation was taken from the District's protection officer and the potential financial cost to a Rotary club and to District. As such it reflected a hard line prescriptive view that reflected the potential risk of inaction by Rotary Clubs.

I would like to take a humanist point of view. As a Rotarian I would be horrified if the scourge of child abuse tainted our club, our District, or Rotary International. As a humanitarian it is encumbered upon me to do my utmost to protect children and to ensure that children and the young are not scared and afflicted. As such and as a consequence I will be doing my utmost to comply with and support the requirements with respect to interacting with children.

I encourage all club Rotarians to reflect on this as well and I encourage you to also commit and embrace the requirements.

Until next week, keep happy and safe.

President Mark

### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

**Chairman:** Mark Sammut

**Apologies:** Barry Dean, Beverley Unitt, Russell Cock, Jenny Ludlow, Maree Hutchins, David Cahill

**Leave of Absence:** Anne Linton, Maureen Gillham

### Announcements:

#### **President Mark:**

- Thanks to those Rotarians and Partners who worked at the Bunning Sausage Sizzle on Sunday at very short notice. They cooked around 700 sausages and onions, and sold 60-70 cold drinks, raising \$1350 for the day. New Rotarian Tony fell for the old initiation ritual by being coerced into cutting up hundreds of onions and reeking of them for days.

#### **Secretary David:**

- We need to know who is intending to come to the Club Changeover at the Sandhurst Club on Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 for 7:00 pm. Cost is \$40 pp. We have to pay the Sandhurst Club in advance, so all monies must be in by June 22. Payment can be made to the Cashier at our next 2 Club meetings, or by direct transfer to the Club bank account (details on the front page of the Ho!)
- The new Club Polo's that have been ordered can also be paid to the Cashier or directly to the Club Bank Account. Cost is \$20 per polo.
- We have mislaid the Sergeant's Chain of Office and with the Club Changeover coming up we need to locate it. If anyone knows where it is could you please contact David.
- We have a selection of old Club paraphernalia item, such as badges, banners, key rings etc. If any budding historian wishes to obtain some of these items, please contact David.

#### **PE Eric**

- The Club is talking to Elisabeth Murdoch College about running their Deb Ball later in the year. This is a large undertaking and would require support and hard work from Club members. A subcommittee of Tony Spring, David Hanlon, Colin Price, Eric Neill and Tony Crawford met with the school last week to further investigate this project.

#### **Glenn Ellam**

- We still have a few Entertainment Books available for \$65. The books contain numerous Dining and Goods & Services vouchers that represent great value. This cost can be recouped by using just 1 or 2 of the vouchers, The Club also makes a small amount from sales of these books.

#### **Con Demopoulos**

- Carol has departed for Australia for her home in Brazil and faces a 65 hour journey, including stopovers.

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**JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH**

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We received an email from Frankston high School that a copy of her school report will be forwarded to our Club for it's records.

**David Louden:**

- Eric Neill and David attended a Frankston Business Network meeting and the Lifegate, an organisation that engages marginalised and disadvantaged youth in the Frankston area. They heard an impressive talk by a survivor who has turned his life around, and made several good contacts with business people in the area.

**Eric Neill:**

- The Club AFL Footy Tipping competition is entering the Bye weeks where 2 rounds of games are spread over 3 weeks. Instead of a weekly winner, we have decided to total the best scores over the next 3 weeks and pay out twice the weekly prize on the winner over that period.
- The Moneract Club are having a barbeque at Bunnings Carrum Downs on July 3 using our equipment. We need an experienced Rotarian to manage the set up and clean up. Please see Eric if you can help.

### Guidelines for Rotary Youth Programs

Secretary David Hanlon went through the Youth Protection Guidelines presented at the D9820mPETS and District Assembly Training Forum in May this year.

Following recent changes, certain procedures are required to conduct a Rotary activity that involves young people. These changes are driven by:

- Each Australian State and Territory has legislation for organisations who work with children.
- Rotary's Liability Insurer has certain requirements.
- Rotary International has specific requirements.

In the event that a Rotary organised project or activity allows for "one on one" contact, or an adult person could be alone with a young person for a period of time, that person shall be "screened".

The Screening process requires that the adult person to provide a **Volunteer Declaration**. (Form 3) A Volunteer Declaration is a statement made by the volunteer declaring themselves to be a fit and proper person, supported by referees, to work with young people.

It is also a screening mechanism to protect them and Rotary from the risk of being sued as a result of their participation in a Rotary organised Youth Program, eg. Youth Exchange Program (YEP).

The elements of a Volunteer Declaration are:

- Names of three Referees. (only one may be a Rotarian and none shall be family members)
- Criminal History check.
- Working With Children Card (WWC).

A WWC Card alone is not sufficient screening because a WWC Card might say that a person is **eligible** to work with young people, whereas a Volunteer Declaration attempts to establish whether a person is **suitable** to wok with young people.

Not all Club members are required to be screened. In most Clubs those required to provide a Volunteer Declaration might be limited to:

- President
- Youth Protection Officer

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NEXT WEEK	COMING UP
6:00 for 6:30 <b>President's Night</b> <i>Pres. Mark Sammut</i>	6 July - Club Changeover Night

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- Youth Services Director
- Student Councillor
- YEP Host Parents/adult family members

Clubs that participate in any Rotary organised Youth program or activity shall:

- Have a designated Youth Protection Officer
- Maintain a Register of Volunteer Declarations
- Provide copies of Volunteer Declarations to District for records retention purposes
- Complete and return their annual Insurance and Protection Declaration to the District Insurance Officer.
- Assign one Club meeting per year for information and training
- Be “Certified” to host or sponsor YEP students.

“Certification” is a risk management strategy developed by Rotary International principally for Districts and Clubs around the world who participate in the Rotary YEP.

Districts and Clubs must demonstrate compliance by way of an annual Certification Declaration signed by the District Governor and District YEP Chair. The Certification principles apply to all Youth Programs.

The District Insurer requires that, prior to the commencement of any project or activity which includes the participation of young people, a **Rotary Insurance Pro forma** be sent to the District Insurance Officer (DIO). Upon receipt, the DIO can confirm whether the event is covered under the Rotary Liability policy, or advise of any special conditions.

The Rotary Insurers expect that Clubs will provide training for its members in their various roles and responsibilities when dealing with young people entrusted to their care. On this understanding, molestation cover has been granted under our Public Liability policy, with an indemnity of \$2 million.

Frankston North Rotary will be developing a policy which aligns us to the District and RI guidelines. We will be adopting WVC and Volunteer Declaration requirements for all members involved with Youth programs. These forms will be held by the Club Protection Officer, who is currently the Club Secretary.



**INNER WHEEL PRESENTATION**

On behalf of Nepean Inner Wheel, President Barb Goonan donated \$1000 to Peninsula Wig Centre from money raised at the Pink Ribbon Breakfast last year at the Louden’s home. Frankston North Rotary also supported the Pink Ribbon Breakfast by helping set up the venue and cooking breakfast.

The Peninsula Community Wig Centre Founder and Volunteer organiser, Kate Smith, explained that the Wig Centre loans wigs to anyone on The Peninsula who is experiencing hair loss due to chemotherapy treatment.

Barb is seen here with David’s daughter Hayley, Kate and David at the presentation.

***Duties for Meetings***

**Cashier**

**Greeters**

**Room Setup and Put Away**

**June**

Judi McKee

John Tame  
Charles Mallia

Eric Neill  
Brian Capon  
Russell Cock

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