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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 DON



Assembly evenings are important ways for the Club members to clear the air on any concerns they may have and to seek a way forward. One of the key strategies that I described at the beginning of the year on our "wellness" program was to address improving our stewardship of Club funds. To that end we have returned to having a separate Club, and Project account. This provides a good way for us to monitor the need to review such things as

Club semi-annual dues, and to allow the administration team to make recommendations to the Board on their findings. I am pleased to note that a recent review of the semi-annual dues found that there will be no requirement to change the current level for members.

We will be inducting a new member to the Club and I look forward to doing so as an important part of our strategy is recruiting and not only is it good to grow once again but it allows the Club to be infused with new ideas an important part of our change processes.

On Wednesday next is our Christmas dinner and I am looking to have some fun! We will be having some "magical" moments and as usual Sergeant Con will be taken by the season - I look forward to his session. We will begin the year on the **8th of January** with a fellowship BBQ at Ballam Park next to the Rotunda.

Finally I would like to wish each member and their families my compliments of the season and that you have a peaceful and joyful holiday.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:30 pm for 7:00

Club Christmas Celebration

Chairman: John Tame

MILESTONES

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:

Nil



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

28 Dec 1972 - Maureen & Simon Gillham

BIRTHDAYS:

David Hanlon - 21 December
Eric Neill - 22 December
Con Demopoulos - 1 January
Russell Cock - 3 January
Bob Edgar - 5 January



LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Chairman:	Maureen Gillham
Apologies:	Michael Shanks, Rob Pill, Wayne Peterson , Peter Newman, Judi McKee
Leave of Absence:	Bob Edgar
Guests:	Maree Hutchins

President Don:

The Club's three main areas of focus this year have been Public Relations, Membership and Club Stewardship. Further to the third of these we set up a Finance Committee, who will report on our performance of managing our finances within strict guidelines demanded by good stewardship.

Secretary Mark:

- ✓ We have been invited to participate in the Pines Pride Festival next year.
- ✓ Thank you to all those who have donated \$20 for the purchase of Gift Cards for the Menzies Kids, to be presented this week.
- ✓ We have been asked to provide a BBQ service for the Frankston Council Support Services "Breakfast in the Park" at Beauty Park on Friday December 20th at 7:00—8:30 am.
- ✓ Judi is still looking for numbers interested in attending "Grease - The Musical" (see page 4)

Announcements:

Eric Neill:

A follow up meeting with Yazaki after The Membership Development Night was held and they have indicated that they want to partner with us in a similar event again next year.

Linda Tinney:

The Club Uniform Committee showed samples of the recommended new polo tops and reversible vests to the Club. The committee recommendation and the what, where and size of the logo will go to the Board for approval.

John Tame:

- ✓ Organisation for The Pines Pride Festival on 16th March 2014 is progressing well and Geoff Magor attended the committee meeting on 5th December. The Festival will be held on the same weekend as the Rotary District Conference, but we are hopeful that those not attending the Conference will be able to help with the running of the Festival. We have offered to supply a sausage sizzle and the set up and take down of Committee tents. Stalls for St Kilda and Melbourne AFL Clubs, Russell Greene (former AFL player and Life

SERGEANT CON'S Fact of the Week:

THE TASMANIAN WEDGE-TAILED eagle probably flew to the island just a few hundred years ago, a new study concludes.

It has long been presumed that the Tasmanian subspecies of Australia's largest bird of prey (*Aquila audax fleayi*) evolved on a separate path to the mainland species, after becoming trapped in Tasmania by rising sea levels roughly 15,000 years ago.

Adults of the threatened subspecies look distinct from mainland wedge-tailed eagles, differing in size, colour and behaviour.

However, a team of scientists have shown that the genetic relationship between the two indicates a diversion merely hundreds of years ago, implying mainland wedge-tailed eagles simply flew across the Bass Strait to Tasmania.

Over the course of four years, the scientists tested the DNA of 224 individual birds — 49 from the mainland and 175 from Tasmania — the majority of which were preserved in museum collections. They quickly discovered that there is much less genetic variation among Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagles than expected, signifying a short isolation. "Based on the rate of genetic variation in other isolated species around the world, we now know the Wedge-tailed eagle first arrived in Tasmania long after the melting of the last Ice Age, which created the geographical separation," says Dr Chris Burridge, a University of Tasmania zoologist and lead researcher on the study.

Member), Yazaki, Bendigo Bank, South East Water and Granado Fruit Juice have been confirmed. Former AFL player Roberts will assist Beverley Unitt with advertising and promotion of the Festival and Geoff Shaw MP has offered the whole of his office window for displays about the festival. This will be a great opportunity for us to be involved, and raise our profile, in a major event in our own backyard.

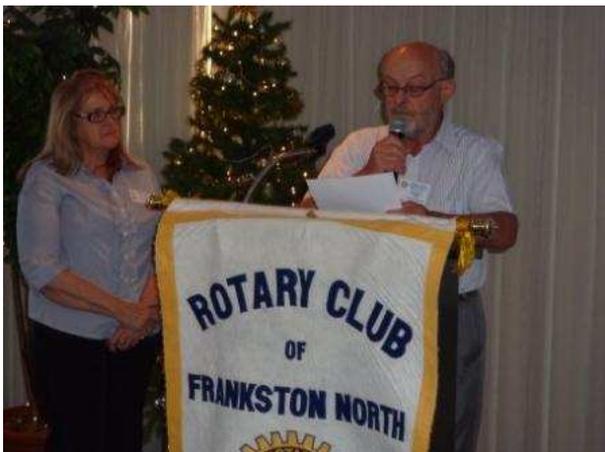
- ✓ The Frankston City Council have agreed to pay for the printing of next year's Community Raffle tickets. They have arranged for an additional prize from the St Kilda AFL Club and will promote the Raffle in their Council publications.

Educational Trust Fund Elections:

The terms of Trustees Con Demopoulos, Linda Tinney and Charles Mallia have expired, while Judi McKee's term has a year to run. Con and Linda offered themselves for re-election. The ensuing election resulted in Con Demopoulos, Linda Tinney and Peter Newman joining Judi McKee as Trustees.

Finance Committee Report:

The Finance Committee, comprising Treasurer Russell Cock, PP Brian Capon, PP Geoff Magor and Pres. Don MacDonald, compiled their report on the financial management of our Club's finances. Russell presented their report, which highlighted the importance of differentiating between expenses being paid out of the Club Account and the Project Account as this must be accurately recorded in our BAS with regard to GST paid. This matter sparked much healthy discussion from Club Members, which will be taken on board and be included in recommendation from the Finance Committee to the Board regarding responsible stewardship of our finances.



Treasurer Russell delivering the Finance Committee Report under the watchful eye of PE Maureen Gillham

NEXT WEEK

8th January 2014
6:00 start
Family Picnic
Ballam Park Rotunda

KEY DATES

15 January 2014 - First Formal Meeting of the New Year

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 swerve through Rotary, we give thanks"
THE LOYAL TOAST
 "To The Queen, and the People of Australia"

DECEMBER IS FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

Grease—The Musical in Melbourne

The proposed dates are Saturday 15th February 2014 OR Saturday 22nd February 2014 for a Matinee Performance starting at 2.00pm. Tickets are approximately \$90.00 per person. This will be followed by Dinner at a Venue to be determined.

Depending on numbers attending we may be able to organize a Bus to Transport everyone to Her Majesty's Theatre.

PP Judi will be distributing a list seeking intentions at the Christmas Break Up, Wednesday 18th December 2014.



Frankston North Rotary

*Join with us in an evening of
Magical Christmas*

When:
Wednesday 18th December
6.30pm for 7.00pm

Where:
The International Motel

Cost:
\$30 per person
(includes entertainment)

Dress:
Feel Special

Nelson Mandela remembered as a Champion of Polio Eradication

In 1996, routine polio immunizations in Nigeria and other African countries were anything but routine. Competing health priorities and lack of funding hampered many governments from putting polio eradication high on their agenda. The drive for a polio-free Africa needed a playmaker.

Enter Nelson Mandela. Herb Brown, Rotary's president in 1995-96, recalls seeking the South African leader's support.

"President Mandela was so gracious and listened as we described the problem," Brown says. "I told him only he had the influence to persuade the countries to resume immunization."

Mandela agreed to help. "I'm well aware of Rotary and all the work you've done, and all the work you did while I was in jail," he told Brown. At a press conference, with Brown at his side, Mandela asked all the heads of state in Africa to open their doors to polio National Immunization Days.

Mandela helped launch the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign later that year with 1996-97 Rotary President Luis Giay and Rotary Foundation Chair Rajendra Saboo. Almost immediately, Africa's polio eradication effort was back on track. Using soccer matches and celebrity endorsements, the campaign raised public awareness of polio and helped spur more than 30 African countries to hold their first National Immunization Days.

In recognition of his vital work, Rotary presented the Rotary Award for World Understanding to Mandela in 1997, then Rotary's highest honor. "We chose President Mandela because of his significant contributions to world peace, human rights, and freedom," said Giay, adding that Rotary members especially appreciated "his strong support of the eradication of polio throughout Africa."

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