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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



It was good to listen to what John Minchin had to say about his time as RIBI President. I liked his response about authority where he saw the structure of the organisation as an inverted triangle with the members at the top and the inverted apex at the bottom. This structure lends itself well to the promotion of an egalitarian order and whilst the structure of Rotary has its imperfections the sense of worth of a member sits at the highest point.

Robert Burns' anniversary gives me reason to quote from his work:

“While Europe's eye is fix'd on mighty things,  
The fate of empires and the fall of kings;  
While quacks of State must each produce his plan,  
And even children lisp the Rights of Man;  
Amid this mighty fuss just let me mention,  
The Rights of Woman merit some attention.”

Written over two hundred years ago this sentiment still requires focus.

#### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

**PARTNERS NIGHT**  
**6:30 pm for 7:00**  
**“TONY & CARLA IN INDIA”**  
Chairman: **Peter Newman**

#### MILESTONES



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:  
Nil



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:  
Nil



BIRTHDAYS:  
Bill Fowler — 2 February

### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Maureen Gillham</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Michael Shanks, Rod Puls, Wayne Peterson , Maree Hutchins, Charles Mallia, Maureen Gillham, Colin Price, Linda Tinney.</b>
<b>Leave of Absence:</b>	<b>Bob Edgar</b>
<b>Visiting Rotarian:</b>	<b>Maurie Selth (RC Mt Eliza)</b>
<b>Guest:</b>	<b>Sheila Minhinick</b>

#### **Secretary Mark:**

- ✓ We received a Certificate of Appreciation for our support of the Frankston Community Christmas Appeal.
- ✓ Our Membership of the Greater Frankston Chamber of Commerce has been renewed.
- ✓ A letter from Rotary Adventure in Leadership has been received and passed to our Services Director, John Tame, for consideration.
- ✓ Details of an opportunity to organise a fundraising Golf Day at Sandhurst has been forwarded to Eric Neill for investigation.

#### **Treasurer Russell:**

Russell reminds Club Members that the half yearly dues of \$120 are now due.

#### **Announcements:**

##### **John Tame:**

- ✓ The Frankston City Council have agreed to pay for the printing of next year's Community Raffle tickets. They are still looking for additional prizes, in spite being disappointed by the new Community Swimming Pool and the St Kilda AFL Club.
- ✓ Barry Dean is currently in residence at the Regis Aged Care Facility in Ashleigh Avenue while his health is being assessed. Judy is also still at the same facility. Barry is able to receive visitors.

#### **SERGEANT CON'S Fact of the Week:**

A tiny drawing of a kangaroo curled in the letters of a 16<sup>th</sup> century Portuguese manuscript could rewrite Australian history.

The document, acquired by Les Enluminures Gallery in New York. Shows a sketch of an apparent kangaroo ("canguru" in Portuguese) nestled in its text and is dated between 1580 and 1620. It has led researchers to believe images of the marsupial were already being circulated by the time the Dutch ship Duyfken -long thought to have been the first European vessel to visit Australia- landed in 1606.

"A kangaroo or a wallaby in a manuscript dated this early is proof that the artist of this manuscript had either been in Australia, or even more interestingly, that travellers' reports and drawings of the interesting animals found in this new world were already available in Portugal," Les Enluminures researcher Laura Light said.

"Portugal was extremely secretive about her trade routes during this period, explaining why their presence there wasn't widely known."

Peter Trickett, an award-winning historian and author of *Beyond Capricorn*, has long argued that a Portuguese maritime expedition first mapped the coast of Australia in 1521-22, nearly a century before the Dutch landing.

"It is not surprising at all that an image of a kangaroo would have turned up in Portugal at some point in the latter part of the 16th century. It could be that someone in the Portuguese exhibition had this manuscript in their possession," Mr Trickett said.

National Library of Australia curator of maps Martin Woods said that while the image looked like a kangaroo or a wallaby, it alone was not proof enough to alter Australia's history books.

"The likeness of the animal to a kangaroo or wallaby is clear enough, but then it could be another animal in south-east Asia, like any number of deer species, some of which stand on their hind legs to feed off high branches," Dr Woods said.

"For now, unfortunately the appearance of a long-eared big-footed animal in a manuscript doesn't really add much."

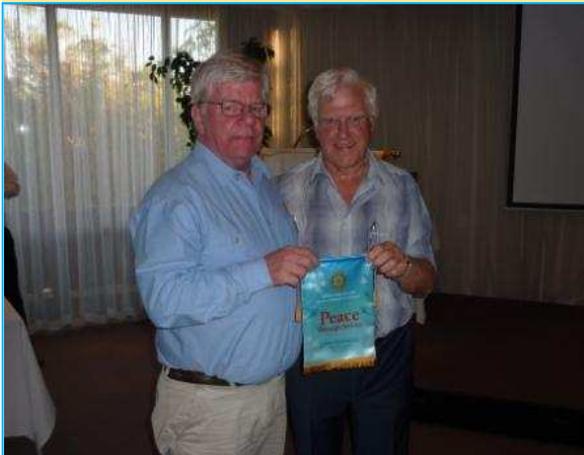
**Guest Speaker: John Minhinick**

John is the Immediate Past President of Rotary International Britain and Ireland (RIBI). He explained that the British Association of Rotary Clubs was formed in 1914, and in the early 1920's Rotary International introduced an arrangement where any country that had 25 or more Rotary Clubs had the option of forming a territorial unit. During the 5 years that this option was available, Rotary International British and Ireland was born out of the existing association. No other country took up the option before the door was closed so RIBI is a unique association that has its own executive that fits between RI and the Rotary Club Districts in Britain and Ireland. It is still answerable to RI and follows the same rules as RI but is a body



that is able to do things a bit differently for the benefit for its territorial Rotary Clubs. The RI dues are split between RI and RIBI according to which body provides specific services for its Districts and Rotary Clubs. John and Sheila travelled 53,000 miles on Rotary business in Britain and Ireland during his year as President. They travelled mostly by road, rail and air, but also travelled by sea to the Isle of Wight. They attended many special events, such as Charter Dinners, three 100th Charter Dinners and numerous seminars, including the Peace Seminar organised by the RC Londonderry where high profile speakers representing both sides of the conflict spoke eloquently and positively about the opportunities for peace in Northern Ireland, so there may be some hope there.

RIBI has an Executive of 12 people and a General Council comprising the 29 District Governors. These groups concentrate on the management and stewardship of Rotary in Britain and Ireland. The main aims during the year were to address Marketing of Rotary, Membership and District Structure. There is a disparity in the size of Clubs and Rotarians in the 29 Districts. Next year the number of Districts will be reduced to 26 as the restructuring program proceeds. John has been working with ex PM Gordon Brown, who is the UN Special Envoy for Education, committing the resources of Rotary to help the improvement of education in Britain and Ireland.



Past RIBI President John presenting his personal Peace Banner to President Don



Past RIBI President John and Sheila with President Don and PDG's Tony, Peter and David.

**NEXT WEEK**

**5 February 2014**  
**Winging it with Wayne**

**KEY DATES**

- 2 Feb - Rotary Leadership Mornington
- 7 Feb - Paul Harris District Dinner
- 15-16 Feb - Multi District P.E.T.S.
- 14-16 Mar - District Conference Bendigo

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

**JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH**