



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 DON**



At last weeks assembly meeting we spent some time learning about President Elect Maureen's participation in the multi district PETS. Maureen brought back a number of initiatives she will progress in the 2014/2015 Rotary year. One I particularly feel we will benefit from is the increasing use of Social Media. Our web page is set up to explore the various popular

Social Media pages and I would encourage you to try them out - have you tried out our Forum: Kite Flying? We also as a Club embraced the advice of the Finance Committee - work that has taken some six months of discussion and I would like to thank Russell, Brian, Geoff, and David C for there participation. We will be looking to prepare an appendix to the Club Bye-Laws for these proceedings. To recall the three key strategies for this Rotary year were improved Stewardship, Membership and Public Relations all of which I am pleased to say are bearing fruit.

**THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**

6:00 pm for 6:30

**Garth Cusick**

Coach, Australian College of Elite Golf

Chairman: Ron Cook

**MILESTONES**



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:  
Nil



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:  
Nil



BIRTHDAYS:  
Nil

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Maureen Gillham</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Robert Pill, Peter Newman, Maree Hutchins</b>
<b>Leave of Absence:</b>	<b>Bob Edgar, Michael Shanks</b>
<b>Guest:</b>	<b>Joey Sevilla (Eric Neill)</b>

### **President Don:**

- ✓ Rotarian Michael Shanks has requested a Leave of Absence for 12 months due to work and family commitments. The Board has accepted this request and looks forward to having Michael back on deck after that time. Of course, Michael is welcome to attend Club Meetings and events during his Leave of Absence.
- ✓ We are in the process of preparing our Club portion of the Nepean Cluster Report for the District Conference. Photographs of our Youth and Tonga Program are requested for inclusion in this presentation.

### **Secretary Mark:**

- ✓ The District Assembly will be held on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April starting at 9:45 am at Lavalla Catholic College in Traralgon. Could those wishing to attend please let Mark know before 6<sup>th</sup> April so catering arrangements can be made.
- ✓ Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is a great opportunity for Secondary School students to develop their research and presentation skills. We will be approaching local school for potential delegations to attend. Applications to District will close on 21<sup>st</sup> March.
- ✓ The Club's commitment to sell 1250 tickets in the Community Raffle to raise funds for Club Administration means that each Member has been allocated 4 books of tickets to sell. Since other fundraising projects support community projects, this is an opportunity to supplement funds raised from membership dues to help run the Club.
- ✓ The Regular Club Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March will be transferred to the Bowls Night in Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Treasurer Russell:**

- ✓ Russell reminds Club Members that some half yearly dues are now grotesquely overdue. Please fix this up before we start naming names.

### **Announcements:**

#### **Geoff Magor:**

- ✓ Tickets for the Community Raffle are being distributed to organisations that have registered. For other organisations that Members feel could benefit from the Raffle, it is not

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

A microscopic grain of the Earth's oldest mineral, found in WA, confirms that Earth is 4.4 billion years old.

The zircon mineral suggests that Earth remained a fiery ball covered in a magma ocean for a shorter period after it's creation than previously thought.

The Earth is thought to have been formed about 4.5 billion years ago, and then cooled enough for a crust to congeal from a sea of molten rock over 600 million years.

But this discovery of zircon crystals, harvested from WA' Jack Hills region, indicated they solidified about 160 million years after the Earth was formed.

The findings strengthen the theory of a 'cool early Earth', with temperatures low enough for liquid water, oceans and a hydrosphere -the combined mass of water on a planet- to form not long after the crust during a period known as the Hadean.

too late to include them in the mail out.

**Judi McKee:**

- ✓ A Twilight Long Table Dinner will be held at David Loudon's home on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March.
- ✓ Judi and Colin Price attended the showing of the video of the Mahogany Rise students Journey to Scotland. It was an excellent record of their trip, which was supported by our Club. The experience and confidence gained by these children throughout this educational and cultural journey was amazing.

**John Tame:**

- ✓ We are intending to run the Rotary Junior Awards again this year. You will recall that the Mahogany Rise students, who journeyed to Scotland, took part in last year's RJCA's as part of their preparation. It is suggested that we have a viewing of the video of the trip, that Judi spoke to earlier, as part of the launch of this year's awards with the students and parents present.

**Eric Neill:**

- ✓ The Annual Club Barefoot Bowls Night will be held at the Seaford Bowling Club on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March. A meal will be provided after bowls. Partners and Friends are welcome.

**Tony Spring:**

- ✓ The incoming Group Study Exchange Welcome will be held on 11th March (same night as out Club Bowls Night) at Safety Beach.
- ✓ Past RI President Royce Abbey died recently and a Remembrance Service was held at the Melbourne Town Hall last Friday.
- ✓ Tony visited Tonga recently to look at facilities for the upcoming Global Grant project to help 3 villages in the kingdom. He met a director of the Tongan Community Development Trust and the CEO of the Department of Agriculture, and along with PDG Stewart Batty of the NZ District that encompasses Tonga, gave presentations to the villagers of Papoa, Pea and Sopa on the proposed Global Grant project to rebuild their communities. These meetings were covered by the local TV stations. The villages are in dire need of assistance and our Global Grant Project will help to improve their lot. During the visit it was wet, hot and humid with water under many of the houses, partly caused by a Chinese Aid Program to create roads which led to the blockage of the natural drainage system.

NEXT WEEK
<p><b>6:00 pm Start</b>  <b>Bowls Night</b>  <b>Seaford Bowls Club</b></p>

KEY DATES
<p>19 Mar - Person in Rotary (Rules &amp; Regulations)          13 April - District Assembly, Traralgon          23 April - ANZAC DAY Meeting, Navel Association</p>



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.

<p><b>THE INVOCATION</b>  <i>"For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks"</i></p> <p><b>THE LOYAL TOAST</b>  <i>"To The Queen, and the People of Australia"</i></p>
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<p><b>MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH</b></p>
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PDG Tony Spring presenting President Don with a banner from the Rotary Club Nuku'alofa in Tonga, following Tony's visit to look at facilities and hold preliminary discussions on the proposed Global Grant in Tonga

***Club Assembly:***

***PETS***

Maureen Gillham reported on the President Elect Training Seminar she attended recently. There were presentations from Beyond Blue, Zone Membership, Bowel Scan, Rotary Down Under, Rotary Health and RDU Communication. There is a tremendous amount of resources and support for Clubs in these organisations if we know where to find them. This PETS was informative, motivational and educational and provided many ideas that the new Board will look at adopting into our portfolio of programs currently being developed.

***STEWARDSHIP***

One of the strategic ends President Don set for this year was to develop a strict and coherent policy of management of Club Finances. A Finance Committee was established to develop this policy and provide clear guidelines. The resultant Financial Governance Protocols were presented the Board Meeting and following the Board's approval, Treasurer Russell presented it to the Club Members for comment and discussion. Essentially these Protocols state that Frankston North Rotary exists to serve the community and funds raised by Club projects are to be used for that purpose. The administration of the Club are to be funded by Member contributions and grants with specific authority to disperse funds for the benefit of the Club. Much debate ensued around specific projects and some minor modification to the guidelines will be carried out. The Financial Governance Protocols surrounding the handling and distribution of funds under the Club's control will be attached to the by laws as an appendix.

**Presidential Message**

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Ron D. Burton  
R.I. President  
2013-14

Growing up in Duncan, Okla., USA, I took it for granted that everyone could read. In my own elementary school, not only were we expected to be reading by the age of seven or eight, we were expected to read upside down. We each took turns reading books to the entire class, and of course, if you want to read out loud to a group while you show them the pictures, you can't do it the right way up. All the way through elementary school, we did that every week, until it didn't really matter to us which way we were holding the book.

***I was addicted to the Hokey Pokey, but I turned myself around.***

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