



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



It is District Conference time again - doesn't it seem no more than a few moments since we were at Geelong? Of the Conferences I have attended, Geelong is by far the best I have attended, Shepparton wasn't bad either! Frankston North Rotary know how to put on a good Conference, at Bendigo it is the RC of Berwick's turn and I am looking forward to the District fellowship. When attending a Conference it is for someone else to worry - we get a

chance to relax. I am looking forward to Bendigo and I am sure District Governor Tim's Conference will be fun because he has brought a lot of fun to his year as the DG of District 9820. Let's have a lot of fun, good fellowship and possibly become better acquainted with our fellow Rotarians of the District, enjoy fellowship, and become more informed about Rotary. There is a golf day at Bendigo and I wish those from FNR who are participating in the tournament the best of luck - I have never played the game but following last week's presentation I understand the "madness" a little better. Not wishing to be too disparaging I will admit to flogging a driving range with a "wood" that never quite managed to hit the target... I will stick to walking and observing others do with ease what I find impossible!

#### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:00 pm Start  
**Bowls Night**  
Seaford Bowls Club

#### MILESTONES



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:

**Rob Pill - 15 March 1988**



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Nil



BIRTHDAYS:

**Brian Capon - 17 March**

### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Ron Cook</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>David Hanlon, Peter Newman, Mark Sammut</b>
<b>Leave of Absence:</b>	<b>Bob Edgar, Michael Shanks</b>
<b>Guest:</b>	<b>Joey Sevilla (Eric Neill), Beverley Unitt (Eric Neill)</b>

#### **Acting Secretary Linda Tinney:**

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ We received an invitation to participate in the National Science Forum again this year. Applications are now open and we need to canvass local schools to identify candidates.
- ✓ The Regular Club Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March has been cancelled because of our Annual Bowls Night on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at Seaford Bowls Club.
- ✓ Kananook Primary School have requested assistance for their Literacy Program

#### **Treasurer Russell:**

- ✓ Russell reminds Club Members that some half yearly dues are now obscenely overdue. Please fix this up before we see a side of Russell we really do not want to see.

#### **Announcements:**

##### **Geoff Magor:**

- ✓ So far 46,400 tickets for the Community Raffle have been distributed to community organisations that have requested them. For other organisations that Members feel could benefit from the Raffle, it is not too late for them to be allocated tickets.

##### **Judi McKee:**

- ✓ A Twilight Long Table Dinner will be held at David Loudon's home on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, with monies raised going towards Foundation. Keep this evening free for a great fellowship event.
- ✓ Judi, Linda and Maureen attended a High Tea organised by the Nepean Rotaract Club to thank Rotary and other organisations that contributed to the formation and provided support for the creation of the Club. While it was an excellent event, with an amazing selection of teas, scones and cake, attendance was poor. This Rotaract Club is doing outstanding work and deserves better recognition and on-going support from the local Rotary Clubs.
- ✓ Judi, Linda and Maureen also attended the International Woman's Day Breakfast at Moorabbin. It featured inspiring speakers that included an intelligent Columbian asylum

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

Will scientists ever be able to create an invisible cloak, such as used by the alien Romulans in *Starwars*? Some of the earliest steps have been taken with *metamaterials*, artificial materials with small scale structures and patterns that can manipulate electromagnetic waves in unusual ways. Conventional materials have a positive index of refraction that controls the bending of light, but scientists have created a material of fibreglass, copper rings and wires that is capable of focusing light in novel ways such that microwaves emerged from the material in the opposite direction from that predicted.

Physicists suggest that the phenomenon may someday lead to optical microscopes for imaging objects as small as molecules and for creating cloaking devices that render objects invisible.

Metematerials were first theorized in 1967. In 2008, scientists described a fishnet structure that had a negative refractive index for near-infrared light.

seeker who told of her difficulties arriving in Australia without being able to speak English, Beth Wilson who we remember from the 2013 Rotary Conference, and a young girl who set up a support service for girls in Sierra Leone to help them through drug and health issues. This event has inspired PE Maureen to set up a Frankston North Rotary International Women's Day event next year.

**John Tame:**

- ✓ We are committed to the Pines Pride Festival on Sunday 16th March, which is the same weekend as the District Conference. We need 15 people to work on that day and are struggling to get that number, so any Rotarian or Friend of Rotary who is available on Sunday is asked to help.

**Eric Neill:**

- ✓ The Club Footy Tipping Competition kicks off next week. Those who have participated before just need to re-register on-line. Those who wish to join the Club competition for the first time also need to gain access to our Club competition through Don MacDonald. Most importantly, all those wishing to participate in our Club competition need to pay a \$20 entrance fee to Eric.

**Tony Spring:**

- ✓ Tony and David Cahill attended the recent Foundation Seminar on Global Grants and are pleased to report that our Club has qualified for Global Grants for next Rotary Year. However, we need to ensure we finalise our existing Grant to be eligible.
- ✓ It was announced at the weekend, that PP Lyn Westland was named as District Governor Designate for 2016-2017. Congratulations, Lyn!

**David Louden:**

- ✓ PE Maureen was unanimously elected to be our Club Delegate at the District Conference Resolutions Session, which is held while other Conference attendees usually sit around the pool wasting their time eating, drinking and engaging in unbecoming tomfoolery. You will be in a much better place, Maureen.
- ✓ Following the Resolutions Session there will be a Special General Meeting of D9820 Inc. The new Company Rules, through Victorian Consumer Affairs, took effect in Nov 2013 and require our District Rules to align with the reforms. Rotary International also has it's preferred set of Rules for Districts and Clubs to follow, so drafting a new set of District Rules that meet the requirements of both bodies was a bit tricky. One of the biggest changes for the District is that it must now have a Board of Directors. The Special General Meeting of D9820 will propose a Resolution to replace it's existing Rules with a

NEXT WEEK
<p><b>6:00 pm for 6:30</b>  <b>The Person in Rotary -Rules &amp; Regulations</b>  <b>David Louden</b></p>

KEY DATES
<p>16 March -Pines Pride Festival            02 April - Donatelife and Transplant Aust. <b>Partners</b>            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>  <b>"For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks"</b></p> <p><b>THE LOYAL TOAST</b>  <b>"To The Queen, and the People of Australia"</b></p>
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new set that meets the requirements of both Consumer Affairs and Rotary International. The Club voted to support this Resolution. If this Resolution is passed by District the District By-Laws which support the current District Rules will no longer apply. Therefore there will be another Resolution to adopt the existing By-Laws as the Rules, until the Rules can be amended to incorporate the By-Laws. This amendment cannot be made at this particular Special General Meeting so another SGM will be called at the District Assembly to achieve this.

**Guest Speaker: Garth Cusick**  
**Coach, Australian College of Elite Golf**

Garth is Head Coach of the Australian College of Elite Golf, which delivers the Diploma of Sports, majoring in Golf. It is a 2 year course that primarily caters for students 18-23 years who aim to make golf their profession.



The College is a private company that is licensed by the Australian Government to provide tuition utilising the VET FEE-HELP scheme (similar to the old HECS) which pays for the tuition and recovers the costs once the graduate is earning a reasonable income. The course follows a University time table of 36 weeks / year from March to November. There are Campuses in Melbourne and Sydney and Garth is in charge of the Melbourne Campus. The Melbourne Campus is based at Long Island Golf Club and provide possibly the best conditions for elite golf tuition in the world. It is a relatively low cost facility that is open 365 days per year and has world class fairways and greens. Golf Clubs in Asia with inferior facilities charge membership of the order of \$100,000 per year.

The Diploma focuses on producing Tournament Playing Professionals, who derive their income from playing golf. The contrasts with a Golf Professional, who derives income within the field of golf usually through coaching. Graduates are required to participate in Tour Schools to gain entry to play in tournaments around the world. The One Asian Tour School has 356 applicants for 50 places to play throughout South Eastern Asia. It costs each applicant around \$10,000 to participate in the Tour School for the right to play in 27 tournaments with prize money of around \$3 million. It is thought that golf is the safest career professional sport because players have the longest careers and are the highest earners of all sports over their careers.

Australian Professional Golfers are well regarded throughout the world because of their demeanour and attitude, and their qualifications are the highest in the world.

Victoria, and Long Island Golf Club, provide the best conditions for students to learn to be Golf Professionals. We have all climates they are likely to play on throughout their careers and the quality of the Long Island course is similar to a tournament golf course. The College has just obtained a license to deliver it's elite golf tuition to international students so the program is likely to expand significantly, bringing overseas people into Frankston.

**Rotarians Against Malaria**

PDG Phil Dempster (D9550), has invited members of D9820 to participate in a Multi-District Global Grant of \$100,000 to supply 30,000 LLINs (Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets), into Timor Leste via the Timorese Ministry of Health (MOH). These nets will be distributed over the next twelve months through the MOH's ante natal clinics and will give five year protection to the child.

LLINs are estimated to be twice as effective as untreated nets, and offers greater than 70% protection compared with no net. Since the Anopheles mosquitoes feed at night, the preferred method is to hang a large "bed net" above the centre of a bed such that it drapes down and covers the bed completely.

LLIN's have the advantage of protecting people sleeping under the net and simultaneously killing mosquitoes that contact the net. This has the effect of killing the most dangerous mosquitoes. Some protection is also provided to others, including people sleeping in the same room but not under the net.