



**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**



The District 9820 Conference 2014 was held at the weekend in Bendigo and it was distinguished by the consistently high standard of presentations, interspersed with humour, fun and a dollop of Rotary content throughout.

I am proud to be a member of Frankston North Rotary, and for our club to be called out and recognised by the District once is a great encouragement, but to be called out and recognised in three different categories is very special indeed!

FNR was recognised for **Significant and Meritorious Service** to Australian Rotary Health, having the **Best Web Page** in the District, and last but not least the **Best Bulletin**.

Thank you to all our contributors, our Editor (Mike) and Sub Editors, Rod and Maureen, and to a "Friend of Rotary" Vicki Strickland, and our PR team led by Linda.

**THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**

**6:00 pm for 6:30**  
**Conference Report**  
**Chairman: David Cahill**

**MILESTONES**



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:  
Nil



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:  
**Mike & Barb Goonan -22 March 1969**  
**Glenn & Viv Ellam -25 March 1972**



BIRTHDAYS:  
**Barb Goonan - 25 March**

### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

<b>Chairman:</b>	Eric Neill
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nil
<b>Leave of Absence:</b>	Bob Edgar, Michael Shanks
<b>Guests:</b>	Abbie, Elise, Michael & 4 grandchildren (Eric Neill), Graeme and Felicity Taylor, Geoff and Linda Lester, Andrew Burke (David Louden), Duncan Scott & 3 children (Mark Sammut), Carol Cox

#### **Seaford Bowls Club President Rod:**

- ✓ Rod apologised for the rain preventing us from playing bowls outdoors but the rain is sorely needed and we had to play indoor bowls instead. As well as hosting many other Bowls Clubs the SBC also hosts and many disabled groups and organisations, such as Rotary. The Club enjoys different activities, such as ours and the support of volunteers to make them happen is good for the club.

#### **Announcements:**

##### **Glenn Ellam:**

- ✓ One of the Club's first exchange students, Tammy Hanks from the USA, has just become a grandmother. How old do you feel!

##### **David Louden:**

- ✓ One of our more recent exchange students, Emma Malstrom from Sweden, is attending university and will visit us during her summer break from mid June to mid August. She has a 2 month working visa for when she is here and is looking for work to see her through her next university year. Anyone who can offer her any type of employment for some of the time while she is here is asked to contact David.
- ✓ The Foundation Twilight Long Dinner to be held at David's house on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, with canapés and pre-dinner drinks starting at 5:00 pm. Places are limited so see Judi McKee for your booking.

##### **Eric Neill:**

- ✓ Bev Hanlon's mother, Edna Nelson passed away and our thoughts are with Bev and David at this sad time.
- ✓ Kay Baker has had a number of stents put into some dodgy arteries. Good Luck with your recovery, Kay.
- ✓ The Footy Tipping Competition has started, so be sure to get your tips in.

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

Australian Astronomers have found the oldest known star, revealing new clues as to what the universe was like in its earliest stages of development, 13.7 billion years ago. "Stars are like time capsules which lock away a sample of the surrounding gas during formation," says Dr Stefan Keller, lead researcher behind the discovery at the Australian National University in Canberra. The first stars, which formed as a result of the Big Bang, were massive (100-1000 times larger than the Sun) and chemically pure-composed only of hydrogen, helium and traces of lithium. The stars burned out quickly, forming heavier elements. This 'pollution' formed successive generations of stars, each with a higher concentration of heavier elements, such as metals, than the last. The newly discovered star –with the catchy title of J031300.36.670839.3– has an estimated age between 13.6 and 13.4 billion years old. This means it is the direct 'offspring' of one of the very first stars, and the gas within its core reflects the chemical composition of the of the universe several hundred million years after the Big Bang. Though its just 6000 light-years from Earth, this ancient star has remained undiscovered until now.



Pres. Rod welcoming us to Seaford Bowls Club



Onlookers totally enthralled by the bowling

Because of the rain forcing us off the excellent greens at the Seaford Bowls Club, the Frankston North Rotary Bowls Tournament moved indoors. Following the detailed tuition from master bowler David Louden, various participants took to the floor to display their skills(?). The high standard of bowling was a delight to watch and we had to tear ourselves away from the action to partake of a great meal prepared and served by volunteers from the Bowling Club. Following the meal and the obligatory raffle, the competition continued. Unfortunately, no one can actually remember if anyone won the tournament. Suffice to say that a great night of fellowship was had by all.

Frankston North Rotary thanks President Rod of the Seaford Bowls Club for hosting us, and to Eddie behind the bar and Les, Teresa, Leanne, Carol and Mickey in the kitchen for the fabulous hospitality shown to us.



King of the Kids



The blind leading the blind!

**NEXT WEEK**

**Meeting transferred to Saturday's Foundation Long Twilight Dinner at David Louden's home**

**KEY DATES**

- 02 April - **Partners Night** Donatelife and Transplant Aust.
- 13 April - District Assembly, Traralgon
- 23 April - ANZAC DAY Meeting, Navel Association

 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"

**MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH**

## Spoils from the Conference



Rotary International District 9820

2013-14

Best Club Website Award

**Winner**

Presented to:

The Rotary Club of

**Frankston North**

16 March 2013

*Tim Moore*  
District Governor



**The Rotary Club of  
Frankston North**

has rendered significant and  
meritorious service to

**Australian Rotary Health**

by attaining a level of contributions  
equivalent to \$500 per member

Board of Directors

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# Best Bulletin 2013-2014



Meanwhile, while most of the Club were swanning themselves at the Conference, a hard core group of dedicated Rotarians were out braving the elements doing real Rotary Community work.

Last Sunday we worked at the Pines Pride Community Festival, and no, it was not a gay pride festival.

This Festival celebrates Frankston North and our Club was proud to help organise, set up and participate in the event.

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