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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



Singing for your supper: it is good for you both physically and psychologically so Matthew Jamieson of Creativity Australia contends. Coming after the "Choir of Hard Knocks" the Creativity Australia, philosophy is that anyone can participate in a choir activity and benefit by

that fact.

The Choir is resident in Frankston and have many endorsements from those who have found meaning and fulfilment from their participation in performing to anybody who will listen for a modest fee - the cost of the conductor.

We have choristers in FNR and they will be performing at the Frankston Arts Centre very soon - seek them out for more details - it is wonderful to witness when the "Vox Humana swells"!

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

6:30 for 7:00 pm - Partners Night
Club Charter Anniversary

"What is Radio Astronomy?"
Dr Bart Pindor

MILESTONES

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:

Tony Spring - 7 May 1986
Charles Mallia - 9 May 1990
Ron Cook - 11 May 2005
Maureen Gillham - 11 May 2008

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Nil

BIRTHDAYS:

Nil



LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Chairman: Judi McKee
Apologies: Barry Dean, Maree Hutchins, Mark Sammut, Brian Capon, Wayne Peterson, Glenn Ellam
Leave of Absence: Bob Edgar, Michael Shanks, Ron Cook, Rob Pill, Rod Puls

President Don:

- ✓ We received a District Designated fund Grant for a project on Technology Transfer early in this Rotary Year. The project did not eventuate and the funds has been returned to District.

Acting Secretary Linda:

- ✓ We received a request for assistance for the Youth Science Forum which will be considered.
- ✓ We are reminded that this week's Meeting on 7th May to celebrate our Club Anniversary is a Partners Night: 6:30 for 7:00 pm start at the International.
- ✓ The Salvation Army has requested us to again assist with the Red Shield Appeal on 24th and 25th May. Please see Mark if you can assist.
- ✓ Michael and Cate Shanks have welcomed the fourth (and last?) little Shanks to their family. Daisy was born at 11:41 on 30th April, weighing in at 8lb 6oz. Congratulations Cate and Michael and we await the arrival of Number 5.
- ✓ We will be holding a Special Annual General Meeting on 28th May to consider the new Club Rules and By Laws that have been amended in accordance with the Victorian Government changes to the Corporations Act. The proposed new Rules and By Laws have been emailed to all Club Members and we are asked to read them and be prepared to vote on their acceptance at the Special AGM.

Announcements:

Tony Spring:

- ✓ We received notification from the coordinator of the Global Grant project to India for Instruments to test eyes that the funds from Foundation will be going directly to India to purchase the instruments.cont.

SERGEANT CON'S Fact of the Week:

When it comes to self-defence, Australia's snakes have got things pretty well covered. We share our continent with about 140 species of land snakes, some equipped with venom more toxic than any other snakes in the world.

But bites are actually quite rare in Australia and, since the development of anti-venom, fatalities have been low - between four to six deaths a year. "This is in contrast to India, for example, where bites may reach one million a year, with over 50,000 deaths," says Associate Professor Bryan Fry, a herpetologist and venom expert at the University of Queensland. "Snake bites are very, very rare [in Australia] and often the fault of the person being bitten. Most bites occur when people are trying to kill a snake or show off."

Most snakes would rather slither away from humans than fight them. "Snakes don't perceive humans as food and they don't aggressively bite things out of malice. Their venom is used to subdue prey that would otherwise be impossible for a snake to eat," says Dion Wedd, curator of the Territory Wildlife Park, NT. "If their only escape route is past a human with a shovel, then they are likely to react in the only way they can."

So if you're standing between a snake and its escape route, prepare for a fearsome display. Although all species are potentially dangerous, here's our top ten pick of the most dangerous Australian snakes - some of them highly venomous, some extremely nervous, some you're just more likely to step on in your backyard.

Brown snakes are responsible for the most snake-related deaths in Australia, making snakes the deadliest group of venomous animals on the continent.

More deaths are caused by the European honey bee (*Apis mellifera*). This species doesn't have particularly potent venom, but the allergic reaction suffered by 1-2% of the population coupled with the high incidence of bee stings make them second to snakes as the most deadly venomous animal in Australia.

- ✓ Further to Carla's DG Partner Project that resulted in physiotherapy equipment being provided to the GV Special School in Chidambaram, India, the paper cup making machine that will enable older students at the school to make some money has arrived. This now completes this amazing project. All Clubs in the District who were involved in this project will receive thank you notes from the children at the School.

John Tame:

- ✓ A number of computers have been now been delivered to Kananook Primary School, under our Refurbished Computer project.
- ✓ John and Colin Price will be visiting Aldercourt Primary School to kick off the Rotary Junior Community Awards project on 8th May. We are expecting around 25 children to participate in the project.
- ✓ Barry Dean has been moved to the general section of his Aged Care facility and is now able to take visitors. The facility is SomerCare at 22 Graf Road, Somerville and the phone number is 5977 9922. Barry had a fall and cracked his kneecap so his mobility is somewhat restricted..

Eric Neill:

- ✓ The Community Engagement Evening, entitled "The Future of Small Business" will be held at Yazaki-Australian Arrow, 46 Lathams Road, Carrum Downs on Wednesday 11 June. Guest speaker will be The Hon Bruce Billson MP, Federal Member for Dunkley and Minister for Small Business. This will be a great networking occasion for local business leaders and professionals to meet and discuss common issues and challenges we face within the community.

Judi McKee:

- ✓ The Fellowship Weekend at Blackwood had to be cancelled but another event is being planned.
- ✓ The Frankston Music Society is presenting St. Cecilia Mass by Charles Gounod at the Frankston Arts Centre at 2:30pm on Sunday, 25th May. If you wish to attend this choral masterpiece - and hear Judi and Con performing in the choir - see Judi for tickets.



Chairman Judi and Matthew

Guest Speaker:

Matthew Jamieson - Creativity Australia
"Changing the World - One Voice at a Time"

Creativity Australia is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 2008 by award winning Australian social entrepreneur Tania de Jong AM. It inspires people to find their voice and delivers inclusive, creative programs that result in positive social and economic outcomes for individuals, organisations and communities.

Every week, 13 *With One Voice* choirs inspire people from 40 nationalities, aged 9 to 90, to sing side-by-side. Age, race, language, religion, disability and disadvantage fade away. Everyone is welcome.

For some, choir is a way to de-stress after work. For others, it's a first glimpse into Australian life after arriving here as a migrant, asylum seeker or refugee.cont.

NEXT WEEK

6:00 for 6:30
Winging it with Wayne

KEY DATES

- 1-4 June - **Sydney Convention**
- 11 June - **Community Engagement Evening**
- 25 June - **President's Night**
- 29 June - **District Changeover**

 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"

MAY IS AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH MONTH

For others, it's an opportunity to connect to networks, skills and employment. It's all about joy, freedom and inspiration.

Neuroscience proves singing makes people healthier, happier, smarter and more creative. From this position, people are more capable of asking for, receiving and giving help.

The acclaimed *With One Voice* program deliberately unites diverse voices, building bridges of understanding and helping people connect to whatever they need in life... friends, mentors, wellbeing, new skills, self-esteem, employment and much more:

99% of participants would recommend the choir to a friend

90% experienced improved well-being on a weekly basis

80% experienced increased self-esteem

80% experienced reduced anxiety, relieved depression and made new friends

70% increased their understanding and acceptance of diversity

70% gained new skills for work and life

Creativity Australia believes unleashing a community's collective creative potential can achieve incredible social and economic outcomes.

Empowered individuals and supportive communities are better placed to solve society's big challenges, such as cross-cultural integration, unemployment, mental illness, low economic productivity, skills shortages, loneliness and isolation, family fragmentation, homelessness and more.

The *With One Voice* program has grown quickly over five years and involves hundreds of participants in Victoria and New South Wales, and reaching thousands more through their moving stories and inspirational performances.

Southeast Asia declared polio free

The World Health Organization certified on 27 March its 11-country Southeast Asia region has eradicated polio, a long-awaited declaration given that five years ago India represented nearly half of all polio cases worldwide. The region's last wild polio case was reported in West Bengal, India, on 13 January 2011.

The region includes Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste. Its more than 1.8 billion people represent over 25 percent of the world's population.

Densely crowded cities, migrant populations, and poor sanitation posed daunting challenges to eliminating the disease from Southeast Asia.

Rotary's Global Polio Eradication Initiative challenge now is to eradicate polio in the three countries where the disease has never been stopped: Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. And recent outbreaks in the Middle East and Horn of Africa are stark reminders that polio anywhere is a threat everywhere.