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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



As they say in the classics: a good time was had by all. I am referring to the joint meeting at Brooklands in Mornington between our Club and the Inner Wheel Club of Nepean. Approximately \$4000 was raised for Rainbow House in PNG, mainly from the proceeds of raffles and games. Who could have guessed that so much fun could be had with a bunch of straws....

The Disaster Relief Fund established earlier this year by our District and others, raised \$122,500. A magnificent effort in such a short time and all the more so when it is considered that 100% of the money will go where it is intended. Only Rotary can make such a claim. However the task is not complete and a lot more is yet to be done.

The RI and District Promotional Program during May to July, for which District 9820 received the full grant from RI, will start in Gippsland and 3AW and Magic693 in Melbourne. It will be at random, at all times of day, night and weekends and is designed as an awareness program to improve the 36% of people who are aware of Rotary.

The first Incoming Board Meeting will be held next Wednesday after the regular Meeting. All the very best wishes from the "OLD" Board. You have an exciting time ahead.

Regards,  
Charles.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



**Sander Vandeth**  
**Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant**  
**Wednesday 11 May**  
6.00pm for 6.30pm

**Chairperson: Patrick Lee**  
**Guest Rotarian: Wayne Peterson**  
**Meet & Greet: Barry Dean**  
**Cashier: TBA**

## May — AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH MONTH



**38 Years of Community Service!**

**LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM**

The Rotary Club of Frankston North held a combined meeting with Inner Wheel Club of Nepean at Brooklands in Mornington.

Combining with friends and Partners of Inner Wheel and Rotary to raise funds for Rainbow House, a facility in Papua New Guinea for disadvantaged families and to celebrate our Rotary clubs 38th birthday.

PP Eric Neill opened the meeting of the Rotary Club of Frankston North.

Apologies; Firstly from President Charles who is attending a funeral in Colac today other apologies are PP Brian Capon, PP Mike Goonan, PP David Cox, PP Ian Gardner and Rotarians Jim Baker and Don MacDonald

Leave of Absence, they are PP David Hanlon, PP Rod Puls and Rotarians Robert Pill, Bob Denham and Graham Wilson

**DIRECTORS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Directors announcements.

**INNER WHEEL MEETING**

PP Eric Neill gave a brief summary on the history and first meeting of our club which was chartered on 7 May 1973 and then proposed a toast to our club for its 38<sup>th</sup> Birthday

The Rotary Club meeting was then closed and handed back to Inner Wheel club of Nepean President Viv Ellam as chairman of the night to organise the activities.



**INNER WHEEL (CONT)**



Rick Paynter from The Gateway Family Church gave a summary on Rainbow House, when it started, the progress that they have made and what is in the future for Rainbow House.

There were Silent Auctions, Door Prizes, Raffles and more raffles (tickets in straws which you had to remove with tooth picks), a wonderful meal was served and a lot of fun to get through the mountain of raffle prizes.

Congratulations to the Inner Wheel Club of Nepean on a great night and by quick calculations at end of meeting Viv announced that they had raised \$3,500, a fantastic effort.



**EXCELLENT FELLOWSHIP & WINNERS GALORE**



## EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT FOR APRIL—MARLEY ANGUS

This month has been huge. Probably the most action filled month I've had so far and probably my favourite as well. I've achieved nearly every girls dream (shopping on the Champs Elysees), had a fun weekend with all the other exchange students, my first host family change and visited one of the wonders of the western world (the Mont St Michel). All this and the weathers warming up! It's been a pretty awesome month.

It started in Arville, a town-okay, if I'm honest I'd more call it a cluster of about 6 old buildings, 3 of which seem inhabitable, surrounded by farmland-north of Paris, I believe, where myself and thirty seven other exchange students met for the second time around and had our first rotary camp weekend!

The committee organised activities, such as learning about the Templar Knights who had lived next door to our campsite, but honestly I think every just spoke non-stop for the two days. We explored the tiny town and its old buildings and learnt a bit of each other's language (vamos a la playa!).

Everyone cemented the friendship they'd made from our previous meeting and no one could deny the sense of family we all shared as we packed into the bus on the Sunday. The only downside was the food, which wasn't the committee's fault but rather the campsite's fault. Sunday lunch was a "surprise" but it isn't hard to figure out that you've been fed cow tongue when you can still see the tastebuds on the piece of meat. Yummy....

Another big event was going to PARIS! Okay, it's not a big event, it's a huge event. I went to Paris and I couldn't stop smiling and taking photos like a tourist. But it's cool, because I think I heard more English than French during the 3 days, but no Aussie accents!

The first day was huge; my host family (the Lemaires, my first host family) took me all over Paris, mostly walking. It was hot and muggy and I didn't even need a coat. It was a perfect spring day. We crossed the Jewish neighbourhood where big bands were playing in the streets and walked to Notre Dame. Unfortunately Quasimodo was nowhere in sight, just a massive queue of tourists wanting to get inside which deterred my family from wanting to enter. We walked along the Seine and had a look at all the stalls that line the famous river. I think just about all of them sold the same things, but business was booming nonetheless.

We went to this really beautiful park near where Victor Hugo used to live which the Parisians were treating as a beach and lounged around half naked and I saw a real Parisian with a beret and stripy shirt and everything! At my host sister's advice, I took a photo but he saw us and we ran away in shame.

Continuing the day, we walked past the Louvre and through its courtyards, again not going in due to the fact that the gigantic palace requires more than 3 hours to fully be enjoyed. It was amazing to be there though; to see the pyramids which I don't find very attractive but are still iconic, and to see the beautiful chateau. I can't get over how incredible the buildings are in Paris, the amount of detail that goes into the stonework is amazing!

We ended the day eating pizza on the Champs Elysees (so far I

had eaten Thai and Italian, not exactly French cuisine but delicious all the same) and visited the Arc de Triomphe which was amazingly huge and incredibly beautiful. I saw the tomb of the

Unknown Soldier and walked around it as cars and scooters whizzed by and I felt very French and very happy to be here on exchange.

The next day we visited Montmartre where we faced hundreds of people who were doing the same as we. We went to the Sacre Coeur which was filled to the brim with tourists who wanted to be a part of Mass at the famous church (it was Easter) and continued to the shops. I bought beautiful watercolour paintings and two "I love Paris tops"-one in English, one in French-and I saw hundreds of artists lining the streets painting portraits and showing off their work. The paintings were incredible and mostly of Parisian streets or of people. I wish I had their talent!

Next, we took the Metro to the Eiffel Tower. Seeing the Eiffel Tower for the first time was incredible. All weekend I'd been teased with seeing half of it on the horizon, behind trees, in the distance, but when I emerged from the metro I finally saw it!

The Australian Embassy is right near it so as I saw it for the first time, the Australian flag and a giant advertisement for Australia stood next to it which made me laugh. I had to contain my excitement but did a little happy jump when my host family wasn't looking.

Walking under it was incredible. My neck was craned the entire time as I stared up at this colossal structure...and then I walked into a group of tourists who then proceeded to insult me in many different languages for not looking where I was going-but I didn't care! I stood there just gazing at the tower like a fool whilst we kept walking and I snapped a million photos. Unfortunately, we didn't climb it because too many people were there but I am assured that I will have the opportunity in August with my second host family so I didn't mind. We sat down in the park and then walked the streets of Paris to Les Invalides where Napoleon's tomb is.

The last day was spent at another place I'd read about in the "Da Vinci Code", the Pantheon. It was colossal as well and so intricately designed. I saw the tombs of Marie and Pierre Curie, Voltaire, Victor Hugo and so many other famous people. The building is huge and I think I would've been lost quite easily if not for my host family because all areas of the crypt look the same.

Overall, Paris was amazing, the only downside was an encounter with a mouse (I'm sticking with mouse because I refuse to acknowledge that it was most likely a rat) in the toilets at a restaurant. I saw all these amazing landmarks and was so grateful to my host family for taking me. I think I walked through just about every neighbourhood and it was incredible, truly dream come true. I can honestly say I love Paris!

Straight after my return I changed families for the first time. It was a strange feeling and a landmark in my exchange. It meant I wasn't exactly new anymore and I was one-quarter of the way into this amazing year. I wasn't sure if it was because I was sad

## EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT FOR APRIL-MARLEY ANGUS (CONT)

to leave my first family or just a tad nervous for change but I did feel a tad nervous as I packed up my room. Regardless, I've adapted to this new one easily and they're a really sweet family. I have, however, learnt that I don't like packing my bags, especially when I am unpacking them ten minutes after packing!

Luckily, I've gained three new host sisters ages 9, 11 and 12 who were keen to help me settle into my newly built bedroom.

I ended this month in Brittany where I visited yet another famous French landmark-The Mont St. Michel. I think I've visited more abbeys in the last three months than anyone else I know and I am nearly an expert on the lives on monks and nuns hundreds of years ago. For once, Brittany wasn't in the middle of a storm and it only rained briefly once!

The Mont St. Michel was incredibly beautiful and highly interesting and whilst there were many tourists, I found it easier to deal with than in Paris. It was amazing to see the sea come in around us and learn the history of the iconic abbey and its tiny village. For this trip, with my second host family, we stayed in a caravan park which was surprisingly actually awesome. I quickly learnt that the camping site was popular for English people, specifically from the islands of Jersey and Guernsey, and become the translator for the kids.

All in all, as you can probably tell, this month has been amazing! My French is really coming along and with my new family I'm doing dictation and practicing changing the tenses of verbs every day. It's a lot easier to have conversation with people and I'm understanding everything that's being said to me.

I've also started reading French poems and books due to the fact that I'm sick of seeing all my favourite books at the stores in French! I'm really loving it here and I've stopped feeling like a foreigner. I just wish I could fast forward through the next six weeks to summer holidays where I have got many things planned including a vacation in Nice!

In closing, I've learnt and experienced a lot this month. From gagging at the site of cow's tongue, to eating artisanal Italian ice cream in the streets of Paris to exploring an ancient abbey, I have really had an amazing-and jam-packed-month. But honestly, I'm loving it.

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## FLOOD RELIEF UPDATE



Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo

My fellow Rotarians,

Many of you will know of the devastating floods in Northern Victoria in the last six months. Several places have been hit more than once leaving a large clean up and recovery that needs to be done. While the initial clean up has been done, there is a lot of repairs and maintenance to be still done. The web site of [www.ruralsupport.com](http://www.ruralsupport.com) will let you see some of the projects the local Rotary Clubs see as needing to be done in the effected areas and some of the projects clubs have started to support.

Charlton has been the worst effected with all the main street shops and 400 of approximately 600 houses flooded. For more details go to [www.charlton.vic.au](http://www.charlton.vic.au), click on Local news tab and read the February newsletter.

I met with the Charlton Community Recovery Committee Coordinator, Kaylene Cossar recently to discuss their situation and the best way we can help. They are in need of money, labour and people visiting and spending money. Goods donated don't help stimulate the local economy which is vital for the long term recovery of the area. Kaylene has been involved in other recovery efforts previously and has seen what can happen to already fragile economies of the rural areas.

One of the concerns in these areas is the increase in under age drinking, as the local youth have lost "their" place of gathering, often the skate park. Housing is another major concern. Over twenty houses have been condemned. A lot of houses are currently being lived in, but have no floor coverings and no plaster on the walls as these were taken out to see if the house would dry out and be able to be repaired. Charlton has only two registered builders and all the houses needing repair will need to be quoted and sent to the insurance companies for approval. The insurance companies have paid for a hydrologist to see if the water is river water or flood water. River water means no insurance and flood water means insurance! This situation is being vigorously contested as you can imagine. This all adds pressure, as some people will only be able to rebuild if they are paid the insurance.

Schools and clubs have found the builds are insured, but the contents aren't. Schools need books, computers and stationery and sporting clubs need uniforms, balls, medical supplies and training equipment. All these are best bought through the local traders.

I had a discussion with David Piper recently about the situation and where we should be directing our efforts. Rotary does its best work after the initial clean up has been done. Right now raising money and organising what projects we can best do are the priorities.

I will be having further discussions with Kaylene soon to follow through some thoughts I have and to get some priorities of jobs.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts I can be contacted on 0418 328 408 or email [carron@islandsteel.com.au](mailto:carron@islandsteel.com.au)

Yours in Rotary  
Carron Bourke PP

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Ron Cook— 11th May 2005  
 Patrick Lee—11th May 2005  
 Maureen Gillham—11th May 2008



**BIRTHDAYS**

Nil this week



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Nil this week



**CLUB MISSION STATEMENT**

“Grow the community presence of the Rotary Club of Frankston North by exploring relevant service and collaboration opportunities in order to shape the future direction of our service delivery. This is achieved through membership empowerment to support activities addressing the service avenues of Rotary International as stated through our Club goals.”

**REMINDER OF COMING EVENTS**

11/05/2011	Wed	Vocational Visit - Peninsula Hospital
21/05/2011	4 days	2011 RI Convention New Orleans
4/06/2011	Sat	Guess Who is coming to Dinner Night.
3/07/2011	Sun	District Changeover Drouin (Luncheon)

**ROTARY**

**THE INVOCATION**

“For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary we give thanks”

**THE LOYAL TOAST**

“To Her Majesty the Queen, and the People of Australia”

**THE FOUR WAY TEST**

Of the things we think, say or do . . .

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

**THE CLUB VISION**

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**FUTURE GUEST ROTARIANS**

11/05/2011	Wayne Peterson
18/05/2011	Mark Sammut
25/05/2011	Geoff Magor
1/06/2011	No Meeting
8/06/2011	Eric Neill
15/06/2011	Peter Newman
22/06/2011	Patrick Lee
29/06/2011	Con Demopoulos

**MAKE-UP VENUES**

ROTARY CLUB	VENUE	DAY	TIME
Frankston	International Motel	Thursday	6pm for 6.30pm
Frankston/Long Island	Frankston Life Saving Club	1st & 3rd Thursday	7am for 7.15am
Frankston Sunrise	Davey’s Bar	Wednesday	6.45am for 7am
Langwarrin	Baxter Tavern	Monday	6.30pm for 7pm
Mt Eliza	Toorak College	Tuesday	6pm for 6.30pm
Seaford/Carrum Downs	The Sands Hotel	Tuesday	6.30pm for 7pm

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

<p><b>DIRECTORS &amp; CLUB ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Wednesday 18 May</b>                  6.00pm for 6.30pm</p> <p>Chairperson: Wayne Peterson                  Guest Rotarian: Mark Sammut                  Meet &amp; Greet: Barry Dean                  Cashier: TBA</p>	<p><b>PENINSULA HOSPITAL VOCATIONAL VISIT</b>  <b>Wednesday 25 May</b>                  6.00pm for 6.30pm</p> <p>Chairperson: Linda Tinney                  Guest Rotarian: Geoff Magor                  Meet &amp; Greet: Barry Dean                  Cashier: TBA</p>	<p><b>NO MEETING</b>  <b>WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE</b>                  -----</p> <p><b>GUESS WHO IS COMING TO DINNER NIGHT</b>  <b>{FOUNDATION DINNER}</b>  <b>Saturday 4 June</b></p>
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**BREAKING NEWS—ROTARY PROMOTIONAL AWARENESS PROGRAM**

*To all Rotarians from Marilyn Cunnington District PR Chair.*

*During May, June and July the promotional program, for which we received the full grant from Rotary International, will start in Gippsland on 3TR and Gold 1242 and Gippsland Newspapers with editorials (Gippsland Times, La Trobe Valley Express, Leongatha Star, Warragul Gazette and East Gippsland News) also on 3AW and Magic 693. The radio advertising is random, at all times of the day, night and weekends to capture as large a listening audience as possible.*

*This has been designed to be an awareness program for Rotary in general and the Polio Plus program.*

*There will be 660 radio adverts across Gippsland and Melbourne (which means of course, by default, that all Rotary clubs in Melbourne will also benefit from the District 9820 promotional program!) over a period of 4 months and 20 newspaper adverts through the above nominated Gippsland newspapers.*

*It is not a “sales” pitch.*

*It is to assist the community understanding of Rotary in the world today at both local and international level.*

*It is also to assist you, as club members, to speak to friends, work colleagues, business people, new people in town, etc. about becoming a member of Rotary. Hopefully to somewhat redress the current situation, which according to Rotary’s own research, is that only 36% of people are aware of Rotary.*

*The 1300 4 ROTARY and the [www.Rotary.org.au](http://www.Rotary.org.au) information is on all promos.*

**ODD SPOT—DID YOU KNOW**

This year, July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This happens only once every 823 years.

**July 2011**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	4	5	6	7	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	11	12	13	14	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	18	19	20	21	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	25	26	27	28	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>						