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Club Meetings:

Wednesday 6pm for 6.30 pm at the Sands Hotel
 Hall Road Carrum Downs or by Zoom or at other
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Of all the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
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4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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President Charles



From the President's Desk Hello Everyone,

Judging from the positive comments last night, our meeting at Sands was a success. The ordering and paying for the meal was a little scratchy to start, but practice makes perfect and next week will run smoothly

Seek out the nightly cashier P.P. Brian Capon next week, no change facility available, however any extra will go to Club funds. I note with pleasure Maree Hutchins' attendance because of the easy access and great to hear of her impending knee replacement operation. Having said that, we are still associated to The International, because when the long awaited renovations, with all the up to date physical and visual infrastructures are completed at Sands, we will temporarily return there. What an inspiration is Melinda Shelley, a much recognized and decorated local identity. She and her husband identified the need of some children who had very little exposure to books, leading to disadvantages later in life. So now hundreds of thousands of books are collected and distributed to deserving children by "123 Read 2 Me" a registered Charity. It was a privilege to hear you speak to us Melinda.

Next week's meeting on the 27th January is the day after Australia Day. I hear of a number of private get togethers to celebrate this important anniversary the day before. Unfortunately, the Sands are unable to hold a function at this time due to restrictions and staffing, so on the 27th we anticipate a friendly and respectful celebration at our Meeting.

We heard last night in general conversations and announcements, the importance of "G'day Calls". If any proof was needed, last night supplied it in "taxi loads".

Be encouraged, Charles



Next Meeting 27 January 2021

Program – Directors Reports (Sands Hotel F2F & Zoom)

Chairman: President Charles

CASHIER DUTIES - Brian Capon

Meeting – 20 January 2021

Apologies: Russell Cock & Bev Unitt

Leave of Absence: Nil

Guest Speaker – Melinda Shelley from 123 Read to Me

Chairman – Linda Tinney

MILESTONES –

BIRTHDAYS: Tony Spring 15 Jan John Unitt 11 Jan,
Michael Goonan 23 Jan, Don MacDonald 27 Jan

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Simon & Maureen Gillham
28/12/1972

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES: None this week.

Sgt Ron in his commanding Military voice Introduced President Charles for our first F2F meeting for 2021 at the Sands Hotel Carrum Downs

President Charles – Welcomed all members and Guest Speaker Melinda Shelley . Charles welcomed Don MacDonald and Simon & Maureen Gillham who joined us via zoom. He also thanked Con for producing the HO during the absence of the Editor.

Charles had spoken with past member Bill Fowler and advised members that June is currently in rehab at St John of God

Secretary Eric:

Advised that all mail has been dealt with and provided to appropriate Directors. Eric advised that FNR is entering one team in the **Mt Eliza Bowls Club Community Challenge** . 9 members and partners have committed so if any more interested please let Eric know by Monday 25 Jan.

Treasurer Geoff : Reminded members that dues are now payable.

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Linda's Update

Linda commented that she was reflecting with her work colleagues how things have changed on the medical front in what is now almost 12 months of covid. They originally thought that the wearing of masks and PPE would perhaps be necessary for a few weeks but covid has brought many changes to society .

PE Elect David Cahill: Asked all members to refer to the email concerning registering for your meals and suggested that on arrival you see the cashier before socialising. (See the cashier roster late in the HO)



PE David with "red in hand" handling the first of our cashier duties at the Sands.

John Tame – Abbeyfield Project : John Tame gave an update on the progress of the Abbeyfield project and that the concreter Tim Law has been most helpful and has undertaken many extra tasks at no extra cost.

Council have inspected the "post Holes" and concreting and post will be in place on Saturday .

If you are looking for an excellent person to carry out concreting work contact Tim



Fines Master – PEN Simon Gillham

Simon joined us via Zoom from Halls Gap and provided a number of interesting fines including Spring William ? and a fine on John Tame for his technical description of a " peddle thingo" Several fines from the floor and member highlights followed with President Charles downhearted because he has been feeding all the wildlife of Balnarring with his tomato plants.

Sgt Ron gave an explanation of why one should always check that you have the right Esky especially if you have put your wallet in one that looks just like yours.



The wallet stealing Esky . Pays to check the pockets



Guest Speaker – Melinda Shelley

Chairman Linda introduced Melinda and highlighted her impressive community service from information that was included in the HO last week.

Melinda's Power Point presentation showed us just how important reading is in early childhood development. Melinda's father was a Rotarian and so community service came naturally to her. With the Lions Club embracing her passion for the need for children to read at an early age Melinda became a Lion and the project has now become a national Lions Club Project with some 6 warehouses across Australia. The project is based on the collection of good second hand books suitable for Prep to Grade 6 children. These books are collected sorted and given away free to children via various outlets in particular disadvantaged schools where many of the children do not have access to books. (even though reading via school libraries appears on the curriculum !!)

Melinda who lives in Seaford undertakes a lot of work in the Frankston North area and provides many books to the children in schools that FNR is associated with.

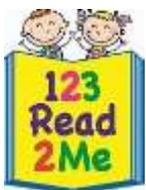
HOW CAN WE HELP

- **Collect Books**, Get your children and grandchildren to clean out their cupboards and take the books to the various drop off points including Marree's Flourish Café.
- **Help Sort Books**, Members, partners, children and grandchildren can assist at the warehouse in Dandenong South on the second Saturday of each month from 11am to 1pm
- **Give away Books**, If you know of a needy situation where a family may not have books for their children contact Melinda and perhaps help that child learn to read.
- **Operation "Takeaway" at Frankton North Fish Shops**, This is an excellent way to get books into the hands of children, maybe we could help with this project

As Melinda said : An Investment in early childhood development leads to a great return on that investment for our children and therefore our community and the future of our country.



President Charles thanking Melinda Shelley of 123 Read to Me and members packing collected books into Melinda's car.





Glenn Ellam , Glenn advised the members of his recent illness and stressed to all especially the male members not to neglect or ignore symptoms that could in fact be a serious illness. Great to see you with us Glenn and back in the Cab.

President Charles, In closing the meeting congratulated Melinda on her address and importantly for her passion and work with the 123 Read to Me project .In presenting Melinda with a certificate of appreciation he commented on just how important it is to get books into the hands of young children.

Charles thanked Eric for getting the ZOOM process in place and reminded all members of the importance of our HO sponsors. Colin Price advised that he had used our Real Estate sponsor to sell his house.

First meeting at the SANDS with F2F members and our Zoomers

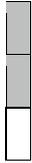


Meet our Rotarians : This segment is designed to hear from our FNR Members on their Rotary Anniversary. None this week



COMING EVENTS

Date	Activity	Speaker	❖ Chairperson • CASHIER
Vocational Service Month			
27 January	Directors Reports (F2F at Sands & Zoom)	Directors	❖ President Charles • Brian Capon
Peace & Conflict Resolution Month			
3 February	SES (F2F at Sands and Zoom)	Sean Tame	❖ Ian McConnell • Russell Cock
10 February	Speaker on Conflict in the Work Place (F2F at Sands & Zoom)	TBC	❖ Simon Gillham • Ron Cook
17 February	Zoom Meeting / General meeting. Board Meeting	TBC	Brian Capon
24 February	F2F – Social Activity (TBC). & Project updates	TBC	



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