



## District 9820

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**ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKSTON NORTH.  
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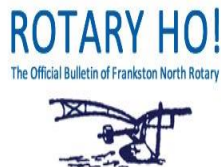
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## President Charles Mallia On Holiday



### From the President's Desk,

Relaxed greetings Everyone,  
This brief note comes to you from Tomakin Beach, South of Bate-  
mans Bay.

Linda and I have enjoyed a "nearly R.F.W."#

That does not go for the hard working Rotarians that keep the  
wheels turning.

My spies tell me that the Meeting at Flourish was lively, informa-  
tive, well attended and "tasty". Well done Maree and Co.

Next week, a zoom meet, the Board, much depleted by the North  
bound Gillhams and Springs, will meet F2F at Secretary  
Eric Neill's place for pizza and Peroni, followed by a relaxed  
Board Meeting, just attaining the legal quorum.

See you all next week,

Charles

#Rotary Free Week.





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**Next Meeting 19 May 2021**

**ZOOM Meeting**

**6pm for 6.30 pm**

**Editors note :** The Ho editor will be an apology on 19 May I would appreciate someone taking some notes of the meeting and sending to me

**Program** – Zoom discussion on Rotary Matters.

**Speaker:** – Members

**Chairman:**

**Cashier :** Pay whoever provides your meal !!

**Milestones:**

**Birthdays:** Nil

**Wedding Anniversaries:** NIL

**LOA** \_ Tony Spring

**Rotary Anniversaries:** , Bev Unitt 07/05/14, Ron Cook 11/05/05(see "life notes" later in this edition of the HO)

Maureen Gillham 11/05/08 (will be featured in a future edition of the HO)

**Meeting 12 May 2021-**

**Oz Child Foster Care**

**Chairman** – Simon Gillham

**Apologies:** Bev Unitt. Judi McKee

**Guests :** Sharon Howie & Martin Murley ( OZ Child

**Past President David Cahill :** Advised that President Charles was away on Holidays and he then welcomed our Guests and AG Nepean Sjaak Kusters to our meeting at Flourish Café.

**Secretary Eric:** Secretary - Mail collected & all emails read and forwarded to appropriate person,

AFL round 8, Many picked 8 this week, Ron Cook is still in lead on 51 from John Tame & Colin Price's grandson aka Jordan DeGoatey both on 50 and David Loudon on 49. Tip 9 is worth \$35 this round.

A further Reminder re RC of Seaford Carrum Downs re us joining them for their 50th anniversary celebrations at International on 1/6 (we have cancelled our meeting 2/6,



please RSVP to Peter Harris as per the flyer.( see flyer later in the HO)

**Foundation Director** – Tony Spring

Reminded members that TRF is our charity of choice and encouraged all to make donations to TRF before end of June. Centurion Club donation forms are available on the web site.

**Community Raffle** - Colin Price advised that the TV ( 3<sup>rd</sup> prize) which he had lovingly stored for some time was collected and the lady who won it was a most deserving winner with a husband that due to illness watched TV most of the day on a very small outdated TV. Another good outcome for the community raffle.

**AG Nepean –Sjaak Kusters.** This was the first visit by the AG for some time and he complimented the club on our performance as a Club with many experienced members who have supported District Leadership. He also discussed upcoming programs and planning for the next Rotary Year.



**PE David Cahill** - Advised that the Club changeover will be held at Sandhurst Country Club on 30<sup>th</sup> June. All will have received their invitation and should RSVP to Secretary Eric.

He also advised that there is still a number of Club positions to be filled for the next Rotary year, please consider how you can support PE David and FNR and advise PE David or PEN Simon of the roles you are willing to hold. (A list of vacant positions will be published)

Reminded us that Langwarrin club is holding a fund raising event “ A meat Tasting” on 8<sup>th</sup> June This is a no cost event to the individual but Langwarrin will receive funds from the organisers as long as they have 60 people in attendance. So support Langwarrin and get in for your chop! ( further details will be provided)

**Con Demopoulos** – FNR Wine Bottling

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Explained that our wine bottling venture for members will be held at his and Loula's home on 9<sup>th</sup> June (Time to be advised) . A meal will also be served. Both Red & White wine available @\$12.00 per bottle. A Cab Sav, a Pinot Noir and a Verdelho, so get your orders in to Con. Please ensure Con is aware if you are attending for catering purposes. ( See email from Sec Eric)



Con and the Rotary Red. Another great meal by the Flourish crew

### **Guest Speakers – Martin Murley & Sharon Howie – OZ Child - Foster Care**

Our meeting on Wednesday was held at the wonderful Flourish Café in Norman Ave South Frankston. We were privileged to have Sharon Howie & Martin Murley from OZ Child to speak to us about Foster Care and the program of care and support run by OZ Child.

OzChild is a leading child welfare organisation committed to improving the lives of at-risk children, young people and families for 170 years.

OzChild is one of the longest-serving charities for children, young people and families in Australia and they strive to achieve their vision: that all children and young people are safe, respected, nurtured and able to reach their full potential. Oz Child works hard every day to provide a better future for those in their care, with the belief that every child and young person deserves the chance to shine.

Today OzChild employs over 700 staff, carers and volunteers in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and the ACT, delivering 23 programs and services to over 10,000 children, young people and family members each year.

**“It is no longer good enough for a child to only get what is available.** They strive to give a child what is needed and what the evidence says works”

Both Martin and Sharon showed a passion for the care and foster programs and the need to attempt to reunite families. They told stories of how children have been placed in Foster care and their lives have been turned around and enhanced.

It was our privilege to hear the heart-warming stories and encourage all to visit [www.ozchild.org.au](http://www.ozchild.org.au) to further understand the necessary work that they undertake in the area of Foster care.



OZ Child-The Early Days



Presentation of a certificate of appreciation

### **District 9820 Conference 2021 – PE David Cahill**

On Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2021 President Charles Past President Don, Past President Judi, Rotarian Maree and President Elect David and Jan Cahill attended the “Mini Conference” at Nossal High School, Berwick.

President Charles accepted an Award from District Governor Mark for being the Club to donate the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest amount per capita to the Rotary Foundation in the District, (Over \$300.00 per member).

As the Conference in 2020 was cancelled due to Covid 19, the Called to Higher Service session included those Called to Higher Service during that year were recognised including our own Past President Barry Dean.

The District Chairs of Youth, Australian Rotary Health and Membership gave Presentations.

Ride to Conference gave a Presentation saying that this year was the last Ride due to the Legal requirements and age of Riders. Over the last 20 years the Ride has been conducted they have raised over 1.1 million Dollars for different Charities.

District Governor Elect Bill Degnan then announced the District Conference for 2022 will be held in Traralgon on the 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.

We were then entertained by various musical groups from Nossal High School including a Cello quartet, Jazz Group, a Combined Orchestra and two solo performances by a Violinist and Celloist.

This was followed by an enthusiastic performance from The Bollywood Dance Club from Nossal High School.

Immediate Past District Governor Adrian gave an address on his year as Governor and his new role as RAWCS Australia Secretary and how Clubs can access funds by using RAWCS both Locally and Internationally.

Included in this year's Conference were 2 online Multi District Sessions on the Saturday and Sunday including Presentations from Dr Jessie Harmon, Rotary International Director for Zone 8 and World President Nominee for 2022-2023 Jennifer Jones



**Rotary Anniversaries.** This area is to hear from our members on their anniversary of

Becoming a Rotarian. **Meet - Bev Unitt – 07/05/2014**

Born in 1960, at the Chelsea Bush Nursing Hospital, my family moved to Frankston North when I was 4.

I loved school. Always reading and keen to learn more and more as an avid student saw my 11-year old self rewarded with a \$40 scholarship, towards the education fees at the time, to attend 'Form 1' the following year at the local Monterey High School.

Along with the Frankston Forest State School principal, and Patrick McGarry, (another student recipient) for a 'scones and tea' presentation of the scholarship 'cheque' and a pen, this lovely award was sponsored by the very kind ladies at the Frankston CWA meeting!

Being at high school was mostly enjoyable, getting home each afternoon was another matter. For years; a group of bullies would wait around the corner and punch and kick me for the whole walk home... eight driveways down from the corner of Longleaf St. I would count them to keep my focus on something else while the punches and kicks rained down. It became my first enlightenment on how peer group pressure could make some people behave in out of character ways when – years later – one of the bullies apologised once all the rest of her gang dropped out of school

It was in 1975 when the school cleaner - Mr Baker – stopped and asked me if I would like to learn how to play cricket on a Wednesday afternoon. This clever man - and somewhat a school fixture and well known by all the students and teacher - had sought permission from the school principal to teach the girls cricket as one of the regular Wednesday sports options. We all had to choose something – I didn't like anything else on offer and so cricket it was.

One afternoon; Mr Baker and I sought the headmaster's permission to visit Karingal High School & Frankston High School and go to speak with other high school girls. This conversation launched the first ever FEMALE cricket competition inter-schools on the Mornington Peninsula.

By 1976 our 'school' competition had moved from a Wednesday afternoon game against each other during school hours to a ridgy-didge Saturday afternoon competition, with 6 schools from across the Peninsula involved, along with some older women. It was no longer a school comp, by 1977 – it was now a women's cricket competition.

I remember not being old enough to go on the first 'board/committee' and some older-than-me women taking over the running of the Saturday games. I often wondered did anyone ever acknowledge the forward thinking of marvellous Mr Baker, to encourage girls to play cricket, and his dedicated contribution in the formation of this Mornington Peninsula women's cricket competition.

Fast forward – I went to Frankston Teacher's College for a year, then bought a milk bar in South Melbourne at the age of 19. I sold it some years later and bought a block of land with the profit and built my first home in country Victoria in 1982.

In 1986 I had my one and only child and raised him on my own for his first 4 years before I met the love of my life, my darling John in 1990.

My working career often saw me fall into leadership roles in retail and service industries. And human behaviour became a fascinating topic to explore.



We moved a lot with John's work as a paramedic, including a stint in North Queensland while John worked as the 'down-the-wire' paramedic on the rescue helicopter out on the Great Barrier Reef.

In 2004, we were now living on the Gold Coast and our son was overseas on a Rotary Youth Exchange year in Sweden, being selected by the Palm Beach Rotary Club from some 15 applications.

Because some wonderful families on the other side of the world were caring for our boy for a year, we offered to look after a visiting Rotary Youth Exchange student and were blessed to meet gorgeous Fredrikke-Emilie who stayed with us for 6 months. In the years afterwards, her family have come for their own Oz holidays and all have stayed with us, and I've visited her and her family at home in Denmark. Such a special relationship continues into her adult years and she still calls us her Aussie 'mor' & 'far' (*Scandinavian for mum & dad*).

I've gone on to study more with my fascination for human behaviour and these days I train and certify coaches, trainers, CEOs, health professionals, managers, leaders, allied health professionals and a diverse range of curious people in Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP). Prior to the Covid travel lockdown, I have also presented as a guest or keynote speaker at conferences and conventions in 5 different countries, in front of thousands of people.

The purpose for my current study focus is with the intention to qualify as a Psychotherapist by the end of 2022.

John and I found our way back to buying a house and living in Frankston South in 2013. I discovered Frankston North Rotary in 2014 when I saw a paragraph in the local newspaper requesting help for volunteers for organising the annual Pines Festival.

I went along to the meeting to find 3 very senior and very kind women - with no other help - doing good for the 'Pines 3200' community. These fabulous community-minded women told me they had asked all the service organisations for help and been ignored. It was then I said I would go along to a meeting and rally some helping hands.

It took three attempts before I finally had a call back from a Rotarian who then kindly invited me to a meeting to speak for 15 minutes. I went along and Bill was my volunteer for a magic trick on the night. What a joyous and happy man to choose as an assistant!

It was John Tame and Geoff Magor who then stepped forward and commenced helping those fabulous women running the Pines Festival that year and - as a result of FN Rotary's great support - this was the year the Festival had the biggest community turnout ever, in its annual history of happening.

Eric & Maureen visited me at home one evening and suddenly I became a member of Frankston North Rotary.

Although we have since moved back to our Gold Coast home, my darling John and I are grateful to be a part of a club that has such a collective kind heart amongst its members. I am proud to be a part of this club.

As a zoom meeting attendee, I'll be there when I can and contribute when I can, in ways that I can. I anticipate it will be some years ahead when I have time to do a lot more, however I appreciate the flexibility because - without it - it would mean missing out on knowing the members of FN Rotary.

Thanks for the journey, so far, with many more years to come.





### Meet - Ron Cook -11/05/05

Born 13 October 1948 at East Malvern. I have 2 sisters and 3 brothers and lived in Huntingdale with my parents until I married Anne and we moved to Noble Park.

During my early years I attended Huntingdale Primary School and then to Clayton Tech as a foundation student. I became a Prefect and went on to achieve my Intermediate Certificate. Following Clayton Tech I undertook a 4 year Carpentry Apprenticeship including in my first year to be named apprentice of the year. A 3 year night school course in building construction followed. In my teen years I joined a youth group ( PFA) and was President for several years. This is where I met my dear wife Anne and that was 55 years ago. I also became a Scout Leader for 10-12 years. Then at 22 years of age I was conscripted into the Army for 2 years, an experience I will never forget or regret even after spending 11 months in Vietnam as a Tunnel Rat. The friendships and mates I made in the Army will never be forgotten. After the Army I married my long time sweetheart in 1972, had 2 beautiful children and went back to carpentry and continued with life. We have a daughter who lives around the corner and a son who has lived in England for 21 years. Anne and I are very proud of them both and their achievements in life. We have 6 beautiful grandchildren. I retired 20 years ago, joined Rotary and here I am. – Ron.

*“Thanks for all your community work at FNR Cookie ”*

## COMING EVENTS

### May – Youth Service Month

Date	Activity	Speaker	❖ Chairperson • CASHIER
19 <sup>th</sup> May ZOOM MEETING	General Discussion and Board Meeting		❖ TBA
26 <sup>th</sup> May @International Hotel	Abbeyfield wrap up	(TBC)	❖ David Hanlon
1 June @ International Hotel) <b>NOTE TUESDAY</b> (See flyer later in HO)	Seaford/Carrum Downs 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary		
9 <sup>th</sup> June ( Time TBC) @ Con & Loula's	Wine Bottling		❖ Russell Cock
16 <sup>th</sup> June ZOOM Meeting & Board Meeting	General Discussion	President Charles	❖ TBA
23 <sup>rd</sup> June ( Venue TBC)	Presidents Night		
30 <sup>th</sup> June ( Venue Sandhurst Country Club	Club Changeover to PE David Cahill		❖ MC. TBA





Date	Activity	Speaker	❖ Chairperson • CASHIER

## Rotary Club of Seaford - Carrum Downs Invitation

Please join us to celebrate our 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



VENUE: International Motel Panorama Function Room  
Date: Tuesday 1<sup>ST</sup> June  
Time: 6:30 for 7PM. Start  
Cost: \$38.00 for a two course dinner & refreshments at bar prices.

R.S.V.P. by 24<sup>TH</sup> May 2021

Peter Harris

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