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Wednesday at the International Motel,

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6pm for 630pm or by Zoom

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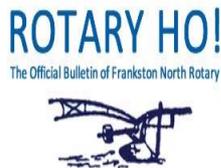
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### The Four Way Test

**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?

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## President Charles Message



### From the President's Desk.

Well !!!! What a week and what a Meeting. Glenn Cooper told us an inspiring and harrowing account of a deprived and persecuted child who became a giving and productive man. I hope we can continue an association with him for mutual benefit.

Our in house medical adviser P.P. Linda Tinney, keeps us informed with the latest accurate tools to keep us safe. The questions that follow prove how important these few minutes are to us.

“Maree’s Marbles” ( we really need to give this another name) is building a substantial cellar, hopefully to be collected before it becomes too much of a temptation for Maree and Bernie!

And what about the popularity of the innovative “on Line” raffle for P.P. Maureen Gillham’s painting “Road to Recovery. Let’s buy heaps. The bush needs our support. Even though Zoom meetings are a substitute for the actual, we are settling into a very pleasing fellowship atmosphere that is keeping us all together.

President Charles.



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**Next Meeting 19 August 2020**

**Zoom Meeting – 6pm for 6.30 start**

**Program- Membership Discussion**

**Speaker – Tony Spring , David Louden & members in discussion**

**Chairman: TBA**

**Meeting – 12 August 2020**

**Guests:** - Alan Middleton, Glen Cooper, Rick Lawrence

**Apologies:** Stuart Jones & Alan Harwood

**Leave of Absence:** Nil

**Chairman : Con Demopoulos**

**MILESTONES -**

**ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:** Eric Neill 19 August 1992( see notes later in this issue )

**BIRTHDAY:** David Cahill 13<sup>th</sup> Margaret capon 19<sup>th</sup>

It was noted that Happy Birthday was sung in the key of **B FLAT**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Nil**

**Sgt Cookie** called the meeting to order and welcomed

President Charles.

**President Charles –** Welcomed all members and guests including our Speaker Glenn Cooper , Alan Middleton, & Rick Lawrence.

**Chairman:** Con , called for urgent announcements

**Secretary Eric -** All mail collected and emailed to appropriate person for action.

Footy tipping -. Only 7 games this round and 5 picked the lot, sorry as agreed last week nothing for this as not tipped 9, Colin Price is now in lead on 60, followed by Terry Vickerman and Geoff Magor on 59. Tip 9 will be held over until back to 9 games in a round.

Round 11 finishes tonight, several tipsters have picked 6 so far, Tipping for Round 12 starts Thursday and it is a 9 game round so Tip 9 worth \$25.



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- **Linda Tinney** - Gave her weekly update on the covid situation in the area including the Hospital numbers and stressed on the need for all to follow regulations. She advised that Peninsula Health has good stocks of PPE and has excellent contingency plans in place.
- **Tony Spring**- Thanked Members who have donated \$25.00 per month towards TRF contributions. Please donate to Club Bank account with your Name TRF AF or Polio as the listing. Tony also commented on the Road to Recovery raffle of Maureen's painting and that 75 tickets had been sold so far
- **Russell Cock** – Gave us an interesting insight into the history and habits of Long Horned Cattle.

#### **Program & Fellowship Chair – Maree Hutchins**

- **Maree's Marbles**- Maree conducted her raffle for the night with Maureen winning the bottle of sparkling. Well done again Maree. Good fun.



#### • **MIKE GOONAN -COMMUNITY RAFFLE “ Some Good News”**

As you will all be aware the current Covid situation has made the selling of raffle tickets extremely difficult for the community groups who have participated in the raffle this year Following discussions I have had with the Gambling & Liquor Commission they have agreed that given the current situation they will agree to extending the permit until April 2021. I will be sending a copy of the extended permit and a letter for all selling clubs to the Club Members who look after the various selling clubs and ask that you make contact with them, provide them with a copy of the extended permit and the letter to explain the situation and encourage them to sell as many tickets as possible once the current restrictions are eased. The letter will also comment on the dividend issues .

#### **STOP PRESS ( Last Chance: SO PLEASE EMAIL David L if you want a box)**

Greg Brown ( Frankston Rotary) is offering me a box(1 doz) very excellent 2014 shiraz from Geoff Merrill –Mclaren Vale for \$228.00.

This wine was produced for the Lord Taverners Club of which Greg is involved . He advised that if anyone is interested they can buy a box or more and \$25.00 per box will come back to our Club. I have had this wine and it is excellent.

So if you want any you will need to contact me with cc details and I will coordinate with Greg.



## **Guest Speaker Glenn Cooper -was welcomed by Chairman Con**



Glenn provided us with an inspiring talk on his life journey and where it has taken him from an 11 year old who ran away from home due to family abuse and neglect, through his life of crime, and institutions and the security blanket of alcohol and violence to the Glenn Cooper today who works to assist the disadvantaged and disabled.

When Glenn married in 83 he started to lead a normal life which in Glenn's words he had never known before.

His life also lead him into a church for 17 years including the Salvation Army for a time .

He became involved in working with and helping vulnerable people using his experience in life to help these people. He talked about holding onto Un-forgiveness and hate and how this can impact.

Glenn has been instrumental in forming and running a not for profit community group " That's the thing About Fishing" - This groups believes in changing one life at a time. And Frankston Community Connect has emerged from this not for profit group.

The fishing group has been instrumental in teaching some 3000 disadvantaged young people the pleasure and peace that can be obtained from fishing. Glenn has found that many of the parents especially the single mothers also benefit and it helps break down communication barriers .

Frankston Community Connect aims to bring the various community groups together so that more work can be done on domestic violence, mental health, depression and suicide.

Glenn also introduced Alan Middleton who is part of the volunteer Board.



## **Frankston Community Connect Board Member Alan Middleton**



**Chairman Con** thanked Glenn for his address and commented that Glenn obviously obtained his degrees from the university of Life

**President Charles :**

In closing the meeting thanked Glenn for his Inspirational and emotional address and thanked all guests and members for attending . Have a good week in Rotary .





## History – A Time to remember

### 75 Years since the end of the Second World War: Honouring the one million that served

#### **The Hon Darren Chester MP -Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Defence Personnel**

The Second World War had a significant and enduring impact on all Australians.

Around 20 years had passed since the end of the First World War and during those two decades our country endured significant challenges, from losing 60,000 men, caring for the many thousands that came back, the Great Depression and at points, sky-rocketing unemployment.

And while all these events had a profound effect on Australia, the Second World War changed and shaped our nation forever — redefining aspects of the economic, domestic and international relations landscape, and influencing social issues such as female employment and Indigenous service.

Almost one million Australians served during the Second World War, fighting in theatres of war across the globe, from Europe and the Middle East through South East Asia to the Pacific. Keep in mind, this was at a time when the total population of Australia was around 7 million.

Over 39,000 died and some 30,000 Australian service men and women were made prisoners of war. Most of those taken prisoner were captured by the Japanese during their advance and capture of Singapore in early 1942. While many Australians who were prisoners of war of Germany had a strong chance of returning home at the end of the war, over one-third of prisoners of the Japanese died in captivity.

Australian women played a vital role, serving as nurses overseas, in auxiliary services in Australia and overseas and as workers throughout the war, maintaining our agricultural and manufacturing interests at home.

We should never forget that this was a war not only fought on foreign lands, but one that came to the Australian mainland. From air raids on Darwin, Broome and across Northern Australia, to midget submarine attacks on Sydney Harbour, there were hundreds of Australians killed.

The fear of an all-out attack on Australia by Japanese forces was very real.

Australia's armed forces employed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in de-facto units to carry out reconnaissance of the northern Australian coastline, where they assisted locating Japanese and Allied aircraft crash sites.



The understanding and connection to country that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had proved to be of great benefit in the defence of the Australian mainland and islands to the north.

And we should never forget the powerful bonds created with our neighbours in the Pacific, particularly on the Kokoda Track where Australians were supported by the locals of Papua New Guinea who carried supplies forward and transported seriously wounded and sick Australian soldiers to safety.

Their compassion and care earned them admiration and respect from the Australians, who dubbed these men their ‘fuzzy wuzzy angels’.

**This year on 15 August, we mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, also known as Victory in the Pacific Day.** This is an opportunity for the Australian community to publicly acknowledge the service and sacrifice of veterans of the Second World War,

and also recognise the contribution made by all Australians. More than 12,000 veterans of the Second World War are still with us today.

I encourage all Australians to seize the opportunity to talk to any relative, friend or neighbour who lived through the Second World War to share the experiences and stories of this great generation and to say ‘thank you for your service’.

**Lest we forget.**



### The Road to Recovery

The ticket sales for the Fundraiser Road to Recovery is now up and running, we had some initial issues with eventbrite who suspended the raffle, so we had to change it to an event on 30/9, that is you buy tickets to the **event not raffle tickets**, but we will use the event tickets for our draw. Please pass to family and friends and acquaintances.

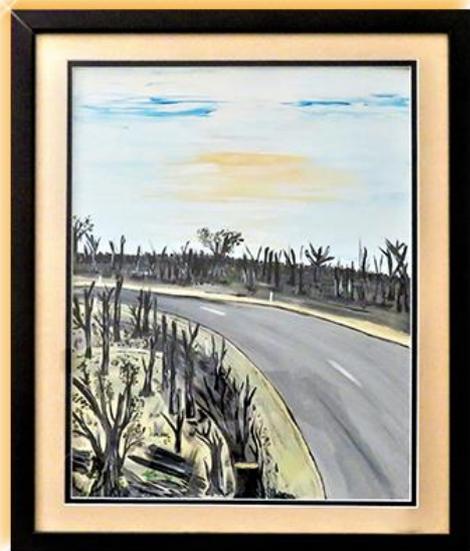
Flyer is attached and the below is the link to use to purchase tickets, **NB. that if you buy multiple tickets you need to complete details for each ticket you purchase.**

Our ticket purchasing link is:

- <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fnr-road-to-recovery-raffle-tickets-114849453808>



## ROAD TO RECOVERY



- WIN A FRAMED ORIGINAL PAINTING BY MAUREEN GILLHAM
- RAISING FUNDS FOR EAST GIPPSLAND ROTARY FIRE AID
- TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA EVENTBRITE \$5 EACH
- TICKETS ON SALE 27 JULY – 28 SEPTEMBER 2020
- DRAWN WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER AT 7PM
- WINNER NOTIFIED





**Meet our Rotarians :** This segment is designed to hear from our FNR Members on their Rotary Anniversary. **Eric Neill Rotary Anniversary 19 August 1992**

Born Frankston 22/12/1948, Lived in Frankston area all my life, schooled locally and left Karingal High in 1965. Had wonderful family life and an older brother Robert.

Played all sports Cricket, Football, Swimming and Surfing. Was involved with Junior Football with Frankston and played Under 15, 17 and senior football. Ended my footy when injured my knee.

First job - Commonwealth Bank, Playne street Frankston and was there in many roles until conscripted into Army in 1969 as National Serviceman.

Met Marina at Karingal High School. We were married 31 May 1969 and posted to 4<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment RAA in Townsville where we lived prior to my posting to Viet Nam. Spent 9 months in Vietnam at the Nui Dat base, returned to Australia in December 1970, went back to Commonwealth Bank. In 1973 I commenced my IT Career at Commonwealth Banks EDP. Left Commbank and became IT Operations Manager at Bank of Melbourne, they were taken over by Westpac, I then joined a computer maintenance company, Interactive, managing the Disaster Recovery part of the business until I retired in 2014.

Marina and I have 3 children, Elise, Aaron & Abbie, All married and we have 7 wonderful grandchildren.



Had lots of family holidays especially water skiing, had a caravan at Torrumbarry Weir on Murray River for 27 years, so lots of skiing and many different ski boats owned, all the family skied

Marina and I love to travel and have visited many countries, Europe, UK, USA , Canada, Alaska, Jamaica, Morocco, Croatia, Turkey, Thailand, Fiji and others.

Rotary - I joined Frankston North on 19 August 1992, have held most jobs in club, been President twice and have been awarded PHF + 2 sapphires over the 28 years. Have travelled to 2 overseas RI Conventions, Scotland 1997 and Chicago 2005.

A major Rotary highlight was being selected as GSE Team leader for the District to lead a team of 4 young professionals to Turkey in 2015, an amazing wonderful and cultural experience for the team and myself.



Upcoming EventsDate	Activity	Speaker	Chairperson
19 <sup>th</sup> August ( zoom)	Membership	Tony Spring & David Louden	TBA
26 <sup>th</sup> August (zoom)	Reports from Directors Alan Middleton	All Directors Alan Middleton	Russell Cock
9 <sup>th</sup> September		Hamida Lufti	TBA

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