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Wednesday 6pm for 6.30 pm at the Frankston International Nepean Highway Frankston or by Zoom or at other venues as advised

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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 David Cahill

From the President's Desk,

It was a pleasure to have District Governor Elect Paul Mee and Adele attend our Zoom meeting on Wednesday and to learn about Paul's Rotary History and we look forward to working with him in the 2022-2023 Rotary Year.

A few points were raised at the Board Meeting:

1. As we are meeting on Zoom for the next few weeks that we should at least ask Members for a Voluntary Contribution of \$25.00 to the Rotary Foundation as we are not having to pay the cost of a meal this is purely up to individual Members.
2. The use of acronyms should be eliminated especially when we have Guests that may not be familiar with Rotary Terms.
3. When we have a Guest Speaker the Rotarian asking a question through the Chairman should stand and introduce themselves.

The next meeting should be a lot of fun in seeing and guessing what members first cars were. Secretary Eric Neill will control the Presentation and I thank him for suggesting and organising the program.

Please have a think about other topics that you would like to see in the same style and forward them to President Elect Simon, as it would be an advantage to have one or two programs up our sleeve to ensure we can have an engaging night on Zoom Meetings also do not forget if you hear of an interesting Guest Speaker to discuss it with President Elect Simon.

In regard to the 2022 Conference in Traralgon, please let our On To Conference Chair Past President Judi know your intentions either way as soon as possible.

The Forms for the Nominating Committee are being sent out now and need to be returned to the Secretary by Mid-September.

Please also think about taking on a Leadership role in the Club and not leaving it to someone else. That is President, Secretary, Treasurer or Director, these positions are most important to the running of a successful Club and without them we have no Club.

Have a safe and fulfilling week.

David



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Next Meeting: 25th July

Theme First Car

Chairman: PE Simon Gillham

Guests; DGE Paul & Adele Mee

Apologies:

PDG David Louden

Beverley Unitt

Leave of Absence:

PDG Tony Spring

PP Ian McConnell

Zoomers: Members joined on Zoom due to the ongoing lockdown



MILESTONES

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY:

Nil

BIRTHDAY:

Viv Ellam 28th August

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Brian & Margaret Capon 29th August 1964

Speaker: PP David Hanlon reviewed the results of the activity of "Making a Vibrant Club"

Chair: PP Maureen Gillham

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

AFL round 22, A bit easier this week with several 7's this week including Cookie who is still in lead on 131, Cane Toad is now 7 behind now on 124, followed closely by David L in third place on 123, Tip 9 will be worth \$55. This is the last round, if Tip 9 does not go off we will run a Finals competition.



On To Conference: PP Judi McKee is requesting expressions of Interest for the Conference in February 25 – 27, 2022 Bookings are limited in the area, so we need to get in early. Rotary Conferences are always informative with great fellowship and a lot of laughs. Opportunities to meet other members from other clubs. The Keynote Speaker for the Conference is Dr. Fiona Wood, AM FAHMS. Professor Fiona Wood is one of Australia’s most innovative and respected surgeons and researchers. A highly skilled plastic and reconstructive **surgeon** and world leading burns specialist, she has pioneered research and technology development in burns medicine. Professor Wood’s greatest contribution and enduring legacy is her work pioneering the innovative ‘spray-on skin’ technique, which greatly reduces perma-



nent scarring in burns victims.

DGE Paul Mee and his wife Adele joined members on ZOOM for the clubs meeting. DGE Paul wanted to introduce his wife and himself to the club. Paul spoke briefly of his 30yrs in Rotary sharing the highlights of being a Rotarian.

Currently Paul is the 9820 Student Scholarship Grant Director. He has had some wonderful experiences in the 30yrs being President to 3 different clubs and being host parents to students from the student exchange



Members reflected on Vietnam Vets Day 18th August It is the 55th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. One of the bloodiest battles of Vietnam. Australian and New Zealand soldiers were outnumbered by the enemy.

Returned Vietnam Vet Ron Cook read the ODE and reflected briefly on his deployment to Vietnam.



Anniversary of Battle of Long Tan

On 18 August, today we commemorate Vietnam Veterans' Day on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966. We remember the sacrifices of those who died and say thank you to almost 60,000 Australians who served during the 10 years of our involvement in the Vietnam War.



18 August 1966

Some Facts on the Battle of Long Tan

When, where and Duration of Battle:

Late afternoon August 18, 1966 at Long Tân, Phước Tuy Province, South Vietnam for three and a half hours, in the pouring rain, amid the mud and shattered trees of a rubber plantation called Long Tân. Major Harry Smith and his dispersed company of 108 young and mostly inexperienced Australian and New Zealand soldiers are fighting for their lives.



Some Facts on the Battle of Long Tan

Casualties:

During the battle, 17 Australians were killed and a further 25 were wounded, one of whom later died of wounds.

This was the highest number of Australian casualties incurred in any one engagement of the Vietnam War.

The losses on the Vietnamese side were at least 245 dead, an estimated 350 wounded, and three captured.





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Some Interesting Foundation Facts



What is the significance of the number 2

This is the total number of Polio cases this year. 1st January saw the first diagnosed case in Afghanistan 24th January saw the second case diagnosed, in Pakistan. 203 days, Polio free!

Polio Update

Polio, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation 2:1 matching. Rotary needs to put in \$50M to get the 2 for 1 matching. We scrapped in last Rotary year.

A message from our Greek Philosopher: AG Kosta Demopoulos

Consider the next statement and make an interpretation.

“I saw the neighbour with binoculars.”

Does it mean that the neighbour had binoculars?

Or

I saw him through my binoculars?

The whole thing rests on interpretation. It follows that one should always be careful of statements that are out of context.



COMING EVENTS
 August / September

Date	Activity	Speaker	❖ Chairperson	Face to Face / Zoom
25 th August	My First Car		PE Simon Gillham	
1 st Sept	Multiple Myeloma Nurse		PP David Hanlon	Partners night



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