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Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it Build Goodwill & better Friendships

Will it be Beneficial to all concerned

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President Simon's Message

Hi !

Another pleasant and informative meeting, ably chaired under the strict disciplinary regime of Maree and ably called to order by David L in the absence of Ron Cook – get well soon Ron !

Sandi Fulcher was our guest speaker. Rotarian Sandi is a fierce advocate for ending trachoma, a scourge mainly of our Indigenous population, predominately among the kids. It is caused mainly by lack of simple hygiene procedures such as washing their faces with clean water and soap, and drying with clean towels, not with already dirty clothes. Fresh, clean water is also critical and it is difficult to fathom that in a wealthy Country like ours this situation is allowed to exist. The sheer vastness of the Country and the distances between some of these remote communities and major centres would, in part, account for the problem.

The disease causes eyelashes to turn inwards and scratch the surface of the eyes, ultimately resulting in blindness. The prevention is simple, encouraging and supporting the kids to wash their faces! Sandi mentioned work in Lajamanu, off the Buntine “Highway” in N.T and Warburton on the Great Central Road in WA, two of the most remote places in the world which serves to demonstrate that the job can be done. Lets all get behind this very worthy project, and maybe our next sausage sacrifice at Bunnings can highlight that proceeds go towards the End Trachoma Project, among other Rotary causes.

See you all on the 18th.

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Leave of Absence:	David Cahill
Guests:	Kathy Neylon
Zoomers:	Judi McKee

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Birthdays:	Anne Cook-10 October Ron Cook - 13 October
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Loshini Naidoo

Rotary

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary. Get Involved

If you ever hear me order a decaf coffee, I've been kidnapped and im trying to signal you.

Announcements

President Simon

Simon welcomed Club Members attending, Zoomer Judi, Maureen's sister Kathy and guest Speaker Sandi Fulcher. He reminded members of the Bunnings bbq on 9th October, and asked them to support Kaye at the event.

Deputy Secretary Eric

Trivia night, currently have 21 committed to date, we need many more please work on this. Remember also to please bring along any donations for the raffles/auction items you may wish to donate.

Web mail has been checked there was an email from FCC about their Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Network, A copy of their poster is on the last page of this Ho..

Received email re Youth Exchange Restart - Request from D9820, there is a survey to be completed which can be from an individual Rotarian and a club, the Board will review this.

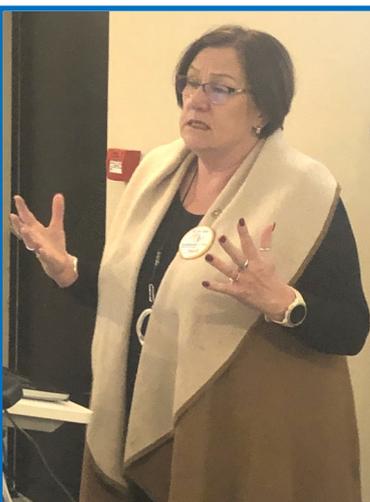
AGM Planning - next week 11/10 is 7 weeks from the AGM and we need to Call for nominations for the nominations committee, I will circulate a document next week which covers of what is required and who is eligible/ineligible.

PE Maree

The Bus trip scheduled for Wednesday 26th October has been changed to Tuesday 25th October due to bus availability. We will meet at the Seaford Hotel 9.30am heading to Docklands for a 1 hour. 11 – 12 cruise and morning tea. From here we head to Victoria Market where you can pick up lunch (own expense) or BYO, purchase some fresh produce or just look around. Departing for Cohome at 2.30pm. Cost \$42.00pp. Partners are welcome.

AG Con

The District Conference organisers need to know approximate attendance numbers for planning purposes, so if you are thinking of attend please register as soon as possible.



Guest Speaker

Sandi Fulcher - “End Trachoma Now”

Sandi joined Rotary in 2003 in England and has been a member of Chadstone/East Malvern in District 9800 since 2005, and has held numerous leadership positions at Club and District level.

She has a background in Retail Management, Administration in Insurance, Recruitment and Charity projects (including End Trachoma), and is currently working in the disability sector doing an auditing role ensuring the NDIS standards are being met.

What is Trachoma? Trachoma is the world's leading cause of infectious blindness. Some may know it as Sandy Blight

It is a contagious bacterial infection, caused by the bacterium Chlamydia Trachomatis. It is completely preventable however with repeated infection, it can cause scarring inside the eyelids which causes the eyelashes to turn in, leading to painful scratching of the cornea on every blink, which can then lead to irreversible blindness.

Trachoma spreads by personal contact (via hands, clothing, towels or bedding),

Women seem to suffer much more frequently and severely than men as they are the Carers of young children.

When the cornea is clear, vision is usually clear and sharp With trachoma, it becomes cloudy and blinds

the eye. In Australia, Trachoma is mostly prevalent in children aged 4-9 years in remote areas of Northern Territory, Western Australia and North Queensland.

Our aim is to prevent infectious diseases, like Trachoma, by enabling communities to practice good hygiene. The **SAFE** strategy is what the World Health Organisation endorses to work towards global elimination.

Surgery, to reposition the eyelashes so that they don't scrape the front of the eye

Antibiotics, to treat active infection

Facial cleaning, to reduce possible transmission through nasal and ocular secretions

Environmental improvements, to ensure that access to the infrastructure required for basic hygiene and sanitation is available to individuals and communities.

We are focusing on the **F** and the **E**

One of our most accepted and successful projects to date has been the simple installation of acrylic mirrors in homes, at both child and adult height. Mirrors are not a common asset in homes in remote indigenous areas. Mirrors however, can act as strong catalysts for self-directed behavior modification, contributing to self pride.

Towel hooks had also been noted by the WA environmental program to be missing from homes so we have supplied 7500 mirrors via environmental health services and housing.

We have supplied portable washing machines, soapmaking workshops and face washer to remote communities to encourage better hygiene.

In March 2019, we opened the Santa Teresa Community Laundry in partnership with local social enterprise AAAC with a Rotary community BBQ on site. We also had the support of health services in Alice Springs including the largest Central Australian Aboriginal Health service, NT Environmental health and NT health.

We also supplied 900 Pinchapoo hygiene kits to NT Health promotion and Nganampa Health Council and supported the TITJIKALA E-Space Project to the tune of \$30,000. ESPACE is a collaboration between NT Environmental Health, and the Centre for Disease Control. It aims to support trachoma elimination through a settings approach, whereby good hygiene messages, encouragement and infrastructure will be provided in a variety of locations in the community where people regularly go to or congregate. Six wash areas (warm water and basins) were plumbed onto existing community facilities (e.g. Aged Care centre, Community Store, Health Clinic, Childcare Centre) to enable and facilitate hygiene practice as individuals required. This project was delivered in December 2020.

We had made and imported 10,000 towels into WA as most people in their remote areas do not own their own towel. There are 5 natural colours preventing sharing. They would share or use their clothes to dry themselves.

Towels are distributed only to homes that have the ability to wash them.

Community infrastructure is just not equipped to handle population fluctuations that occur in remote communities due to major sporting events, Sorry camps (up to month long rituals held with the death of community members) or community gatherings.

In response to the increased rates of infectious diseases that occur at such events due to lack of access to sanitation infrastructure, we collaborated with Nganampa Health Council, SA Health, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, RASAC (a local community based repairs and maintenance organization) and Ross Engineering to deliver 3 portable water tanks to the APY lands, completed in late 2019. We have also paid for one of the Laundry/Dryer multi-function trailers for WA. These trailers travel to trachoma endemic communities for a week and provide a full service of fixing health hardware and education around hygiene – the F and the E.

Our 2000 Toiletry Kits for 2000 Students in NT was so well supported resulted in 50 Clubs providing 2152 Toiletry Kits across 32 Schools in Alice Springs. We are extending the Toiletry Kits project and would like your Club to join us. This involves sewing up the bags, sourcing the items, make up the kits, pack up the boxes and arrange the transport to the NT.

We will send guidelines for producing these kits. It is important to provide only the items that are listed in the Project Information Pack. The full size products are to minimise waste of packaging, childrens toothbrushes, deodorants only for the older children.

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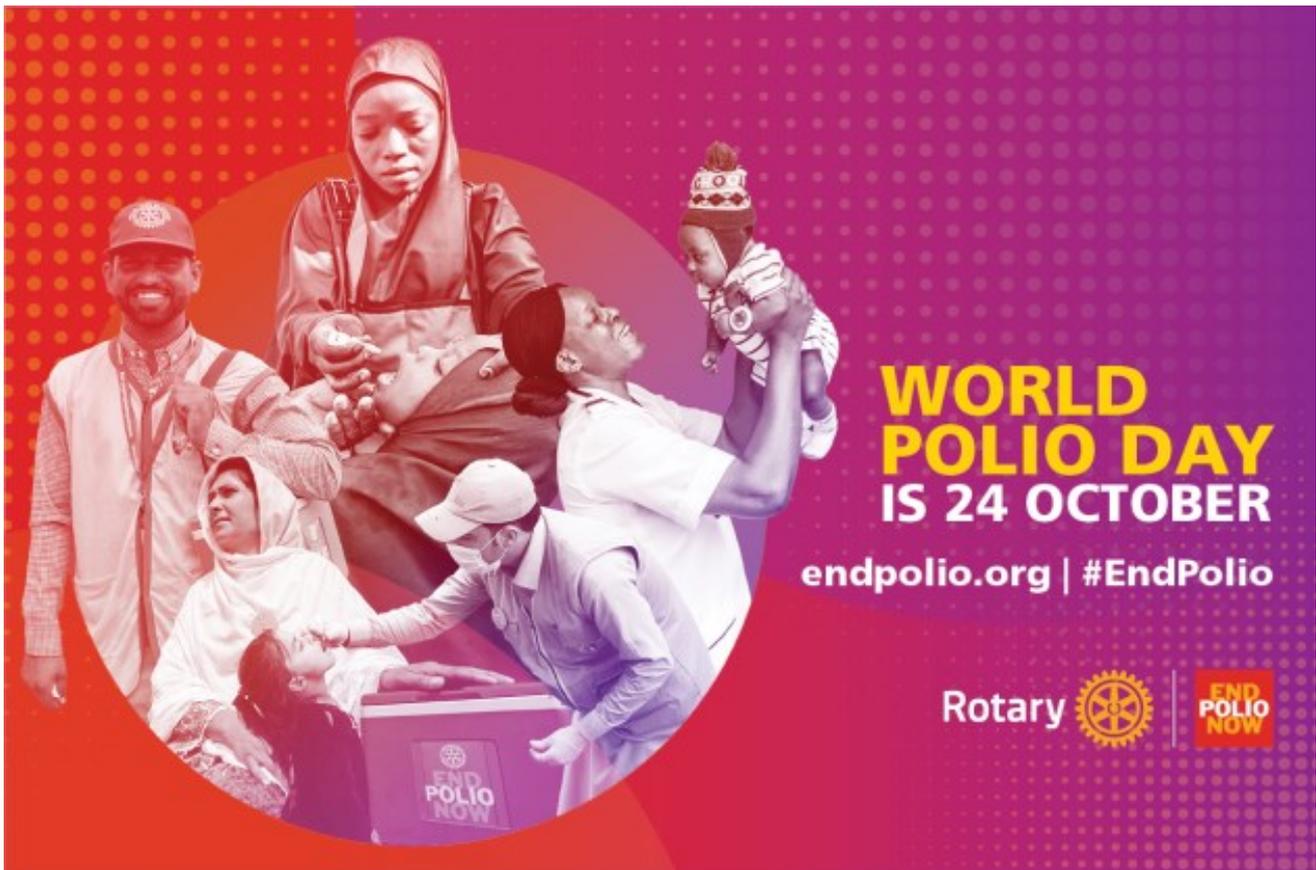
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We are making great progress towards eradicating polio, however recent news reminds us that **polio anywhere is a threat everywhere**. Polio is being detected around the world in places where it hasn't been found in decades. In the United States, an unvaccinated man was paralyzed by polio. In the UK, poliovirus has been detected in sewage samples. In Malawi, a child contracted polio. And Mozambique announced its first polio outbreak of wild poliovirus in 30 years.

The time for urgent action is now. A new vaccine has been deployed to stop outbreaks. Malawi, Mozambique, and nearby countries are conducting immunization campaigns to stop the spread of the virus. With our partners and advocates like you, we continue to encourage communities worldwide to provide vaccinations.

As we approach World Polio Day, 24 October, you can **help us make an impact** and stop the spread of polio. You can take action by:

[Donating to PolioPlus](#)

Creating a fundraiser for PolioPlus using [Raise for Rotary](#) (in Australian, Canadian, or U.S. dollars)

Creating a fundraiser on the [End Polio Now Facebook page](#)

Raising awareness by sharing content from the World Polio Day Toolkit, which you can find on our [World Polio Day webpage](#)

World Polio Day will help us provide the resources needed to protect children from the U.S. to Mozambique and around the world. Join us so that no child suffers the paralyzing effects of polio ever again.

Future Events

Dates for your Diary

- 11 October - Local 2 Community, Speaker: Rebecca Olver, Member Bio: Kaye Aitchison.
- 18 October - Zoom meeting
- 25 October - Bus trip to Docklands, Yarra cruise, Vic Market. **Meeting cancelled**
- 13 November - Bunnings BBQ - Carrum Downs
- .05 November - Trivia Night - Masonic Hall, Baxter

\$ - Cashier Roster

11th October	Colin Price
25th October	Colin Price
1st November	Ian McConnell

Abbeyfield Roster

Twice Monthly on Wednesday mornings, starting at 9.30 am. min 2, max 4, volunteers

October 12th

Con Demopoulos
Ian McConnell
Mike Goonan

October 26th

David Cahill
Charles Mallia
Ian McConnell

November 9th

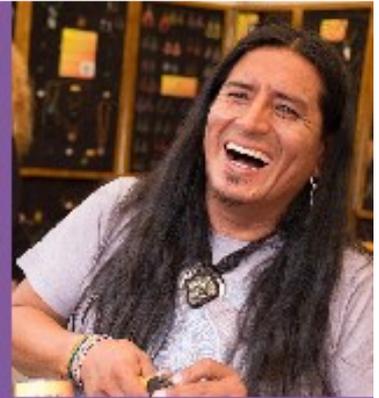
Eric Neill
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November 23rd

Ron Cook
Charles Mallia
Ian McConnell

Next Meeting-11/10/2022

Local 2 Community, Speaker: Rebecca Olver
Member Bio: Kaye Aitchison



We want to hear from all the voices across Frankston City.



- Place of birth outside of Australia?
- Identify as culturally diverse?
- Speak another language?
- Or do you represent local organisations, groups, services or agencies with an interest in supporting Cultural and Linguistic Diverse (CALD) communities

If this sounds like you, would you like to drive discussion with a group of like-minded people?

Frankston City Council is inviting nominations for a new Cultural and Linguistic Diverse Network.

- 12 members
- 2 meetings a year
- Sharing information on advocacy, projects, programs and services

For further details and to express your interest click on QR code or visit:
engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/CALD

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