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President Simon's Musings

Hello !

Plenty happening at the Club this week, a bit hard to know where to start. Great result at the Bunnings BBQ, from memory some \$2300 raised after costs. Well done Keith and all the crew who helped out on the day. There is a heck of a lot of organisation involved with these things and we as a Club seem to have it down to a fine art.

Our meeting was addressed by the newest members of the RCFN Family, Karen and David Shimshon. I think that PP Charles has more eloquently conveyed our thanks in his note to them than I ever could, but it was a most fascinating insight into their lives, the time flew by and the million questions that I'm sure that we all had will have to wait until another time. Once again, welcome David and Karen.

Now, on to Local 2 Community. We, ably led by John Tame, Eric Neal and David Hanlon have turned what was effectively a big problematic mess into a pleasant outdoor area, paved with garden beds and trellis to grow plants to cover ugly walls. Sorry I could not have been of more assistance but hey, I wasn't really required such was the enthusiasm of the crew that were there. Much still remains to be done to turn the place into what is needed but the bulk of the work has been done. An opening cut into the container, a lockable doorway and some freshening up paint and they will have a pleasant outdoor area plus a recreation / counselling room in pleasant surroundings.

Maree and her crew have nearly completed the gargantuan task of making and packing the bags for the End Trachoma Project, hopefully will have its completion next Tuesday night, although I believe this will be an ongoing project for years to come.

Preparations are well under way for our 50th. celebrations, PDG David, PP Judi, PDG Tony, Eric and David H. appear to have this well under control and the numbers attending look good.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all those who offered me such welcome support for my upcoming knee surgery. I now understand how well supported Ron and Maree felt prior to and after their surgery. Thanks to all.

Have a great week, see you all soon.

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Leave of Absence:	Nil
Guests:	Diana Fickling
Zoomers:	Colin Price David Brook Louise Welbourn

MILESTONES:	
Birthdays:	16 March - Mary Hopkins 25 March - Barbara Goonan 29 March - Maureen Gillham
Rotary Anniversaries:	Nil
Wedding Anniversaries:	Nil

APRIL DESIGNATION IS



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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"What is the value of the life of one child saved? No one will ever know, but if the child were our own, the price tag would be marked: Not for sale - this life is invaluable." 1979-80 James L. Bomar Jr

Rotary

TAKE ACTION: Join a Project

Club Announcements

President Simon

Welcome to all members attending and Zoomers. Simon is entering hospital this week to have his trouble right knee replaced. He will be missing some face-to-face meetings for some time, but will be attending via Zoom in the interim. PP Charles will be handling presidential duties in Simon's absence. The Club Members all wished Simon a speedy recovery.

Chairman Ian

On behalf of Treasurer Brian, could those members who have indicated they will be attending our 50th Anniversary function on 7th May, please forward their payment of \$55 pp asap.

PE Maree

There will be a Trachoma kit packing night will be on 4th April, following the regular Club Meeting. Those who are still making the draw string bags and are purchasing the cosmetic items are asked to deliver them to Maree by 1:00 pm next Tuesday so they can be included in the meeting room set up for that evening's meeting

Geoff Magor

Seminars on the District Grants process are being held soon. It is important that a representative of all Clubs in the District attend one of these seminars if they expect to qualify for a District Grant in the next Rotary Year. Our designated representative for a seminar is PE Maree

John Tame

A working bee to lay pavers in the backyard of the Local2Community property was held during the week. The team of Eric Neill, David Hanlon, Charles Mallia, Mike Goonan, Geoff Magor, John Tame and Simon Gillham put in a sterling effort to get the job done. Again we thank Bunnings for supplied the pavers at no cost. They also donated the paint for the container and shed, for another working bee in the very near future. We have approached the Frankston Council to donate some plants from their Nursery to complete this project.

We require some pallets for temporary storage of equipment in the container during it's restoration. Any leads to borrow some pallets would be appreciated.

Another 200 plants for the Banksia planting project has been received. We are planning another working bee with the Frankston Rotary Club after Easter to plant some 300 plants along the freeway in Seaford.

We have developed a good relationship with Bunnings and a thank you for their support, we have agreed to cook for their Staff Family Night BBQ on next Thursday, 30th March from 5pm till 8pm in their timber yard at the Frankston store.

We are happy to announce that the new picnic pavilion at Ballam Park has been completed with a plaque acknowledging our Club's contribution to Ballam Park over some 40 years. In 1983 our Club built a picnic rotunda in the park as a gift to the Frankston Council and, as part of the major re-development of the Ballam Park activities area, the rotunda was demolished and the new one built. As well as the plaque acknowledging our Club, another plaque carries a picture of the original rotunda.

(Editor's note: John has been in discussion with Council since the announcement of the planned re-development some 3 years ago. This has been a long process, with many ups and downs, that John -with help from David Loudon- has persevered with and finally driven to this pleasing result. Well done, John)

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Judi McKee

The International Women's Day Breakfast committee has met and is already working on next year's event.

The proposed Interact Club at McClelland College has enthusiastic support from the teachers and students at the College. They have had many meetings, selected officer bearers and proposed several projects ahead of their charter at District level. As their sponsoring Rotary Club, we need to provide greater support for them in this exciting endeavour.

Con Demopoulos

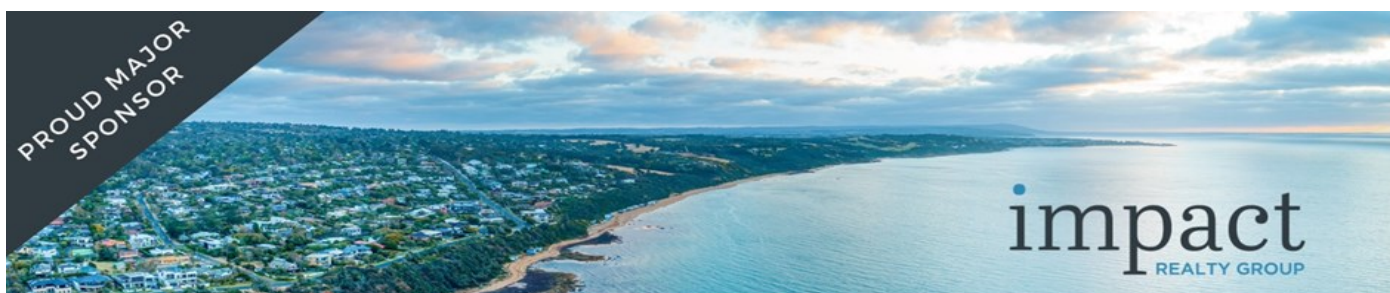
At a recent Nepean Cluster meeting, Club representatives have pledged greater cooperation on each other's projects. For example, Frankston Club are having an Art Show on 10th April. There are this, and other, upcoming events we can support. We will be publicizing these as they approach.

Eric Neill

FNR 2023 Footy Tipping Comp - Season started with a bang and congratulations to Shawn Price (Truth Trip) for getting 9 and Benny Hutch (Maree's Grandson) got 8 in first week, well done, Shawn earns \$5. The second round the best tipping was 7 by Marina Neill & Keith Hopkins, Shawn price leads on 14, followed by 3 on 13, Keith H, Benny Hutch and Terry Vickerman. Tip 9 is worth \$10 this week. Good tipping.



Thanks for David H, David L, John, Judi and Eric for supporting Monterey Secondary College at their Open Day barbeque on Thursday.



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Guest Speakers: David and Karen Shimshon

“Our newest Rotarian”



David was born in Tel Aviv, Israel and after completing his secondary education, he was obliged to join the Army under Israel's Compulsory National Service requirement. The males are required to serve for 3 years and females for 2 years immediately after completing their secondary education. After completing his 3 years as a soldier, he re-signed with the Army for another 3 years which allowed him to study for an Electrical Engineering degree, majoring in Laser Optics at the government's expense.

He then worked in the Laser industry for a leading laser technology company that produced and exported laser products around the world. He travelled round the world instructing clients on the operation and service of his company's leading technology medical laser products.

Among his travels, he visited Australia several times and came to like the country.

Meanwhile, Karen was born in Johannesburg, South Africa during the Apartheid years. Following the Sharpsville Massacre in 1960, which started off as a peaceful demonstration against Apartheid but during which 250 people were either killed or wounded, her father decided to leave South Africa for the UK. They only lived there for a short time before Karen developed a health problem caused by the UK polluted climate. The family then moved to Majorca for 2 years where the climate was good but the infrastructure was poor, so it was back to South Africa where she completed her education and studied Nursing. This was a poorly paid profession so she gave it up to become a Bookmaker and ran a Tattersalls agency. While this was satisfying, the travel bug hit and she went back to the UK for 2 years, working in various offices before returning to South Africa to work in a family-owned Scrap Metal business.

As a Zionist Karen decided to participate in a Volunteer program in Israel in the Navy as a painter, gardener and tuck shop assistant, allowing soldiers additional time off. She also took an intensive language course in Hebrew. Upon completion of this course, she got a full time job in a laser company, where she met David who was the Technical Support Manager, and the rest is history.

They were married in Israel in 1998 but were disillusioned by the political situation there and looked for opportunities to leave and raise their son in a more politically stable country. David's company had a laser dental client in Australia and they were able to arrange employment there.

They lived in the Doncaster and Templestowe area, where there is an active and proud Jewish community. Both David and their son have both sat on the Board of Management and Karen was the Centre Administration Officer. They lived there for over 15 years before retiring to Mornington in 2017.



Local2Community Working Bee

Members of our Club having been working to upgrade the back yard of the Local2Community charity shop so they can maximize it's use and provide a garden space to relax in. The pavers, timber and paint has been donated by Bunnings. The job has been completed, except for the painting and garden planting, which will be done soon.



Ballam Park Shelter

The new public shelter at Ballam Park and the plaques attached to it, acknowledging the Rotary Club of Frankston's 40 year association with Ballam has been erected. Note that one of the plaques contains a photograph of the Rotunda that our Club built in the park in 1983, and was demolished as part of the Council re-development of the park.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 04 April - Trachoma Packing Night. **Chair:** Maree H.
Tuesday 11 April - Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture. **Chair:** Maree H.
Tuesday 18 April - Anzac Day Celebration. **Chairs:** Eric N & Ron C.
Tuesday 25 April - Anzac Day. Meeting cancelled

Cashier's Roster

4th April - Maree Hutchins
11th April - Linda Tinney
18th April - TBA

Abbeyfield Roster

Twice monthly on Wednesday mornings, starting at 9:20am. min 2, max 4 volunteers

April 5th

Tony Spring
Con Demopoulos
Eric Neill

April 19th

David Hanlon
David Louden
Mike Goonan

May 3rd

Tony Spring
Charles Mallia
TBA

May 17th

TBA
TBA
TBA

Next Meeting - 4th April

Mornington Hotel

Trachoma Kits Packing Night