



## District 9820

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### ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKSTON NORTH. INC

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Mornington Hotel—Stratton Room

917 Nepean Hwy Mornington

5.30pm for 6.00pm or by Zoom

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#### The Four Way Test

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### President Simon's Musings

Hello !

As I remarked last Sunday, it's an honour to serve as President of a Rotary Club and even more of an honour to find oneself President when the Club celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Year, something I simply hadn't connected with when I commenced in this role.

David L and his committee are to be congratulated, it must have been a daunting task with all the venue planning, meal arrangements, table settings and allocation etc. Contacting past members, special friends of the Club and past exchange students would all have brought individual challenges.

Video reminiscences from past Exchange Students were most interesting and each of them clearly expressed how much they valued their time here and how fondly they remembered it even though they are all now mature adults.

PDG David and PP John's memories of the Club in its early days must have also brought back thoughts of "wild times" at Phillip Island in the past, together with a major focus on service which we continue today.

We appreciated Ms. Peta Murphy MP making time to call past to briefly address the Club on her way back to Canberra for the Budget Session in Parliament.

In summary, a very successful day and one for which we should all be justifiably proud. The highlight of my day was the honour of presenting PP Judi McKee and PP John Tame with Sapphire Pins to go with their Paul Harris Fellow awards, marking outstanding and continued dedicated service.

See you all on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

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Bill Phillips  
Don MacDonald

**Past Members Present:**

David Cahill  
Rhonda Idczak  
Michael Ongarello  
Wayne Peterson  
Doug Thompson  
Graham Younger

**Special Friends:**

Viv Ellam  
Vilma Labrooy  
Fay Newman  
Florence Shacklock

**Past Exchange Students:**

Peta Spring  
Kelley Burke (Louden)  
Hayley Taylor (Louden)  
Scott Gardner

**Official Guests:**

Peta Murphy MP  
DG Paul Mee & Adele  
DGE Linda Humphries  
DGN (D9815) Colin Byron & Leanne  
Frankston Rotary Club President  
Suzanne Caldwell and Secretary  
Trish Anderson

**Past District Governors:**

David Louden  
Janet McCahon  
Tony Spring  
Charlie Spiers  
Keith Hopkins  
Janne Spiers  
Mark Humphries  
Bill Degnan

## 50th Anniversary Luncheon



**MC David Brook** welcomed Official Guests and Partners, Past District Governors and Partners, Club Members and Partners, Past Members and Partners, Special Friends of Frankston North Rotary, and Past Exchange Students. He then introduced Peta Murphy MP, Federal Member for Dunkley, who congratulated Frankston North Rotary on their 50th anniversary and acknowledged the enormous work done by the Club in the Frankston community during the past 50 years and wished it the best for the next 50 years.

Throughout the luncheon videos from past exchange students from overseas, who were hosted by our Club, were shown. These former Exchange Students were: Helen Boyd (South Africa), Kate Rabey (Zimbabwe), Caroline Martin (Zimbabwe), Emma Malmstrom (Sweden), Sharlene Morrow (New Zealand) and Sophia Marsson (Sweden). Each spoke of their further education, marriage, children, current home, and all thanked our Club for the amazing experiences they had and the profound influence their time in Australia had on their lives.

We also heard from local outbound students in attendance, who went on exchanges to New Zealand. They were **Peta Spring**, **Hayley Taylor** (Louden), **Scott Gardner** and **Kelley Burke** (Louden). They all thanked our Club for giving them the opportunity to travel and study in New Zealand, and acknowledged that experience helped them develop into the impressive people they are today.



Long standing Club members **John Tame** and **David Louden** entertained the attendees with a series of stories and humorous anecdotes about supposed happened during the early years of the Club. Their many hilarious tales may have challenged The Four Way Test somewhat, but as they were not disputed by those present, they must have been true! They ranged from Choir Practice at the Annual Phillip Island Easter Pilgrimage to pranks at various District Conference fellowship gatherings.

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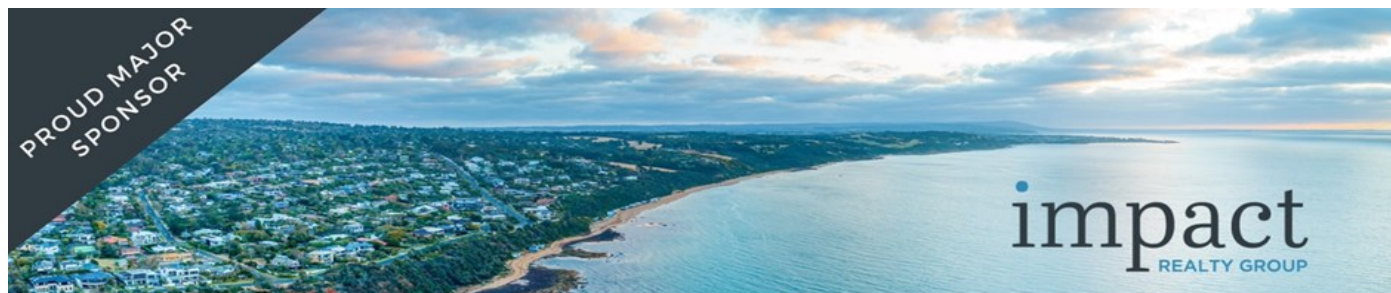


President Simon Gillham presenting PHF Sapphire pins to **John Tame** and **Judi McKee** for their ongoing work in the community.

John was recognised specifically for his determination and persuasive skills with major corporates to get materials donated or savagely discounted for our Community Service projects and his dogged determination to have our Club recognised in

the Ballam Park major rejuvenation.

Judi was recognised for her amazing work and dedication in her Youth Service portfolio including the creation of a new Interact Club in McClelland College, and her dedication and sheer hard work in her leadership of the International Women's Day Breakfast team, a major event in our calendar. Judi was also a trailblazer for Frankston North Rotary by being the first female Member and first female President of our Club



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## Late Press

**Simon Gillham**

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**From:** rotarysw2@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, 7 May 2023 9:53 AM  
**To:** simon\_gillham@bigpond.com  
**Subject:** Wish you a happy charter day celebrations - Rtn Suren Poruri , Regional Chairman Grants - RI District 3150

Dear President Simon Gillham ,

This is Suren Poruri, Regional Chairman - Grants, RI District 3150, from India.

Your rotary club of Frankston North was chartered on 7/5/1973, which is today. Your club completed 50 years service today in RI District 9820 in serving the communities across the world .

I would like to extend my warm wishes to you and to all your club members on this joyous moment.

Rotary is the only organization which has global foot print and is working towards happy communities across the world with it's noble initiatives.

Thanks to our rotary club founder Rtn Paul Harris, we are able to make a difference in the communities where we live.

Thanks and regards

Suren Poruri

Regional Chairman - Grants

District Best Club President for year 2017-18

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Sent via [Mail Merge for Gmail](#)

We received the above email of congratulations from India on our 50th anniversary too late to be acknowledged at the celebration luncheon on Sunday.

We have also since received a video from ex Exchange Student, Susan Gonzalas, from Brazil in which she congratulated our Club on it's 50th anniversary. Susan thanked the Club for allowing her to spend 'the best year of my life' with the Rotary Club of Frankston North.



DG Paul presenting a 50 year congratulatory certificate from RI President Jennifer Jones



**Happy 50th Birthday  
Frankston North Rotary**



# Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9 May	- Meeting Cancelled
Tuesday 16 May	- Carols by the Bay - Keith Hopkins
Sunday 21 May	- Bunnings BBQ
Tuesday 23 May	- Club Assembly
Tuesday 30 May	- Interact at McClelland College - Andrew Hemsley

## Cashier's Roster

<b>16th May</b>	<b>- Louise Welbourn</b>
<b>23rd May</b>	<b>- Kaye Aitchison</b>
<b>30th May</b>	<b>- Eric Neill</b>

## Abbeyfield Roster

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

### May 17th

John Tame  
Ian McConnell  
TBA

### June 7th

Ron Cook  
John Tame  
David Hanlon

### June 21st

Eric Neill  
John Tame  
Simon Gillham

### July 3rd

Charles Mallia  
David Loudon  
Eric Neill

## Next Meeting - 16th May

Mornington Hotel

### ***Carols by the Bay***

***Speakers: Keith Hopkins and Judi McKee***