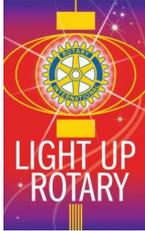


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

“We get stuff done’ is an unwritten motto in our club, it describes how we operate: have an idea and make it happen without any fussing around. Our Fun Run team showed us what this really means as they delivered our first major project in spectacular fashion. The Fun Run showcased the spirit of Rotary Peninsula 2.0 – ‘in the community, for the community, with the community’.

The planning team included members from RC Pen 2.0, Seaford Little Aths and Seaford North Primary. On the day we had volunteers from all walks of life joining in to help make the day a success. Our participants came from all over Victoria and varied in age from 3 to 81.

I had the privilege of standing near the front as the trophies were handed out – and it was a truly magnificent sight! So many happy smiling faces joined us on November 23rd to make the Seaford Wetlands Fun Run fantastic event. There are so many ‘thank you’s’ and so little column space:

- a huge big Thank You to the planning committee for coordinating such a well-planned event. Thank you to our sponsors for their very generous investments. Our volunteers and participants each earned a big pat on the back and our thanks for making the event possible.

BIRTHDAYS &

ANNIVERSARIES

8th Dec Linda

12th Dec John

20th Dec Doug

22nd Dec Trudy & Russ

The Fun Run organizing team really did ‘get stuff done’ – check out their story on the following page, as well as this wonderful email we received from a participant...

Dear Peninsula Rotary,

Thank you for a most enjoyable and worthwhile event. Possibly the most well organized I have ever seen in my 44 years of running hundreds of formal races and fun runs. I believe that you will see a thousand people should you have the energy to arrange this next year. Every minute detail and communication was excellent. Even the Line Dancing was a great idea to provide fun for participants or supporters. Every person who was even slightly involved should be congratulated and proud to have given their time. The Course was "Formula 1", the grass safety of all who may fall at the start, the lack of traffic, the shade, the good direction, the very professional timing process and I am sure the accuracy, leave many other fun runs behind. The great cause you chose to support made people glad to "donate". The entertainment and facilities after the event were delightful. The acknowledgement of contributors (eg my son's IGA, and others, such as Aspendale Medals) and sponsors was well done by announcers. My grandchildren and my son and his partner all competed with me. This was a wonderful day in my life. All the children who attended your great day will be mentally uplifted by their beautiful social and physical experience that day. They will be seeking higher value activities for the rest of their lives as a consequence of your event as a standard of what a good day actually encompasses. The whole community of Seaford can look proudly at itself for this stunning presentation of the quality of their beautiful environment, school, generosity, health aspirations and decency. The first ever Seaford Fun Run. My good friend, David Foskey, drove from Malvern, loved the day, and he had promoted the event on the Melbourne Marathon Spartans Website.

Thank you, every one of you. Wayne Thompson.



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CURRENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Fun Run (from Heather Lancaster)



All I can say is “What a stunner of a day”. We had over 300 runners take part in our Inaugural Seaford Wetlands Fun Run on 23rd November. They all looked splendid in the yellow shirts with the unique design on the front and Sponsors listed on the back.

Over twelve months of planning and the big day arrived. The weather was PERFECT, the course looked amazing, all the sponsors’ tents were fabulous.

At 8.45am the event was officially opened, there was a 5 minute warm up and then the 2kms run got underway at 9.00am. Right on time. This event was mainly for children, but some little ones had mum or dad to guide and assist. All the runners, big and small had a great run, and there was a very special medal for each Finisher. Both the medal and the shirt were designed by students from Seaford North Primary School, where the event was held.

At 9.30 the 10kms run started and 5 minutes later the 5kms runners began. It was an “out and back” course, with loads of opportunity for spectators to see what was happening. All along the course were wonderful volunteers, handing out water, making sure no one got lost, and offering loads of encouragement. Presentations were done at 11.00am, and it was fantastic to see so many people staying until then and giving each winner a huge round of applause.

Many people visited the stands, enjoying food from the BBQ or having a hot beef roll, enjoying the fresh coffee, or a soft drink. The line at the ice cream van was amazing. There were also lots of visitors to the Kindred Club House tent where wrist bands and balloons were on offer, and also our own Rotary stand. Mr Croc had a constant trail of followers, and the face painting lady was inundated, and made everyone look fabulous.

Official Certificates of Appreciation will be sent out to all our most generous Sponsors, along with a letter conveying our Thanks and hoping to see them all again next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Seaford Little Athletics and Seaford North Primary School for all their amazing work, without them this event would not have been possible. Our final committee meeting for the 2014 Fun Run will be held mid December, and after this official participant and volunteer numbers will be known and also the financials should be available.

Now - put it in your diary - the 2015 Seaford Wetlands Fun Run is 22nd November (pending permit approval) ☺



More photos can be seen [here](#)



CURRENT PROJECTS UPDATE continued...



Birth Tree (from Kim Schroder)

Things are in motion for our Birth Tree Application forms to go out in early January. Forms will be distributed to hospitals, maternal health centres, medical centres etc for those wishing to be part of this initiative. The Birth Tree will be a living monument - each year a tree will be planted to commemorate the births of children in Frankston. A sculpture with the name and birth date of the participating babies will be placed at the base of the tree. The site for these trees will be Montague Park and each year there will be a ceremony for the unveiling of each tree.



TREASURE HUNT

Car Rally (from John Reeve)

When you were a kid did you loved scavenger hunts - trying to be the first team back with all the items on the list? Now you can do the same thing with your friends or a group that uses cars. Following the list of instructions can be a real hoot.

Book out the date right now, this will be amazing - 8th Feb 2015 - 9am start - \$25 per car

All you need is people in automobiles (4 per car) with your picnic goodies as its all BYO and we will take care of the rest. Prizes for the winning car/team that come in first, second and third. Prizes also for the winning car/team with bribery options taken!

The purpose of this fun event is to raise money for club operational funds so we can further assist others with infrastructure and assets and our greater Rotary Team.

More news will follow and we will keep you informed. Email iconicjohn@me.com if you have any questions for now, but full details will be on our website in the coming weeks and of course our Facebook page.



District Conference (from Ann Cousins)

March 27th - 29th, 2015 @ Shepparton

We are starting to prepare for a really fun and stimulating conference. As conference coordinator for Peninsula 2.0, I will compile some options of accommodation to suit different needs (eg camping, caravanning and cabins). If we are all at the same venue we can have a social time away from the conference as well as at the conference.

If you would like to attend conference, you will need to register yourself individually by just clicking [here](#). We have already been sent an invitation to participate in a wine tour, which is filling up fast for anyone wishing to attend (just purchase ticket whilst registering for Conference). We hope we can get quite a few of us there this year.



Trivia Night (from Helen Kirkland)

Saturday 16th May 2015

Join us for another fun filled Trivia Night. Location and other details still to be confirmed, but please lock the date in your dairies.



PRESIDENT ELECT - JOHN REEVE

"John can you introduce yourself the editor said"

"WOW" this is harder than it looks, but what a great way to do things, learn new skills and share. So how does this start? They are all my favourite colours, I'm easily pleased and love to watch people laugh and smile. My name is John, John Reeve, Dad, Son, Bro, Uncle and as long as Linda will still have me, Husband and, of course club mate.



I am excited to be your new Pres Elect for 2015, Nevertheless daunted by the magnificent job the Presidents, boards and club members have already achieved. All in the space of 18 months have chartered, introduced, created and pushed ahead to form projects and ideas, supporting many outcomes.

Oh yeah, I have an awesome eclectic collection of kids, all of I'm proud. My goals, while never in concrete, more like Jelly (some stability but flexible) and with a bit of fun (with ice cream and roos & roos also help), are to support our club thru a stabilization of board and members. Also, to open up opportunities that I see are out there: training and development for the community, members and families, to gain and share new skills and prepare our club for new growth. The end result would be to Promote, Empower and Nurture members, our way, in their endeavours.

As you may well guess I like food, wine and exploring my world, experiencing new people and grabbing all this world has to offer, and try to drag people with me to show them the same. I love to support others and watch them shine and see passion, (gotta love passion), in all its forms, people are amazing.

I will share my Elect journey with the members along the way, to see all the great things you get to learn and achieve, so you may not be daunted when I ask would you like to be next. Bwah ha ha .

UPCOMING EVENTS

December		Chairman: ... is it you?
Tue 02	Club Meeting: Technology Workshop - learn all about our website, Facebook, The Box, and District website	Trudy
Sat 06	Community Breakfast	Natalie, Joy & Bill
Tue 09	Project Groups	Various
Tue 16	Christmas Party - final meeting for 2014	Alan's house - see details below
Mon 22	Sack Packing Night (homeless xmas pressies)	Trudy's house
Wed 24	Bunnings BBQ	Gill / Trudy

January		Chairman: ... is it you?
Tue 20	Club Meeting - first for 2015	Ann
Tue 27	Social Event - filming session	Kim



CHRISTMAS PRESSIES FOR THE HOMELESS

To help the clients at Community Breakfast have a special Christmas morning, we are collecting gifts again this year for their Christmas sacks.

Gift ideas can be socks, jocks, wrapped sweets, small packs of biscuits, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors.

If you can help with donations, please bring the gifts to our club Christmas Party on the 16th of December.

We will have a "Sack packing night" on **Monday 22nd December** if anyone is free to assist (more details soon).



BBQ - Wed 24th Dec

ROTARY PENINSULA 2.0

CHRISTMAS PARTY

★ LET'S CELEBRATE ★



TUE 16 DEC

ALAN'S HOUSE
(Somerville - exact address supplied upon RSVP)

ROAST DINNER SUPPLIED
(\$15 per adult)
BYO DRINKS

SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDE
SANTA VISIT | MEMBER INDUCTION

RSVP TO DOUG BY 8TH DEC
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