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## Frankston Peninsula 2.0

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### PRESIDENTS REPORT

I can't believe it's the end of February already! We have been hard at work and getting ready for the busy few months ahead. As we all know, Bendigo Conference is coming up in mid March and eight of our members are attending, many of us for the first time. We look forward to meeting fellow Rotarians and making some great Rotary memories.

Our incoming President Linda Reeve and her husband John have had a very busy Rotary world. Spending three weekends in a row learning about Rotary, they attended the final session of RLI, attended PETS weekend and also become qualified Rotary trainers. These two members are unstoppable and we are so fortunate to have them in our club.

We finished off the month of February with our usual Social Night, this month at the Frankston Sand Sculptures then Sofia Restaurant for dinner. A big thanks to the organisers at the Sand Sculpting to allowing us a discounted entry fee and exclusive access to the venue. We all had a great time!



We have a few more anniversaries and birthdays coming up in March. I wish you all a fun and special day celebrating with family and friends (or on your own of course!).

Speaking of celebrations....to help commemorate our one year unofficial birthday we are having a bit of a party on Tuesday 25th March at the Wranglers Club. This will be a one off celebration and we would like to invite all of those people who have helped us on our pathway to success in becoming the club that we are today. If you are free, we would love to have you attend from 6.30pm (nibbles provided, drinks at bar prices).

I hope you enjoy this months newsletter - it is full of exciting news about our projects as well as a few new (but now regular) segments that we hope you find interesting.

Until next time.....Kim

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

11th Mar Ann & Nigel  
13th Mar Gill & Bernie  
19th Mar Phil  
23rd Mar Alan  
31st Mar Jason & Narelle



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CURRENT PROJECTS UPDATE

**Birth Tree Project (from Linda Reeve)**

The momentum of the Birth Tree project is growing – the proposal was accepted by Gillian Kay, head of Community Services with Frankston Council, and is listed for discussion with the Management Team for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. We have our fingers crossed that the council will approve the project as a whole with only minor details to be finalised. One exciting adjustment to the original document was to propose the annual ‘unveiling ceremony’ be included in the Frankston Children’s Day held at Ballam Park in April. This ties in beautifully with the spirit of the project, and will generate plenty of free PR for the project and for Rotary Peninsula 2.0. For more details, click on the following link for a snapshot of the project ([http://youtu.be/BEknM6or\\_Eo](http://youtu.be/BEknM6or_Eo))



**Fun Run (from Heather Lancaster)**

The date has been set for the Fun Run - **23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2014**. We thought this date was fitting as it is the Sunday closest to International Men’s Day, and all the funds raised from this Fun Run will be supporting local men’s health organisations. We will be running three events - a 2km run/walk for children, a 5km run/walk, and a 10km run. We are working closely with Seaford Little Athletics Club and hope to approach Seaford North Primary School to also become a partner in this event. We hope they can run a mini fete type of event to encourage more participants. We will also run a Logo competition for the school children, with the winning entry to be the logo used on the competitor singlet tops. We hope to run a mock event on the long weekend in June so we can trial marshalling, timing, safety, etc. so stay tuned.

**Youth (from Catherine Saroukos)**

To kick off 2014 we will be financing wrist bands for Youth Central Hangouts in the Frankston Council area. There are eight hangouts that give young people a safe, supervised place to go for socialising as well as education. The wristbands will be distributed through schools and in particular grades 5 and 6. This will be the start of what we intend will be an ongoing partnership between Rotary and Youth Central.



**Frankston Ironman BBQ (from Gill Casey)**

Again we have been given the amazing opportunity to run the BBQ for this International event. It will require volunteers for weekend commencing Friday 21st March, Saturday 22nd March and at the actual Ironman event on Sunday 23rd March. We will co-hosting this event with the Rotary Club of Frankston, with both clubs supplying the labour over the three days. A roster is available for all time spots and will be on The Box and at our next meeting. We raised an incredible amount of money last year from this event so with all members help again, it should be another successful fundraiser for both clubs.

**TAC breathalyser (from Trudy Poole)**

We have been working on the application for the Mobile Breathometers and have the Frankston Council on board. We have been talking to the Police Inspector for the Peninsula and he is very keen and is willing to support the application as well. We are currently in the process of finalizing the application once formal letters of support come from the Council and Police. After consultation we have decided to name the project "Check your Booze on the Move". We will also apply for funding to cover the cost of the purchase of the trailer setup.



More project updates over the page ...

## CURRENT PROJECTS UPDATE continued...

### Website (from Bill Merry)

A group of us met together at Jeff & Helen's home to be shown how to manage the [rotarypeninsula.org](http://rotarypeninsula.org) website using the Wordpress software. Jeff was very good at showing how add pages & content, even some tips to those of us that have been using Wordpress for the past six or seven years. Our website will contain updated news items every week, showcase our projects, have information on all of our members and much much more! Please take a look ([www.rotarypeninsula.org](http://www.rotarypeninsula.org))



### Bunnings BBQ (from Gill Casey)

We have been very fortunate to have been given a date to hold a sausage sizzle at Bunning's Frankston - **Saturday 12th April**. As we all know this is a widely popular local fundraising event and hopefully we can make it a very successful day for us. A roster has been drawn up to cover times from 8am to 4pm with shifts of three hours but if you can only help for a shorter time that is fine. Please see Gill at our meetings or contact me on [bmcasey2@bigpond.com.au](mailto:bmcasey2@bigpond.com.au).

## GET TO KNOW A CLUB MEMBER.....

Three things you may not know about Bill Merry (our current Program Director):

1. He left school and home in the country town of Tatura at the age of 15 to work for Victorian Railways in 1973, with his first station being Carrum.
2. His paternal Grandmother died in 1926.
3. At the age of 14 he sold his single barrel shotgun for \$15 so he could buy his first pair of Levi's jeans.



**Why did he join Rotary Peninsula 2.0?** "I wanted to be part of a TEAM that could be effective in the community without spending too much time in meetings. I have tried church and it didn't sit well and the idea of being in Rotary

## FACEBOOK TIPS ... FINDING FRIENDS



You can import your list of contacts from other places (eg: your email account) and Facebook will find your friends for you. Or...you can browse through people you may know, all from the Find Friends page.

After Facebook imports your contacts, you'll have the option to send a friend request to any of your friends that already have a Facebook account (just click Add Friend) or send an invitation to friends who aren't on Facebook. [Click here to learn more.](#)

To visit our own Peninsula 2.0 club Facebook page, click [here](#). We would love to have you as our friend!



**OTHER STUFF**

**BENDIGO CONFERENCE**

We have nine of us attending conference in March. We are looking forward to meeting many new people and handing out our freshly printed business cards. Most of us are staying at the caravan park which should bring some fun nights socialising.



**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

We also have a handful of us attending the Rotary International Convention in Sydney in June. This will be an exciting and memorable event. We are very lucky to have such a renowned event in our country in the first year we have been together as a club. Those of us attending look forward to sharing information when we return.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Community Breakfast @ St Paul's Church Hall**

MAR 1 Sat

March 1, 2014 @ 6:30 am – 9:00 am

Two volunteers required please. email: [bmerry@outlook.com](mailto:bmerry@outlook.com)

**High Tea – Peninsula Rotaract Club @ Langwarrin Hall**

MAR 2 Sun

**International Women's Day Breakfast @ Crown Palladium**

MAR 4 Tue

March 4, 2014 @ 7:00 am – 9:00 am

**Club Meeting @ Frankston South Community Centre**

MAR 4 Tue

March 4, 2014 @ 7:15 pm – 8:30 pm

**GSE Welcome Dinner @ Safety Beach Sailing Club**

MAR 11 Tue

March 11, 2014 @ 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

**Project Groups**

MAR 11 Tue

March 11, 2014 @ 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**District 9820 District Conference & Assembly @ All Seasons Hotel**

MAR 14 Fri

March 14, 2014 – March 16, 2014

**Club Meeting @ Frankston South Community Centre**

MAR 18 Tue

March 18, 2014 @ 7:15 pm – 8:30 pm

**Social Night @ To be advised**

MAR 25 Tue

March 25, 2014 @ 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

**Community Breakfast @ St Paul's Church Hall**

MAR 29 Sat

March 29, 2014 @ 6:30 am – 9:00 am

Two volunteers required please. email: [bmerry@outlook.com](mailto:bmerry@outlook.com)