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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I write my final President's report, I am sad that my time is up, but so excited that it is now Linda's turn to shine. Linda Reeve was inducted as our President at our Changeover Dinner on Friday 20th June. We had a great night, joining forces with the Peninsula Rotaract club's members and families. It was an inspirational night with speeches from both clubs' outgoing and incoming presidents.



Me with the new President Linda



Recipients of Club Awards: Suzanne Caldwell (on behalf of Catherine Saroukos), Jeff Kirkland, Trudy Poole, me, Linda Reeve

There were awards given to those members who have greatly assisted the club in many ways. There was also an extra special award given to Trudy Poole. Trudy was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire Pin for her outstanding commitment to our club, as well as local and international organisations. You can read the speech I presented to Trudy on the final page of this newsletter.



Me, Libby and Membership Director John Lewis

As well as inducting our President, we inducted our newest member, Libby Vandenberg. Libby is one of the business owners of a specialist family law firm in Frankston. She has previously been involved in Rotary as an Exchange Student and her daughter is currently in application for the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra.

There is so much to write, and not enough space in this report for it all, so if you want to see more, please click [HERE](#) to see a 4 minute video on what we have done together as a club so far. You can also click [HERE](#) to see a collection of photos from the night.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT continued...

In other news, myself and a few of our members attended the International Convention in Sydney at the start of June. As this was my first Convention, I was amazed at the diversity of Rotarians and I loved listening to their stories (especially on the train ride in and out of Olympic Park). I attended many of the breakout sessions in the afternoon and have come back to our club with some great information to share in regards to Social Media, websites, and how to be attractive to new members. I hope to implement these and other learnings over the next few months.

I want to express my thanks to everyone in Peninsula 2.0 for allowing me to be the Charter President of this club. I have really enjoyed everything that it has involved. There's not too many people that can say they are a Charter President of a Rotary club and that is an honour that I will hold dear to me for the rest of my life. I hope that in 50 years time when I am still living in Frankston, that I can be invited back to the Peninsula 2.0 Changeover Dinner and be so proud of where this club is at.

So thank you to everyone who has given me support to build this club to where it is today. Thank you to my Board members. Thank you to all of our club members who have volunteered countless hours to helping others; and thank you to the families of all Rotarians who support in many ways that may go unnoticed. I look forward to a wonderful year ahead and I am excited about the future of Peninsula 2.0.

Over and out.....Kim

CURRENT PROJECTS UPDATE



Fun Run (from Heather Lancaster)

On Saturday 7th June, as part of the Seaford Little Athletics Cross Country Program, we held a "trial" fun run. The younger children could participate in either a 2kms or a 5kms run, and adults could tackle the 5kms or the 10kms. We had Rotary members volunteering to be Marshalls and manning the water tables which were set up at the 2kms and the 5kms turn around points.

The weather was perfect, with only a slight breeze, making for a very fast course. Times were great (as a measuring error of approx 250m was discovered). The day was all about having fun and learning from the errors and mistakes made on the day. Only one runner ended up going the wrong way, one runner missed the turn into the final stretch, and one tiny little runner fell over, out of a field of approx 80, not a bad effort. We asked for feedback after the event and some excellent suggestions and ideas were given. The main thing is that fun was had by all. A lot of the children did their first ever 5kms run – yes they want more.

After a bit of a scare (Frankston Council reporting that Melbourne Water would not give permission for the Fun Run), we have worked through the issues and with excellent follow up by Karen from Seaford Little Athletics, we now have an email saying that Melbourne Water and the Minister of the Environment have no objection. We have a meeting with Frankston Council on 2nd July at 9am to discuss our application with them. To ensure we are prepared for this meeting, Karen has a Risk Assessment Document ready, and will ask for a letter from Seaford North Primary School to confirm that they are part of our "team".

We also discussed having a "Story" for the Fun Run. Men's Health is a general theme, and we felt we should narrow it down to something more specific. Depression among men is a huge issue. When in crisis, help is needed immediately and seems hard to find. We are going to discuss with Frankston Council what we can do to assist them with funding a central point of contact for guidance in obtaining help at a difficult time. We will continue to refine our ideas and work through them with Frankston Council.

GET TO KNOW A CLUB MEMBER - LINDA REEVE - PRESIDENT ELECT

We asked **Linda Reeve** to tell us three things that we may not know about her:

Early years: Born in in Melbourne, I spent the first decade living in various areas of northern NSW before moving to Newcastle. One of my early memories is of the 1974 Lismore floods – we lived in a little farm house and became stranded when the creek at the bottom of the property breached the banks. For the 3 year old me, this was enormously exciting, but have a feeling my mother would have seen it differently.



Middle years: Moved to Adelaide in 1989. One of my jobs was working as an Outdoor Instructor for a corporate training company, general support but specifically an abseil instructor. This role taught me compassion, understanding and acceptance. My clients taught me that anything is possible, it's the first step that's the hardest.

These years: Most of you know of my zombie obsession, knitting mania, and preoccupation with my various and assorted children. What you may not know about is my dirty little 'drop out' secret – living self sufficiently on several acres too many hidden in the bush far far away. There it is, out in the open. Not exactly original, I'm sure there are s a few readers who share the same dream. One day I will wear orange fisherman pants, dreadlocks and the slightly glazed smile of one who communes with the heavens. If you see the future me at the markets selling knitted zombies – come up and say hi :)



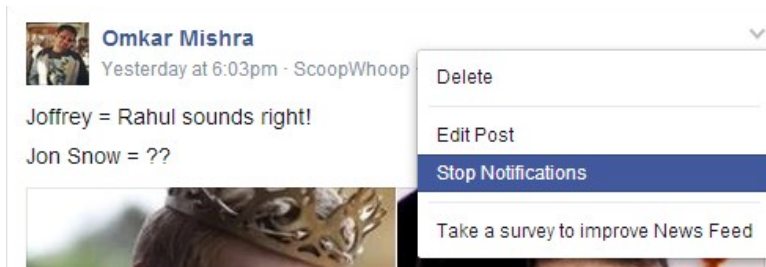
Why did she join Rotary: “I was introduced to Rotary by Heather – she inspired me with her passion, but she had me at ‘non-traditional’ and ‘time poor’. My original reason for joining was the opportunity to give back to the community in a meaningful way, that still fits in with a hectic family and work life. I discovered the club meetings were relaxed but productive and created real outcomes for the various projects, plus I met a bunch of interesting friends. From my very first meeting I was hooked. Since then I had enormous fun working on some amazing projects with new friends. This year I look forward to a year supporting an inspiring and enthusiastic team of people who want to make a difference”.

FACEBOOK TIPS ... STOP SEEING ALL NOTIFICATIONS



How do I stop seeing what everyone's comments after I have commented on a friend's post?

When you sparingly comment on someone's photo (e.g. your friends getting engaged or married) and then the stream of comments which follow suit on your mobile notifications are irritating to say the least. You can stop those notifications by clicking on the down arrow at the right side of the post and click on 'Stop Notifications'.





UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <p>TUE
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JUL</p> | <p>Club Meeting
@ Frankston South Community Centre
7.15pm - 8.30pm</p> | <p>SAT / SUN
5 & 6
JUL</p> | <p>Working Bee @ Catherine's
@ 19 Marcus Road, Frankston
9.00am - 4.00pm BBQ provided
BYO all gardening tools</p> |
| <p>TUE
8
JUL</p> | <p>Project Groups
@ various locations
7.30pm - 8.30pm</p> | <p>SUN
13
JUL</p> | <p>Tree Planting
@ 207 Smiths Lane, Cranbourne Sth
10.00am - 3.00pm FREE BBQ</p> |
| <p>TUE
15
JUL</p> | <p>Club Meeting
@ Frankston South Community Centre
7.15pm - 8.30pm</p> | <p>SAT
19
JUL</p> | <p>Community Breakfast
@ St Paul's Church Hall
6.30am - 9.00am
We need some volunteers for this week</p> |
| <p>TUE
22
JUL</p> | <p>Social Night - Christmas in July
@ Nigel & Ann's house
7.00pm - late</p> | <p>TUE
29
JUL</p> | <p>No club meeting - but members to visit another Rotary club sometime this week</p> |
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| <p>TUE
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AUG</p> | <p>Club Meeting
@ Frankston South Community Centre
7.15pm - 8.30pm</p> | <p>TUE
12
AUG</p> | <p>Project Groups
@ various locations
7.30pm - 8.30pm</p> |
| <p>SAT
16
AUG</p> | <p>Community Breakfast
@ St Paul's Church Hall
6.30am - 9.00am
We need some volunteers for this week</p> | <p>TUE
19
AUG</p> | <p>Club Meeting
@ Frankston South Community Centre
7.15pm - 8.30pm</p> |
| <p>TUE
26
AUG</p> | <p>Social Night
@ TBC
6.30pm - late</p> | | |



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW - SAPPHIRE PIN PRESENTATION TO TRUDY POOLE

The following speech was written and delivered by President Kim Schroder at the club's Changeover Dinner...

Now, there is one more award I would like to present to someone in this room. It is one of the most prestigious awards in Rotary and thereby named after the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris. The award is called a Paul Harris Fellow and is given to someone in recognition of outstanding commitment to the Club or Community, over a long period of time. It represents a donation of \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation, of which we as a club have donated this money in the name of the recipient of this award tonight. To give you an example of what the Rotary Foundation can do with \$1000 – it can establish a tree in Jamaica that will produce seedlings and give an income to 700 farmers. It can provide artificial limbs for 25 disabled people in India. It can contribute school supplies for more than 1,000 needy children in Guatemala. This is just a small indication of what this money can do. As I mentioned, we have donated this money in the name of one of our club members who we believe has made an outstanding contribution to the community. So tonight, on behalf of everyone at Peninsula 2.0, I would like to present this Paul Harris Fellow badge to Trudy Poole.



We all know that Trudy is not the type of person that will brag, so I thought I would tell you about some of the things that she has done in her life of helping others. Trudy has made such an impact on both a local and international scale and continues to do so today. She has been involved in community work for Cranbourne Uniting Church, has been a Queens Guide, and has been on the PFA at Frankston High. Trudy and her husband Russ have hosted around 40 exchange students and maintain contact with many them. She is a big part of the Ride to Conference event associated with District Conference each year and is a regular volunteer for the Community Breakfast in Frankston. Trudy is very involved in the Green Gecko program in Cambodia and has been instrumental in helping with its success.

If I mentioned all of the wonderful, thoughtful things that Trudy has done in her life, we would be here all night, but I do think that one of Trudy's most spectacular achievements was becoming the first ever female President of the Rotary Club of Frankston – this shows her tenacity and dedication to improving Rotary and starting to develop a new direction. A new direction which she embraced in getting a brand new Rotary club – which just happens to be called Peninsula 2.0 - off the ground. Trudy worked with other Rotarians in the district (some of which are in this room tonight) and helped develop this club, and achieved Charter status in only 8 months. She is one of our Board members and an inspiring mentor for our club.

We always joke that this club was made all from Trudy's friends, but its true – the ten of us that came together to form this club all did know Trudy in some way. This is a testament to the woman that she is. I know that I can speak for everyone in our club, that Trudy is an inspiration to be around. She has such patience, kindness and passion to improve other people's lives.

These traits shine through in her family life too. Trudy and Russ have three children and two grandchildren (some of which have snuck into this room tonight). They have many extra children too through the Rotary Exchange Program, Green Gecko and I would like to think that my own two children are now part of Trudy's family. Every life that Trudy touches becomes a better life. Every time that someone needs a hand, Trudy is there. Every time someone just needs a hug, Trudy is there. She has such a big heart and even when things get a little crazy and life throws all sorts of curve balls, Trudy holds her head high, has her heart in the right place and just keeps getting things done.

I know that Trudy will continue to do all of these things for many years to come. Her efforts are always above and beyond anyone would ever expect and for these reasons and for many more reasons I don't have the time to mention tonight, on behalf our club I would like to award Trudy with not only a Paul Harris Fellow recognition, but a Sapphire pin which indicates that Trudy is a Multiple Paul Harris fellow.