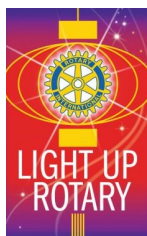


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Why did you join Rotary?" is a regularly asked question. The first answer is usually something like – "I want to give back or make a difference in the community". What most of us don't realise when we first join the wonderful organisation is the enormous amount *we* get back from doing some good. For example:

Our speakers in September were Lizzie & Anthea telling us all about their Mto Wa Mbu Project. Around the room that night there was a palpable feeling of empathy for the Mto Wa Mbu villagers and admiration for the amazing young ladies who decided it was time to do something. What did we get out of it? A delicious warm fuzzy feeling, plus an education not just on the challenges facing the village, but also on effective Project Management & Planning – something we can apply to our community service projects and professional lives.

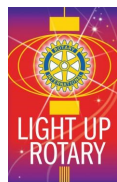
At the start of October we joined forces with Rotary Frankston and turned a few sausages at Pets Day out. What did we get out of it? A free burger, an afternoon of doggy kisses, and making new friends as we raised funds for our community.

Our Fun Run supporting Kindred Clubhouse will make an enormous difference to Mental Health services in Frankston. The project team includes members from Little Athletics, local businesses and Seaford North Primary School. What do we get out of it? The team have shared and have discovered new skills and have engaged in the local community at an extraordinary level – these guys have local sporting legends, political figures, major business owners all helping out on this great big project. In the process of planning and delivering our first ever project, this team has given each of us the opportunity to really get involved and use our skills to the fullest, given us opportunities to stretch and grow.

Then of course was our Birthday Weekend Away... What do we get out of spending a weekend away with The World's Most Awesome Rotary Club? Fun, smiles, discovering each other's stories, sharing food and wine, and a bit more wine. We laughed and supported, we bonded and created some happy memories. We commiserated with the sleep deprivation of Claire's mum and dad, and delighted in the gorgeous smiles of Joe, Will and Imogen.

Why did I join Rotary? I want to make a difference to at least one person. What do I get out of it? New friends, new stories to hear, a new way to look at life, and loads of laughs. I get to try out new skills, learn from some amazing mentors, pass on some of the things I have learnt along the way. When I look at Rotary Peninsula 2.0 I see so much positive energy which inspires and motivates me; I see the potential to help more than just 1 person, and that feels good.

A big thank you to all the members, family & friends who join us on our projects and events. Thank you to everyone in a great big Rotary circle – when we give, we get so very much back in return.



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CURRENT PROJECTS UPDATE



Fun Run (from Phil Lancaster & Kim Schroder)

Our fun run is certainly in full swing and we now have over 200 people registered. Registrations are still coming in and we expect many more people to sign up before race day on Sunday 23rd November. We have had a myriad of sponsors come on board over the past month and our major sponsors include Frankston Hyundai, ALS, Page Bros RV, DPP Hydronic Heating, Poole Constructions, Williamson Tyreco and Us Real Estate. Many more local companies have also donated money or goods to this wonderful event and we thank them all for their valued support.



You may have seen a ramp up in marketing and we have featured in the local Frankston Standard, as well as have advertising boards around Frankston, Seaford and Somerville. We had a photo shoot with the local paper this week which we hope to see featured very soon. We have also secured Natalie Porter as a VIP sports guest - Natalie is the Formal Opals Captain and 3 times MVP for the Womens' Netball Association. For more info on Natalie, click [here](#). If you are interested in taking part, please go to www.rotarypeninsula.org/fun-run to register. If running isn't your thing but you would still like to be a part of this event, we are also looking for volunteers. Details via the website link above.

Birth Tree (from Kim Schroder)

We are getting back in full swing ready for our Birth Tree to begin in January 2015. Application 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.



TAC (from Trudy Poole)

We submitted our second lengthy application for the Round 15 of the TAC grants a couple of months ago and have just heard back that unfortunately we were unsuccessful again. Some of our information didn't meet their criteria and they also weren't supportive of one of our beneficiaries that we were suggesting to support on the Peninsula TRAG who do some great work with the youth in our schools. We have decided not to reapply again rather put our energies into some other worthwhile projects that members have brought to the table during the past months.

CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE

The Chairman's Choice is an initiative of the Leadership Team to provide all of us the opportunity to lead our club, and to make a difference to our preferred not-for-profit organisation. Over the past three months, our chairpersons Doug, Helen & Jeff have chosen to donate their Chairman's Choice monies to the [Mto Wa Mbu Project](#).

Lizzy & Anthea (pictured here with President Linda and Chairman Doug), are two amazing women who are organising to build a community centre in a small town in Tanzania. Along with this build, the ladies are encouraging the town's young people who want to give back to their local community, and are also offering scholarships for children that would otherwise go without education.





SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2014

SEAFORD

WETLANDS FUN RUN

Hosted by Rotary Peninsula 2.0, in conjunction with Seaford Little Athletics

2km, 5km or 10km

Enter today to secure your place, and to show your support for the Kindred Clubhouse program, who give people with mental illness hope and opportunity to reach their full potential

T-shirt and water bottle for all competitors
Medal for all finishers

Come along and enjoy food and children's activities at Seaford North Primary School from 9am

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To register, visit

www.rotarypeninsula.org/fun-run



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BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US! We have officially celebrated our 1st Birthday as a Rotary Club in style at Phillip Island on the weekend of 25/26 October. With hardly any Rotary talk, we came together purely on a social occasion and ate, drank, laughed, walked, ate, drank and laughed some more. It's crazy to think that this time last year we were planning for our Charter Dinner and to become an official club. We have come so far and we thank all of you who have helped us along our way. Here's to hoping that we are having just as much fun in another 30 years!



GET TO KNOW A CLUB MEMBER - JEFF KIRKLAND

We asked **Jeff Kirkland** to tell us a couple of things that we may not know about him:

1 – I am a Digital artist who has exhibited and sold artwork in Australia and overseas. While I enjoy painting landscapes, it's my images of fairies that are most in demand

2 – I dropped out of school at 16 to become a musician and spent the next 20 years of my life working in the music industry as a musician.

3 – I created the first DVD review web site in Australia. It ran for 12 years and Helen and I used to be the podcast version of Margaret and David at the movies. Jeff K's Australian DVD Podcast was one of the first movie review podcasts in Australia and was produced weekly for three and half years before we decided we just didn't have the time to continue.



Why did he join Rotary?: "I've been a Rotarian for ten years. I joined Rotary because I love to help people. My goal is to look back on my week with the knowledge that I did one thing during it that changed someone's life for the better - and I think that Rotary is an organisation that provides opportunities to do that on both a local and global basis."

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

Tue 04 NO CLUB MEETING (Melb Cup Day)

Wed 05 Leadership Meeting

Sat 08 Community Breakfast

Tue II Club Meeting

Tue 18 Club Meeting

Sun 23 Seaford Wetlands Fun Run

Tue 25 Social Night - Barefoot Bowls - Mt Eliza

Chairman: ... is it you?

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Gill & Bernie

TBC

TBC

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Doug

ROTARY PENINSULA 2.0

BAREFOOT

BOWLS

TUESDAY 25th NOV

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Mt Eliza Bowling Club
90-100 Canadian Bay Road, Mt Eliza

\$15pp

bbq dinner | drinks at bar prices