

FIRST QUARTER

Rotary Frankston Sunrise Quarterly Newsletter

JANUARY - MARCH 2023



Happy 32nd anniversary

January 16, 2023 was worthy of celebration as we saw Rotary Frankston Sunrise rack up 32 years of delivering on the Rotary mission to "provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through [the] fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders"

Special mention and message of thanks and appreciation to our Charter members who continue to make great contributions today and every day:

John Albery, Peter Richards, Bob Smith, Peter Stacey, Ian Stapleton and Shane Thomas.



NEW YEAR NEW LOOK

Nothing like heralding the start of a new year with an overhaul of the club branding. The old polo shirts were starting to look a little dated, with a logo that was very small and hard to read... we want shirts that showcase who we are and what we do. The new shirts and caps prominently feature the Rotary Frankston Sunrise logo with a fresh new dolphin graphic against the sand and sun that Frankston foreshore is famous for. We think they look pretty flash and were 'debuted' at this year's Annual Charity Golf Day.

New look newsletter

Our club newsletter, Sunrise Times, also got a new lease on life with a revamped design. Distributed via email to club members and supporters every Monday, it features updates on membership, community engagement, fellowship/social get togethers, upcoming projects, dates to remember, guest speakers, Rotary International news, photos and calls for support.





Ash Weston
Ray White Frankston



Karan Kent
Yimba Yumba



Glenn Carter
Game Face



Jon Christie
Frankston High School



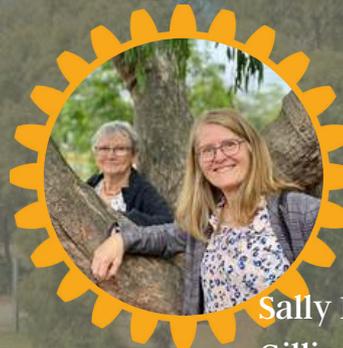
Peter Faulkner
Disaster Aid



Dylan Thomas
LinkedIn



Jaswinder Singh
Sikh Volunteers Australia



Sally Harding &
Gillian Kinnear
Action Sweetwater
Creek Inc



Dave Gibson
This is your life

Guest speakers

This quarter, Sunrise members have been entertained and educated by a variety of guest speakers who have all gifted their time to share their passion and learnings.

We heard from amazing volunteers (Jaswinder Singh, Sally Harding, Gillian Kinnear, and Peter Faulkner).

We were educated about the current property market by Ash Weston; enthralled by the work of Karan Kent within indigenous communities; challenged to think differently by the philosophical teachings of Jon Christie; technologically enlightened by Dylan Thomas, and gained an insight into the life of new member, Dave Gibson.

Learn to speak by listening



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

Sunday March 5th was our "Clean Up Australia" project where Rotarians joined forces with some of our fantastic Interactors to give our beautiful Frankston foreshore some well deserved TLC.

Armed with plastic garbage bags, gloves, some bleary eyes and sheer determination, our team gave their all and collected rubbish from the Frankston boat ramp to the pier.

A powerhouse two-hour clean-up that resulted in 10 big bags, a tent, a bed, and one tinnie fishing boat being removed from the foreshore.

A big shout out to Frankston High School Interact Club (11 students full of energy and ready to go) and 12 rotary members plus David Gibson's partner, Nadia. We even had a local (Gary Parker) turn up who helped as well.

What a great initiative and how fabulous to see the contagious enthusiasm of our Frankston High School students making such a positive impact on their home and environment.

Clean Up Australia inspires and empowers communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. More than 20 million Aussies have participated in Clean Up Australia activities and events over the past three decades.

Over that time Clean Up Australia has evolved to provide practical solutions to help all Australians live more sustainably every day of the year, and emerged as one of the country's most recognised, credible and trusted environmental charities.



ON THE TOOLS



The Artists' Residence at McClelland Sculpture Park gave our members a chance to do what they love best; get on the tools and do some hard yakka.

Over the summer months, our team pulled up carpet and underlay, demolished the kitchen, removed the front deck, hammered in all the floor tacks and nails, painted, put down the new flooring...and had a great time doing it.

The contribution of a wide range of our members, together with Phil McEvoy and his team at McAvoy Building Services over the course of the project, has delivered up a great resource to the Gallery and the local artistic community, with some local artists having taken up residence in February.



Interact

Frankston High School

As iconic Australia singer/songwriter Paul Kelly once wrote, “from little things big things grow” which aptly describes Frankston Sunrise’s Interact Club, mentoring project with students at Frankston High School (FHS).

What started with a ‘soft launch’ in the second half of 2020, now proudly boasts a membership of up to 50 students spread across all year levels. With the support of the school’s principal and the invaluable guidance and support of their truly remarkable Interact Coordinator Jon Christie, FHS Interact Club has exceeded all expectations (and then some).

The club hit the ground running and has achieved amazing goals including:

- Donation drives – supporting Frankston Toy Library and the Salvation Army with new toys, plus providing non-perishable food and personal care items to two grassroots organisations
- Butterfly Project – art installation at Frankston Hospital’s Children’s Ward plus the creation of 4000 handmade origami butterflies promoting messages of body positivity and inclusion

- Kindness cards – design, creation and sale of cards with life-affirming messages with proceeds supporting Hold My Hand, an early mental health interventions charity
- Active engagement and support of Rotary Club activities such as our Annual 8-hour Treadmill Challenge that raised \$28,000 for Very Special Kids.

This year has already kicked off with a major initiative - to raise \$5,000 towards the purchase of a SkyHydrant which would supply safe drinking water for a community in Bhutan.

Our Interact students are a force to be reckoned with and their genuine desire to do good, both within their own community and to those overseas, inspires us with its overwhelming optimism, energy and drive...to say we are very proud of them is an understatement.





New members



It's fantastic to have welcomed new corporate members to the Club (left to right): Ben Holian (GPK Group), Karen Ward (St John of God), and new individual members, David Gibson and Colin Barber.

We look forward to learning more about them and working together on future projects.

Rotary Frankston Sunrise is always looking for new members...please get in touch by visiting www.rotaryfrankstonsunrise.org.au



IN OUR COMMUNITY

The club received a letter of thanks from Community Support Frankston (CSF) in recognition of our volunteer support for their 32nd Annual Frankston Community Appeal. A record breaker, CSF were able to distribute an incredible 830 Christmas food hampers to disadvantaged families, couples and singles in Frankston (2261 individuals in total).

Rotary Frankston Sunrise has a long-standing association and connection with CSF over a number of years that has seen the club providing them with a refrigerated truck to make food deliveries, and building the food preparation and storage facility at their Frankston site.

It's amazing what can be achieved when a community works together.

The Friday night lights had never looked better as Kinetic Stadium looked a picture before the opening clash of the 2023 season against historical rivals Williamstown. Sadly it wasn't a win for the Dolphins with the final score:
Frankston 5.17 – 47
Williamstown 11.8 – 74

What was a win though was the barbecue/bar set up at the old grandstand that was manned by Rotary Frankston Sunrise members with the profits being split between Rotary and the Frankston Footy Club. The club now has the option of making this a regular thing for home games throughout the VFL season.



ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY

On Monday March 20th, 31 teams (124 golfers) competed for the highly coveted Stuart Woodward Memorial Trophy and raised just shy of \$50,000 through the event.

First Place - team from Shepard Webster & O'Neill

Gross Score: 63 Nett Score: 53.25

Runners Up - team from Bayport Group

Gross Score: 62 Nett Score: 54.12

Third Place was the combined team from Rolls Australia & Prosperum Wealth

Gross Score: 58 Nett Score: 54.25

Unfortunately, our \$50k Hole-In-One prize didn't go off, nor did the two \$1k Travel Voucher Hole-In-Ones (there's always next year) but there were loads of other great prizes won on the day including a weekend use of a Mercedes car and a fantastic Callaway Driver (donated by Drummonds Golf Frankston).

Final expenses still to be confirmed but we look on track to exceed last year's fantastic result which is quite phenomenal.

Our Beneficiary breakfast is booked for Wednesday, May 3 at Peninsula Kingswood with funds being distributed to Wheelchairs 4 Kids, Frankston Football Club, Community Support Frankston, Sikh Volunteers Australia, Mums Supporting Families in Need (MSFIN), and Peninsula Kingswood Community Foundation.

2024 is already booked for Monday March 18th!

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Frankston Sunrise



FUTURE PLANNING

Another important development this quarter was the endorsement of Peter Richards as our President for the 2023-2024 Rotary year. Peter will be returning as our 34th President, having been our 9th President back in 1998-1999.

We also announced a first for Rotary Frankston Sunrise; Dave Wilton as President-elect Nominee. That's right, we already have a President locked in for the 2024-2025 year!

Rotary Frankston Sunrise meets
every Wednesday morning
at 6.45am for 7am start
at McClelland Gallery & Sculpture Park

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