



SECOND QUARTER

Rotary Frankston Sunrise Quarterly Newsletter

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All things Rotary Frankston Sunrise



Rotary Frankston Sunrise was Chartered by Rotary International in December 1990 and celebrated its 32nd anniversary in January 2023.

It is part of Rotary District 9820 which covers the south eastern region of Melbourne, south through the Mornington Peninsula and east through Gippsland.

A lot has been achieved in the past 32 years and our club continues to grow and thrive; who knows what the next 32 years and beyond may hold and the impact our members will have as they work together for the common good.

Please enjoy this newsletter as we share what has been happening at Rotary Frankston Sunrise over the past three months.



ON THE SIZZLE

In Australia, Rotarians are pretty well known for being masters of the hot plate, having sizzled copious amounts of sausages at more barbecues than they could possibly imagine...and the past three months have been no exception.

The club continued its community partnership with Frankston Football Club and manned a number of day and night home games (with a couple of wins for the Dolphins thrown in for good measure); we volunteered to support McClelland Gallery's Cultural Day with a free BBQ; conducted a number of fundraising days at Bunnings Frankston; and members were very honoured to join forces with Tony Carter and other cluster Rotary Clubs to support the Frankston RSL Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast at Beauty Park on ANZAC Day.

Nothing says 'Rotary' more than a sausage with sauce (or mustard) in a slice of fresh bread that's been cooked to perfection on a sizzling hot plate...it's iconically Australian (and we're pretty darn good at it).





THIS IS THE GOOD STUFF

After months of planning, meetings, phone calls, emails, late nights and early mornings that go into making our Annual Charity Golf Day such a success, we finally got to do the 'good stuff', the stuff that makes all the effort worthwhile... we got to give much needed funds to some fantastic community organisations.

In May we held our Disbursement Breakfast at the prestigious Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club where we invited our generous sponsors to say thank you once more and let them learn of the positive impact their support will have on this year's chosen beneficiaries.

This event has been running for more than 25 years and has raised close to \$800,000 (an incredible feat and one we are very proud of as a club). Our thanks to all who support this annual event...you are the reason it is such a success.

It was our Club's pleasure to donate a total of \$38,500 to the following organisations that do incredible work supporting people in need -

- Frankston Charitable Foundation
- Community Support Frankston
- Wheelchairs for Kids
- Mums Supporting Families in Need
- Frankston Football Club Community Fund
- Peninsula Kingswood Foundation
- Sikh Volunteers Australia
- Women's Spirit Project

And we'll be back to do it all again in 2024!





GARDEN MAKE-OVER

In May, the club revisited the mobility garden at St John of God Frankston with the goal being a much needed makeover and upgrade with new landscaping and plants (a vegetable garden is still in the works to be completed).

It was the same garden the club had installed back in 2008 as a space to be enjoyed by patients, staff and families and it was in dire need of some TLC.

The landscape architect from Thomas Anderson Design developed a plan and a Sunday morning working bee was organised and coordinated by Rotarians Shane Thomas and Warwick Smith with St John of God covering the cost of plants and materials.

The rain held off and all the planting was completed...very satisfying watching it come back to life after a few hours of work by club members.





DOING IT FOR THE KIDS

With our annual golf day now behind us, it's time to focus on the next major fundraising event - raising funds to support the work done by Very Special Kids.

On Sunday September 10th at Core24 Frankston, the club will hold its third "8 hour treadmill and exercise bike challenge". This year's goal is to raise \$40,000 to support Very Special Kids as they provide free holistic children's palliative care services including clinical care, counselling, sibling support, bereavement support and community activities for seriously ill children in the Frankston community and Victoria.

In the past three years, Rotary Frankston Sunrise (with the support of businesses and individuals who have sponsored and participated in this event), has raised over \$80,000 for Very Special Kids.

Sponsors for this year include: O'Brien Electrical Carrum Downs, AWM Carrum Downs, Willerby's Solicitors, Core24, Focus Life, Ray White Frankston, Bite Local, and Frankston High School Interact. There's room for more if you'd like to get involved...get in touch with us.

treadmill & exercise bike challenge **8 HOURS**

Proudly supporting **VERY SPECIAL kids**

We love a good challenge!

ROTARY FRANKSTON SUNRISE is trying to raise \$40,000 to support Very Special Kids

PLUS

our team will be walking, jogging, running, or cycling for 8 hours on Sunday September 10th at Core24 Frankston

PLEASE HELP US BY MAKING A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION USING THIS QR CODE

Another community project organised by **Rotary Frankston Sunrise**

Major sponsor **core24**



BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION

for our community



The Sunrise Foundation took a giant leap forward this quarter with the transfer of the remaining profits from the club's boat shed building program (that had been sitting in Trust at Frankston City Council for some time), transferred to our Foundation Bank Account.

Over the coming years, Rotary Frankston Sunrise via its Sunrise Foundation, will offer a series of local community grants. Under the terms of our Foundation, all monies being required to support and benefit the local Frankston community.

The Foundation Trustees are currently developing the funding criteria, processes and operating model for the grants program, with the support and guidance of those with knowledge in this area.

We will also be looking to ensure much of our supports can go to those smaller organisations making huge local impacts. Beneficiaries will need to be registered with "Deductible Gift Recipient" (DGR) status under the terms of our Trust Deed.



Interact

Frankston High School



Interact is a Rotary sponsored community service organisation for secondary school students. It is about supporting student engagement in service, developing teamwork, leadership and personal growth for the students.

Our Interact Club at Frankston High School is a massive success and something Frankston Sunrise can be immensely proud of. Three years in, it is going from strength to strength and is recognised across our District as a shining example of what Interact can be.

Some of what has been achieved in the last year:

- \$5000 for a SkyHydrant in a village in Bhutan
- Interact Bunnings BBQ raising \$2200
- Flag Bearers at the Rotary International 2023 Convention Opening Ceremony
- Attended the House of Friendship at the RI Convention – new ideas for future projects
- Collaboration Projects within the school (toothbrush and toothpaste drive to support Asylum Seeker Resource Centre)
- Extra hands to help at our May 27 Bunnings BBQ
- ANZAC Day Dawn Service @ Beauty Park

The very positive feedback from our members who have worked alongside the Interactors has been a consistent theme throughout the year.



One example of feedback from our members after working with the Interactors:

"I was at the Bunnings BBQ yesterday between 2pm-5pm and had the pleasure of meeting and working with Kian and Grace from Frankston High School's Interact Group.

They were two of the nicest young people you could wish to meet, a credit to themselves, their parents and the school"

Peter Stacey



MOVING WITH THE TIMES

It all started with a new club branding that featured some of the things we know and love about Frankston - the yellow sand, blue sea and dolphins that call the bay their home.

First it was the club shirts, then came the caps. It started to get cold so we realised a new vest and/or jacket seemed appropriate (and smart). Then it was the teardrop signs and, you guessed it, we're now waiting on our new aprons to arrive.

We're very proud of our club and want the community to know and recognise us when we are out and about perhaps sizzling sausages at Frankston Football Club and Bunnings (or anywhere else we may be asked to support)... so say hi next time you see us around the traps.

Through the generosity of corporate member Ben Holian (GPK Group), the club has received a donation of a refurbished Surface Pro computer.

More importantly, GPK Group will be supporting us in establishing effective file and data storage capabilities to build an effective and secure database capability that will dramatically change our ability to communicate and market our club into the future.



Karen Ward
St John of God Frankston



Ross Kilburn
Rotary Club
of Mornington
(Peninsula Trail)



Scott Carson
The Business of Smiles



Lisa Byrne
McClelland Gallery



Russell Hayes
Wheelchairs
for Kids



Mark Ryan
Clean Coast Solutions



Jodie Belyea
Women's Spirit Project



**Rotarian
Ben Holian**



Josh Pennell
Prosper Advisory Financial Services

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 Russell Hayes, Ross Kilburn, and Scott Carson and learned more about two new corporate members - Karen Ward and Ben Holian.

We were educated about the fascinating history of McClelland Gallery by Lisa Byrne; were inspired by the impact of Jodie Belyea and the Women's Spirit Project; motivated to set financial goals thanks to Josh Pennell; and motivated to protect our beaches and environment after hearing from Mark Ryan and the work being done by a new start-up, Clean Coast Solutions.

Learn to speak by listening



NEW TEAM

If you take out the team in teamwork,
it's just work. And who wants that?



At our annual Changeover Dinner on June 30th, the club officially welcomed its new incoming President and Board directors for 2023-2024:

(pictured left to right):

Peter Richards - President

Peter Cracknell - Past President

Jason Coppard - Treasurer

Peter Stacey - Secretary

Warwick Smith - Community

Shane Thomas - Finance & Fundraising

Robert Maitz - Rotary Youth Activities

Dave Wilton - Membership Growth

Kim Michod - Marketing

Acknowledgement and thanks to past President Peter Cracknell for all his hard work steering the ship for 2022-2023.



WANT TO WORK WITH US?

- Are you a not-for-profit that would like to align with us and share your mission and purpose?
- Are you a business that would like to partner with us to help raise much needed funds that support our community?
- Are you someone who would like to speak at one of our breakfast meetings?
- Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity where you will make new friends and create positive impact at the same time?

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

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