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SECOND QUARTER

Rotary Frankston Sunrise Quarterly Newsletter

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Welcome to our second quarterly newsletter for 2024.

Winter is upon us and many members are travelling to warmer climates...but that doesn't mean we are taking things easy at Rotary Frankston Sunrise.



NEW TEAM FOR 2025

Our Changeover dinner was held on Friday June 21 at TreAnd at Baxter Village Estate. For the second year in a row, members and partners enjoyed fabulous food, conversation, and fellowship... and perhaps a wine or two.

President Peter Richards thanked everyone for their support throughout his year at the helm and District Governor Linda Humphries conducted the official handover to incoming President Dave Wilton.

The 2024-2025 Board comprises:

- **Dave Wilton - President**
- **Peter Richards - Past President**
- **Kim Michod - Secretary**
- **Jason Coppard - Treasurer**
- **Warwick Smith - Community Service**
- **Shane Thomas - Finance and Fundraising**
- **Robert Maitz - Rotary Youth Activities**
- **Peter Cracknell - Membership/Interact/Marketing**

Here's to another fantastic year working in partnership with our community to create positive impact and change.



Congratulations to:

Robert Smith

Paul Arthur 'Quiet Achiever' award

Gavin Saunders

Paul Harris Fellow

David Gibson

Rotarian of the Year

Main photo: David Gibson being awarded Rotarian of the Year by District Governor Linda Humphries

Inset photo: New President Dave Wilton



SHARING THE LOVE

As a Rotary Club, one of our favorite things to do is gift funds to worthy charities within our community (and beyond) that are doing simply GREAT THINGS helping those in need. It makes all those hours of planning, working, and organising worthwhile.

Over the past few weeks, Rotary Frankston Sunrise has had the pleasure of having the recipient charities from our Annual Charity Golf Day join us for breakfast where we can hear firsthand the difference this financial support will have in real terms.

With the generous support of our sponsors who come back year after year, this year our Club was able to disperse \$47,000 across the following amazing organisations:

- **Project Fresh Start**
- **123Read2Me**
- **Community Support Frankston**
- **Wheelchairs 4 Kids**
- **Frankston Football Club Community Fund**
- **Peninsula Kingswood Foundation**

We are extremely proud to be associated with these organisations and to be able to play a small part in helping them keep up the good work they do, day in/day out.





WORKING TOGETHER

for our community

When the temperature starts to drop, we know it's the beginning of footy season and our continued partnership with the Frankston Football Club.

It's time to fire up the barbecue and support the club by providing sizzled snags and chilled beers to the fans while the Dolphins play their home games.

We always enjoy these barbecues as they provide us with the opportunity to chat, laugh, watch the game, and connect with our community.

Oh and we do sizzle a snag pretty darn well (even if we say so ourselves).

See you at the game :)



HELPING OTHERS

Dear Rotary Frankston Sunrise,

Welcome to DOVES and thanks for your \$510 sponsorship of six children. You will be pleased to know that the vast majority of sponsorship monies paid go directly to supporting the children to whom we provide sponsorship.

At times we have helped with special projects, where we will try and secure money, so they can become a reality, this is through corporate and sponsors donations. In Da Lat in 2016 we replaced a roof and repainted the orphanage. Tiled the kitchen and TV area so the children had a clean area to sit and play. We raised \$5500.00 to complete this project. I was on site with my interpreter to make the payment and ensure work was carried out properly. We also raised money to re tile the kitchen and bedrooms. A sun cover over the children's play area was also completed through DOVES donations. This donation came from the people on a sponsors tour.

DOVES is a not-for-profit organisation & registered as a Charity. The Concept for this organisation was started by a Vietnam Veteran by the name of Dennis Edwards. During his time in Vietnam, he and a group of engineers from the 106 Field Workshops, built some playground equipment for a government run orphanage.

Dennis returned to Vietnam 43 years later, to discover the equipment was still being used (as it is today). From that day Dennis started helping, first with food, then he started paying to send some children to school through a family fund. Our organisation has undergone a rebranding to reflect the breath of the fund we are running today. You will find all these details on our web site. www.doves.org.au

DOVES now sponsor 203 children, with 93 sponsors. We support these children through seven centres. Our main aim is to provide the funds to see that the child gets a valuable chance at a basic education. This, of course, is an education they may not have received if it wasn't for your sponsorships like this.

Thankfully Yours

Peter Fryers Director:
DOVES. Disadvantaged & Orphans of Vietnam Education Sponsorship Inc.

Nguyen Hoang Duy Khanh
Age: 9



Nguyen Hoang Bao Khanh
Age: 9



Cao Thi Ngoc Thuyen
Age: 12



Trinh Ngoc Khue
Age: 7



Le Dang Nhuan Nghia
Age: 8



Hoang Minh Quan
Age: 8





THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

The SkyHydrant that was paid for with funds raised by the energetic and passionate Frankston High School Interact Club, was recently installed at the Tashithang Middle Secondary School in Samtse, Bhutan.

The SkyHydrant is a lightweight (18 kg) water filter, portable and easy to deploy in the field, that produces safe drinking water without the need for power or chemicals.

Disaster Aid Australia uses SkyHydrants purchased from the 'not for profit' SkyJuice Foundation to bring safe, clean, drinking water to communities in many countries that need safe drinking water.

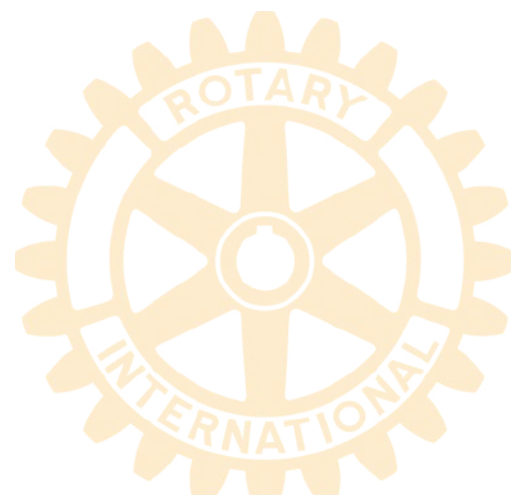
Over the past 18 months, the FHS Interact students have worked hard at raising the \$5500 needed to purchase the SkyHydrant and their hard work has finally paid off.

For the next 10 years and beyond, the SkyHydrant will provide access to clean drinking water for 800 children and staff at the school.

Congratulations to everyone involved...it's an amazing outcome and one we can all feel very proud of.

"Each person has the potential of making a positive impact on the world. It all depends on what you do with what you have"

Gary Chapman





GUEST SPEAKERS

The art of listening

Each Wednesday, we hold our breakfast meeting at Harry's Cafe at McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery where we are treated to exceptional service and delicious food by the wonderful staff who work there.

It is at these meetings where we are often entertained, enthralled, educated, and emoted by a variety of guest speakers who join us for breakfast and gift their time to share their stories, passions, and life learnings.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who gifts their time to talk with us about projects that have such a wide and diverse impact across our local and international communities.

If you'd like to join us at one of our meetings as a guest speaker, please send us an email.

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WOULD YOU LIKE 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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