



## District 9815

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### ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKSTON NORTH. INC

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Secretary: David Hanlon

Treasurer: Geoff Magor

#### Club Meetings:

Kingfisher Hall at Lyrebird Community  
Centre, Carrum Downs

First and third Wednesday of Month

6.30pm for 7.00pm or by Zoom

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# Weekly Newsletter

## President's Con's Message:

Membership and New Club Development Month in August is an ideal time to focus on creating a meaningful club experience. One step toward this is by getting to know your members better. And you can do that by sharing your Rotary story and listening to theirs. Sharing our stories creates bridges between our own experiences and those of others. It helps us find connections, empathize with other people's circumstances, and understand and appreciate different perspectives.

Review the webinar **Connect and Inspire Through Storytelling**, in which experts shared their advice about how to craft stories that engage and inspire others. Storytelling can eliminate barriers, foster a sense of community, and inspire positive change.

[Connect and Inspire Through Storytelling \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

## What are the benefits of Rotary Membership?

Becoming a Rotary member connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back. Through regular meetings and events, you will:

- Discuss your community's needs and develop creative ways to meet them.
- Connect with other leaders who are changing the world.
- Expand your leadership and professional skills.
- Catch up with good friends and meet new ones.

## **Announcements:**

Secretary David reported that the Club has received a Rotary Citation for the 2023-24 year having achieved all our goal but one. Congratulations to all the members for their contribution to the Club's success.

Treasurer Geoff confirmed that invoices have been from District 9815 Treasurer for the current Rotary Year, and these will be paid in coming days.

## **Footy Tipping**

Round 23 and 1 to go, we have 3 equal in top place on 131 tips, they are Truth Trip, Geoff Magor, and Jordan De Goaty on 131, Colin is 2nd on 130 and Keith 3rd on 128.

Still no tip 9 so jackpot is now \$40, Good luck with the tipping.

If Tip 9 does not go off this week we will run a finals competition for the \$40.

## **Directors' Announcements:**

Youth Director Judi McKee reported on MUNA which was held on the weekend – refer later in newsletter.

Judi also sought approval for a donation of \$200 towards the purchase of ingredients for the Afghan Orphanage Project at McClelland where Hamida and the McClelland Interact Club are once again cooking meals for their Afghan fundraiser to support education in Afghanistan. The meals will be cooked at McClelland College and available for pick-up on Tuesday. Judi will provide the details for purchasing meals, and when and where to pick up.

The Club has been asked to help with the Mock Interviews to be held at Monterey SC on 2 September from 9.15am to 12.45pm. If you can help, please let Judi know asap.

Service Projects Director Eric Neill reported that the refund has been sought for the children's chairs ordered for Safe Steps but no longer available.

Membership Director David Loudon highlighted that the current issue of RDU has suggestions on how to revitalise the Club experience. He mentioned it is interesting that we have recently adopted some of these ideas. However, he stressed it is now time to ask potential members to come and join us to experience these changes.

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<b>Apologies:</b>	Kaye Aitchison, Brian Capon, Maree Hutchins, Charles Mallia, and Linda Tinney
<b>Leave of Absence:</b>	Tony Spring 20 June to 28 August
<b>Guests:</b>	Nil
<b>Zoomers:</b>	Russell Cock, Con Demopoulos, Ian McConnell, Colin Price, and Bev Unitt.

<b>MILESTONES:</b>	
<b>Birthdays:</b>	Nil
<b>Rotary Anniversaries:</b>	Eric Neill – 19 August 1992
<b>Wedding Anniversaries:</b>	Brian & Margaret Capon – 29 August 1964

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**Tonight's Speaker Nikki Firmin Head of Community and Corporate Partnerships DV Safe Phones Australia**





DV Safe Phones is a follow-on project of ours after our involvement with Safe Steps last year, DV Safe Phones is a vital program that provides safe mobile phones to domestic violence and law enforcement agencies, offering a victim-survivor a lifeline to connect with loved ones and essential services, ultimately helping them break free from abusive situations and start anew.

Nikki presented many facts about DV and the numbers of Phones they have collected and distributed. A great presentation and FNR will get involved in fundraising and collection of phones.

More info available on link <https://dvsafephone.org/>

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**The Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) 2024** which was held on Saturday 17th August was a tremendous success. From Rotary District 9815, 51 students from 23 secondary schools formed 26 teams and registered for the debate.

MUNA is a significant international Rotary youth program in which our District participates. Senior high school students develop an awareness of the United Nations and the countries they represent at a simulated UN Assembly. It involves the students researching a particular nation and then debating other participants representing other nations.

The students learn debating skills, learn about other countries, and get an understanding of other points of view. The event also provides an excellent forum for students to develop and practice their public speaking skills whilst debating on topical world issues.

Delegates are selected and registered by the school's supervising teacher who will function as Counsellor for the delegation and assist them with preparing for MUNA.

The delegates were required to research all four topics from their allocated country's viewpoint and work towards a resolution.

Lilly Hosking and Kirralea Goodall were McClelland College's representative. Frankston North sponsored the team. The team represented India.

There were four resolutions debated at this event.

1. Australia and the South China Sea.
2. Promoting Democracy
3. Protecting the Environment
4. Food security

A secretary General was responsible for the running of the debate, ensuring the topics were relevant to the country, time keeping and maintaining order. Four adjudicators provided feedback on each of the topics. One of the adjudicators was Quinney from Peninsula Rotaract).

Most of the teams came dressed to represent their country.

Many Rotarians and family members were present to give support to their teams.

#### Awards and Adjudication

Yes, there were winners, but no one was a loser.

Our youth put forward some brilliant arguments for their representing country and their ad lib responses to points put forward showed that they all understood their country well. I would say that in that auditorium there are potential leaders who will go on to be lawyers, economists, environmentalists and humanitarians etc.

Just listening to the student's presentations and responses was a learning curve for all who attended.

Congratulations to our team from McClelland College Lily and Kirralea. We are very proud of your efforts.



## Rosters:

Cashier	Setup	Cleanup
<b>4 September</b> Maree Hutchins	<b>4 September</b> David Loudon, Mike Goonan and John Tame	<b>4 September</b> All members

## Abbeyfield Roster:

Twice monthly on Wednesday mornings, starting at 9:20am. min 2, max four volunteers

Wed 4 September	Wed 18
Mike Goonan	Eric Neill
David Shimshon	Ron Cook
Simon Gillham	



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SATURDAY  
28TH MARCH, 2025



START AT  
08:00AM - DONE



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**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday 29 August 2024 - Glenn Ellam Memorial Games Night**  
at Over 50's Club Mt Eliza (Please invite, family and friends)



**Current holders of trophy need to bring it on the night.**