



## District 9815

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**ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKSTON  
NORTH. INC**

Chartered 7 May 1973

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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:

Last night was my first meeting since I came back from Hellas (Greece) where I spent 4 weeks with my brother holidaying in various parts by the sea, including the island of Kefalonia.

Our guest speaker for the night Preeti Maharjan, a PhD candidate at the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University under a full scholarship. presented us with the existence of leprosy, a curable infectious disease-causing skin lesions and nerve damage. Although this disease is rare in Australia, some cases were found mainly in Northern Australia.

The resignation of Judi was a shock to me. Having spoken to her at length she assured me it had nothing to do with me being the president. However it is indeed sad to lose such a dynamic member, who has contributed so much to the club. She was the first female member of our Club, first female President, club Secretary, Director on many of her years of service, Convener of the Rotary Peninsula International Women's Day event since its inception, and Youth Director responsible for establishment of McClelland College Interact Club.

Last Sunday I was on duty at the Frankston Symphony Orchestra and the Mornington Peninsula Choral Concert "Romance of Spring" There I met a young oboe player, Eliza Patson who is the president of the Frankston High Interact club. She was very excited to be associated with Rotary and having raised \$9000 with the interact club from McClelland College. Having met such an accomplished musician, I remembered the quote from a famous Greek Philosopher.

**"I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy, but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning."**

**Socrates (470-399 BC)**

## Announcements:

### President Con:

- Welcomed all to the meeting including Zoomers Brian and Russell and Guest Speaker Preeti Maharjan.
- Advised that he and Loula had an excellent trip to Greece and that apart from the weather that they came home to, how wonderful it is to live in Australia.
- Con outlined his discussion with Judi following her resignation and that he thanked Judi for all the work she has done for FNR especially to the Youth portfolio and the International Women's Day. He asked all members to consider taking over the Youth Portfolio.
- Advised that he attended the Peninsula Choral Concert and had a discussion with a Frankston Interactor.
- Advised that FNR has sent a grant application for a Low-Level Student Scholarship which the Club will match.

### Secretary David:

- Announced that Geoff Magor is unsure how long he will be away as he and Jeanette are assisting to look after their daughter's family as she has just had major surgery and unable to drive for some time.
- Advised that even though Judi had resigned she attended the Frankston High and McClelland College Interact Clubs joint "walk a thon" fund raiser. They have raised \$9k so far of their \$10 K target an excellent result. He thanked Judi for her outstanding efforts with the youth portfolio.

### Service Projects: Eric Neill

- Announced that Local 2 Community have received a \$20K grant from Frankston Council to install Fridges, shelving and other needed items.
- Reminded all re the "Safe Phones" project. Ask your friends for their old phones.

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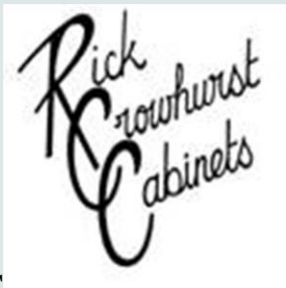


<b>Apologies:</b>	Simon & Maureen Gillham, Ian McConnell, Geoff Magor, David Shimshon, Bev Unitt, and Louise Welbourn
<b>Leave of Absence:</b>	Tony Spring
<b>Guests:</b>	Preeti Maharjan
<b>Zoomers:</b>	Brian Capon, and Russell Cock.

<b>MILESTONES:</b>	
<b>Birthdays:</b>	John Tame 22 Sept
<b>Rotary Anniversaries:</b>	
<b>Wedding Anniversaries:</b>	John & Marguerite Tame 24 Sept 1966 David & Karen Shimshon 27/9/2000

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**Tonight's Speaker: Preeti Maharjan**

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**Subject – Leprosy Today**

**Leprosy**  
**Yes, We still have leprosy !!!**

 <b>Every 2 minutes</b> Someone is diagnosed with leprosy	 <b>Leprosy is curable!</b> With a full course of multi drug therapy	 <b>50% of leprosy cases are in India</b> Leprosy is also prevalent in Africa and South East Asia	 <b>Early diagnosis and treatment</b> Can help avoid permanent disability
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THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Preeti is studying her PHD at Monash in Public Health and Emergency medicine. Now living in Frankston Preeti is a former Rotaractor, and now a Rotarian with Peninsula 2.0.

She spoke about Leprosy, understanding the disease and the mission to eradicate it. Preeti Worked for 4.5 years for The Leprosy Mission Nepal and now volunteers for The Leprosy Mission Australia.

Leprosy still exists, Nepal has 3000 cases a year and 50% of leprosy cases worldwide are in India and is also prevalent in Africa and SE Asia. While one person is diagnosed with leprosy every 2 minutes Leprosy is curable with a full course of multi drug therapy. One of the biggest issues is stigma and discrimination, fear of rejection by family and friends. Preeti showed 2 videos of families in Nepal and the effects on these people and families. A terrible disease but fortunately with research and early diagnosis and people like Pretti who have a passion to support those afflicted the disease is curable.

A most interesting and informative presentation. For more information visit [leprosymission.org.au](http://leprosymission.org.au)

President Con thanked Preeti for her excellent presentation and the time she devotes to assisting in a cure.

## Next meeting:

### Footy Night at Mt Eliza Centre

Date: Thursday 26 September 2024

Time: 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Over Fifty's Club Mt Eliza  
90B Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza  
(behind Canadian Bay Hotel)

2 October 2024 Business Meeting at Kingfisher Hall at Lyrebird Community Centre, Carrum Downs.

## Save the date:

- Sun 13 October - Bunnings BBQ
- Wed 16 October - Speaker: Laureen Hornsby
- Wed 30 October - Social Event – Melbourne Cup Night
- Thurs 28 November - Movie Night at Mt Eliza Centre
- Wed 18 December - Club Xmas Function at Sandhurst Club



<b>Rosters:</b>		
<b>Cashier</b>	<b>Setup</b>	<b>Cleanup</b>
<b>2 October</b> TBA	<b>2 October</b> All members	<b>2 October</b> All members

<b>Abbeyfield Roster:</b>	
Twice monthly on Wednesday mornings, starting at 9:20am. min 2, max four volunteers	
<b>Wed 9 October</b>	<b>Wed 23 October</b>
Charles Mallia	David Shimshon
David Shimshon	Ron Cook
Mike Goonan	John Tame



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**Colin Byron**  
District Governor

**ROTARY 9815 CONFERENCE** <<<<<<

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28TH MARCH, 2025

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*Friday 1st November*

Business session 2pm to 4pm  
Official Opening at 5pm,  
followed by 7pm Class dinners  
around Queenstown restaurants.

*Saturday 2nd November*

Institute Time: 9am to 4pm

*Sunday 3rd November*

Institute Time: 9.30am to 1pm

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Melissa Vining**  
Founder, Southland  
charity hospital



**Cat Levine**  
Think and Be Me



**Pauline Smith**  
2021 Southlander  
of the year



**Rajendra Gautam**  
Social activist,  
Kathmandu

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