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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FROM PRESIDENT NEV

The meeting on March 19 had a good attendance. Guest presenter for this evening was former IT Security Manager Charles Fellner.

Following Rotary Grace, President Nev provided the International Toast to the Rotary Club of Paris, France. This was following the announcement by French President, Emanuel Macron, that the Flagship & newest addition to the French Navy, will be a 310 metre twin nuclear reactor powered Aircraft Carrier. It will be named, "Free France". The vessel will have over 2200 crew, 65 fighter jets, over 3000 drones as well as its formidable gun/missile stacks among its very powerful weaponry. It will be ready for trials in 2036. The Carrier will be able to stay at sea for over a year without requiring to reach port. The current flagship, the carrier Charles de Gaulle will be retired in 2038.

FUN TIMES

Heads & Tails was won by David Boardman. Davids' good fortune didn't end there as he also won the Card Draw. Alas, David drew the Eight of Clubs.

SERGEANTS SESSION

PP Jim Katrakilis gave a very good Presentation in the Historical Period from early 1900s through to & after WW2, & the role that the Japanese played in this period. Jim spoke with clarity, knowledge & confidence of the political trickery & skullduggery that ended with the bombing of Pearl Harbour, & the fateful outcome of the final surrender of the Japanese on the solid Teak Decks of the USS Missouri on September 2, 1945. During this presentation, Jim asked several questions which tested all of our skills & memories. The sheer gall & attempted cleverness of Emperor Hirohito, guided by General Hideki Tojo, proved to be the ultimate failure. It is said that Hirohito at no stage apologised to the people of Manchuria for allowing the invasion of that region in 1931, as part of the "grand plan".

GUEST PRESENTER

The Guest Presenter for this week was Charles Fellner. Charles had worked prior to retirement, for several of the major banks during his career as Senior IT Security Analyst.

The theme for his presentation was, "Scam Awareness-Your Best Defence".

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS CELEBRATED IN MARCH 2026

	<p><u>MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS</u> 5 March Graham Lindsay</p>	<p><u>PARTNERS BIRTHDAYS</u> 5 March Susan Barrett</p>	<p><u>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES</u> 18 March Warren Bolton</p>	<p><u>ROTARY INDUCTIONS</u></p>
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Charles stated that every day, we are hearing about some new scam. As a society we need to be working together & reaching out to increase our resilience to scams.

It only takes a single lapse in judgement, & all of our life savings could be whisked away. Charles was adamant that we all need to especially reach out to the vulnerable in our society, such as people over 80 and/or those with dementia or a disability to assist & help them now, at a time when scamming is so rampant.

Charles particularly stated that we need to pay very close attention to the security of:

- Passwords
- Pins
- Blocking email senders
- Payment methods (Pay Pal, Credit Cards etc.)
- Malware
- Using safe device practices
- Fake Websites

These are just a few, & along with Social media scams, Romance scams, Investment scams & identity theft, make up the major part of the "scam machine". All members asked questions of Charles & he was very generous with his time to answer thoroughly! Charles gifted us all with a special reminder in the form of a very good "mini point" handout!

A vote of thanks was provided by President Nev.



Charles Fellner & President Nev

UPCOMING EVENTS

26 MARCH 2026

PAULA HAYES

Rotary Youth Exchange

2 APRIL 2026

PP PHF DON WISEMAN

His Selection

APOLOGIES to PETER MOORE before noon Tuesday to amoore@bigpond.net.au or phone **0408 079 761**
ANY BULLETIN INFORMATION to be emailed to **NEV BARRETT** at: nevchar@gmail.com

The Four-Way Test

(Of the things we think, say or do)

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"



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Oh, Lord and Giver of all good,
 We thank thee for our daily food.
 May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,
 Help us to serve thee all our days.