ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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LAST WEEK

1. WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY AND **LIFT THE LID ON MENTAL ILLNESS HAT DAY:** Both came together last Wednesday with the Annual Hat Day at the Darebin R.S.L. The cause needs no explanation. The method of the fund-raising celebration on the day was another matter. This was all backed by the massive work of member Joe Morris.

Joe had boxes of memorabilia for auction or for sale; all laid out on numerous tables. Books were plentiful and one member was seen leaving at the end of the day with 4 books, another with two packs of wine, another with his own empty wallet. There was much browsing and the day ended with a coin-tossing nearest to the bottle. Kannan acting as course steward.

A deep sense of gratitude must go out to Joe and his helpers. At the end of the meeting members were to be seen trolleying out to Joe's car boxes of unsold items. Joe, a job well done.

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2. MASSIVE MURRAY RIVER PADDLE EVENT: Even though the Murray is running high and the Event has been postponed till early 2024, preparations are still in hand. Along the Murray from Yarrawonga to Koondrook, 415kms in 5 days, the paddle has become a great tradition. The teams camp each night along the way and the total experience is amazing.

This year police in the Darebin area are assisting 12 Aboriginal Youth to participate (80 from Vic and NSW). This part of building positive relationships with youth throughout the area, breaking down barriers and building ongoing connections.
The club last Wednesday presented Senior Constable Peta Williams with 100 care packs donated by member Kate Austin and the team at Pinchapoo. Also present were First Constable Andrew Moreton and Aboriginal Liaison Officer John Brown.

Andrew Morton John Brown Peta Williams Kannan Subramanian
Julie Morris Paul Smarrelli Darby Wilkes

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

SPECIAL GREETINGS to all those members and friends who have been out of action over current months. Sundry illnesses, medical interventions, business challenges and family demands are some of the hurdles. Be it known that all are in the minds and hearts of the lucky who have escaped setbacks. Definitely, for the 'healthy', service has been heavy. All await a full team ***Creating Hope in the World.***

E.T.D. for Exchange Student Darby Wilkes was Saturday 13th and, as the reader scans this message, Darby is with her hosting family in Northern Italy.

At last week's meeting Darby thanked members for the support she has received from the club and expressed her keenness to take on this new international experience.

Her time away will be for three months and, happily, her Italian school has a swimming training pool. This will keep up her fitness for summer training and competition back in Melbourne. Darby is pictured her with Elaine Price who was part of the hosting programme for the recently returned Italian student Asia Cirillo.

Both Darby and Asia were always happy to participate in Preston Rotary life.

Marilyn and Geoff McIlvenna 19/10

Joe Morris 18/10

Gerry Smith 19/10

Gerry Lyons 18/10/17

COMING DATES

<u>ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS</u> (RYDA): October 31, 9am-1pm. Contact Chris Shields.

<u>UNLOADING AT RES. NEIGH. HOUSE</u>: Next will be Tues. October 24.

<u>ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u> – November 15. Nominations (self or other members) for all positions must be in by **October 18**.

UPCOMING SPEAKER

Oct 18	**Family Violence** Prevention and Awareness	**Del Aulich** The Orange Door

2023 Weekly Roster October – December

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Oct-18	C Finocchiaro	Peter Gilbert & Elaine Price	Julie Morris	Paul Smarrelli
Oct-25	Gary Mogford	Norbert Schaber & Paul Smarrelli	Chris Shields	Max Walsh
Nov-01	Suzanne Still	Peter Gilbert & Ruth McCall	Max Walsh	Peter Peyton
Nov-08	Joe Morris	Peter Gilbert & Paul Smarrelli	Peter Byrne	Gary Mogford
Nov-15	Max Walsh	Elaine Price & Paul Smarrelli	David De La Coeur	Norm Pinder
Nov-22	C Finocchiaro	Norbert Schaber & Ruth McCall	Julie Morris	Elaine Price
Nov-29	Chris Shields	Paul Smarrelli & Norbert Schaber	David De La Coeur	Max Walsh
Dec-06	Gary Mogford	Elaine Price & Peter Gilbert	Peter Byrne	C Finocchiaro
Dec-13	Max Walsh	Ruth McCall & Paul Smarrelli	David Sullivan	Suzanne Still
Dec-20	Peter Peyton	Norbert Schaber & Peter Gilbert	Max Walsh	Paul Smarrelli

Please arrange a replacement if you are unable to attend

DigiCloud, a Fairfield based IT services company, is offering members and connections a **CYBER SECURITY AND SAFETY WORKSHOP.**

Vacancies still exist. New attendees contact Sec. Geoff. There is no limit to attendee numbers nor is there any charge.

DigiCloud is offering the session as a gift to Rotarians and friends. It is an interactive and engaging workshop and will be held at Darebin RSL, Wednesday, **November 1**, 9.30am to 12.30pm - before the club meeting which will begin at 12.45am.

CLUB NEWS

NOMINATIONS are now being accepted for club leadership roles in the Rotary year 2025/2026 – presidency, vice-presidency etc. Consider, then contact Sec. Geoff.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Shepparton, **19-21 April, 2024**: There are still a few vacant units at the Motel Sec. Geoff has booked.
Worth a close read is the September issue of the recent mail out of the 9790

COMMUNITY CAR RAFFLE – ROTARY CLUB OF MOOROOPNA: Books still available from Sec. Geoff.

Raffle draw will be at the Mooroopna New Year's Eve Festival, **December 31st**.

ROTARY OVERSEAS RELOCATED PLAYGROUNDS PROJECT (RORP): The club has helped on earlier occasions to demolish playgrounds and to load the pieces into containers for export. The project is an initiation of the Rotary Club of Flemington-Kensington.

They have now collected over 150 playgrounds from across Victoria and sent them to Timor Leste, the Philippines, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Tanzania and Sri Lanka.

Some weeks back Peter sought volunteers to give a hand for demolition and container stacking on **Saturday October 21**. So far no response. He can provide the travel. This task is only a few days away and if you can see your way free to give a hand, please contact Peter.

Introducing the District 9790PolioPlus Society

A great opportunity to do good in the world.

This Society is a District 9790 program to promote individual giving to the Polio Plus Fund.

To belong, you commit to donating AUD $160 ($100 USD) or more per year and pledge to do so until polio is completely eradicated. It is as simple as that!

To become a member, go online at **www.rotary.org/donate** under featured causes, select the PolioFund. Click on recurring donation and make it annually for $160 or more.

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The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:

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For member donations - Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

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