

# **ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.**

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Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

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	<a href="#"><u>District Conference</u></a>  <b>G McIlvenna</b>	<a href="#"><u>RIMERN</u></a>  <b>R McCall</b> Julie Morris Joe Morris E Price L Defazio All members invited to assist in Volunteering		<b>Secretary</b> G McIlvenna  <b>Treasurer</b> F Smith  <b>Special Projects</b> P Smarrelli

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of  
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and  
we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

## CLUB VISIT TO RADIO 3KND

From the very outset, this was to be the most welcoming of outdoor club meetings. As outlined by 3KND General Manager Rotarian **Gerry Lyons**, the visit was a reversal of the stations 24/7 aim – casting, getting out to persons in all their conditions, wherever they may be and whatever their needs. This visit was of people coming into the station and taking an interest in the station's staff, their roles and challenges.



The **visitors** were made up of Preston Rotarians, Victorian Police Officers and Darebin Council leaders. For once, the station and its personnel were the subject.

A highlight was to meet with **Lorena Walker** who, after her arrival from Alice Springs, first met with the club when members helped in the furnishing of her vacant unit with RIMERN goods. Lorena manages outside media; she aids volunteers in their presentations at 3KND and countrywide, and travels to numerous indigenous events throughout the country. Rotarian **Erica Higgins** as Communications Manager was a welcomer and is passionate that the indigenous voice be heard. **Grant Hansen**, a Kulin Nation man, was there. Grant has held so many roles in his work for community. Grant's achievements in the field of broadcasting and music and his encouragement of the indigenous voice are spread across many popular radio stations. In many ways, Grant is the voice. In addition, present from Darebin Council was **Diego Del Mercato**.

Manager Gerry Lyons (pictured above) was strong when speaking of the role of a **broadcaster**. He stressed that the speaker must visualise speaking to the audience as if face-to-face. The consumer wants to see the speaker. It must be a family relationship. It must be person to person welcome as against closed dictation. The listener must feel acknowledged.

All broadcasters at 3KNd are **volunteers** while maybe at the same time professional technicians.

A horrified gasp came from Gerry's listeners when he spoke of the waves of distressing racial abuse his staff received. They came from persons at the station entrance, through emails or via text. Eventually police had to be made aware and through their constant presence and with all communications being recorded, the abuse has been considerably reduced but, still a reality.

In all, the visit was a great occasion. It was both a marvellous success story for today while remaining a true awakening.

## UPCOMING SPEAKER

Dec 7:       Wombat Mange Management – Janet Montgomery  
                  Chair Max Walsh

## THE ROTARY FAMILY

Veronica De La Coeur  
7/12



**AS A FAMILY** please note cancelation of the Kilmore visit and the new Kris Kringle evening date as described below.



## **PINCHAPOO PACKATHON:**

At daybreak, the tireless **Kate Austin** was at the Darebin RSL with her extensive load of sundry toiletries. The team arrived at 10am and, within two hours, almost 1,000 bags were made up. It was non-stop. All were using the brain while selecting the items and walking in circles. Banter was non-stop. Erica Higgins was at the end of the line while packing the boxes. Kate and Geoff led with operatic voices.

Thanks go out to all who operated. Thanks also go to the Darebin RSL who gave the space, free coffees and vacuumed up the mess at the conclusion.



**Kate Austin and David De La Coeur on their knees after the day's work**

## **CHRISTMAS FAMILY BREAKUP**

The Christmas Breakup event to be held at the CHILDREN FIRST RETREAT on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.....**

This decision has been made in the best interest of the overseas children that will be in residence on that date. The children all need medical operations and will be on the timeline to have their surgery. Therefore, due to the pervasive COVID factor, it was decided that the safety of these children is paramount.

**LAST FOODBANK UNLOAD for 2022 at Reservoir Neighbourhood House:** Tuesday, 13 December.

**NEXT BARBIE** at Bunnings, Saturday, 10 Dec.



**DECEMBER 14 – KRIS  
KRINGLE**

**6PM for 6.30PM**

The Club will now have the Christmas Break-Up **on the evening of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the Darebin RSL at 6pm for 6.30pm start.**

It will be a Kris Kringle event with members and partners bringing presents for everyone on the night. A male brings a male present. A female brings a female present. (value about \$15 to \$20)

Current roster: Please swap with someone else if unable to be present on the duty date.

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
<b>7th December</b>	Peter Peyton	Carla Finocchiaro Peter Lamers	David Sullivan	Max Walsh
<b>14th December</b>	Max Walsh	Peter Lamers Peter Peyton	Peter Byrne	Lisa Defazio

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**  
**CONVENTION – MELBOURNE 27-31**  
**MAY 2023.** A good deal by booking before December 15 and so save \$100.



**END OF AND NEW YEAR DATES:**

Sun. Dec.11	Normal meeting at RSL
Wed. Dec. 14:	<b>Evening</b> meeting at RSL– Kris Kringle
Wed. Dec. 21:	No meeting
Wed. Dec. 28:	No meeting
Wed. Jan. 4	No meeting
Wed. Jan. 11	No meeting
Sat. Jan. 7:	First Bunnings Barbie for 2023
Wed. Jan. 18	Informal get together at RSL Bistro, 12.30
Wed. Jan. 25	Informal get together at RSL Bistro, 12.30
Wed. Feb. 1	First official meeting for 2023





**Grant Hansen offering a welcome to visitors at 3KND.**

**PINCHAPOO, 3KND - STORIES TO TELL:** not just for the sake of telling them but telling them

- to INSPIRE
- to EDUCATE
- to ACTIVATE A GROUP OF PEOPLE.

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE AT THE END?

- to INSTRUCT.

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Info to Ruth McCall or Lisa Defazio.

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**For member donations - Australian Rotary Foundation Trust**

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