

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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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.

Max Kirwan

28/7/1925 - 23/3/2022

COMING MEETINGS

March 30: FOOTSCAPE - Anthony Lewis and
Pride of Workmanship Awards
Chair: Peter Gilbert

APRIL 6: CLUB LUNCHTIME VISIT - to iceHQ Sports Stadium, Reservoir.
Tour of the facility, Q&A and light lunch 12:30 – 1:30pm.
NB: Meeting is away from R.S.L. at **1-21 Blake Street Reservoir**.
Lunch will be provided at the normal club price. Please note the
time and a good attendance would be valuable.
Chair: Ruth McCall

April 13: CLOUD INTEGRATORS – Organizing club website – Jason Shico
Chair: Max Walsh

Attendees/Welcomers

are essential at next Wednesday's
meeting.

Many visitors will be present.



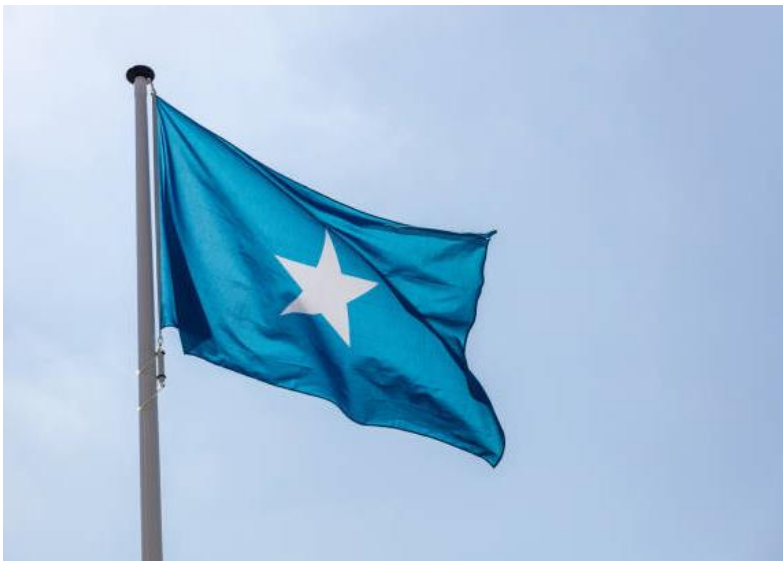
THE ROTARY FAMILY



Pauline Josephson 3/4/2019

Ruth McCall 3/4/2019

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Marc Hudson, Julian Van



FLAGGING: Living and working in the Olympic Village area, Marc Hudson's partner came across an unwanted flag-poll from a local factory. Marc set it up at home and observed such days as Australia and Anzac Day.

Then came a thought for his Somali neighbours.

Marc acquired a Somali flag and up it went on Somali national Day July 1. In no time Marc had callers thanking him to the extent that Somali National TV figured his Melbourne story with a photo. Since then he has been welcome to Somali weddings, birthdays and other occasions.

CLUB NEWS

Ruth McCall introduced **NATALIE AU** to the club and Natalie has attended many meetings learning of its operations.

Last Wednesday President Chris formally inducted Natalie into the club as a Rotarian.

Natalie is very interested in the club's activities and will be a great asset as a member of the Foundation committee. Welcome Natalie!



Ruth and Natalie

DISRICT CONFERENCE 23 will be held in the Riverina town of Deniliquin, NSW, 17-19 March, 2023. Deni, as the locals know it, is on Edwards River, which branches off the Murray, and then returns further on. It is on the intersection of the Riverina Highway and Cobb Highway, North of Echuca. It is a 3 1/2 hour drive from Melbourne.

With accommodation light on in Deni, in coming weeks Sec. Geoff will be seeking names and numbers over coming weeks in order to secure a motel club booking.

NEXT BUNNINGS BARBIE will be Saturday, 9 April.

Geoff McIlvenna reported that the Barbie of 12 March was the best ever recorded at that venue – night movie for the kids, great crowds, and good weather, while 3KND with GMan Lyons did their broadcast on site. It was hard yakka for the barbie team and Geoff offered a big hand of thanks to his volunteers for their input on the day.

CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION: CEO Jessica Redwood has circulated a most encouraging letter outlining the Foundation's great return to form after the Covid shutdowns (email by Geoff 25/3).

Unfortunately, David De La Coeur had to report last meeting that a tree had destroyed 2 of the water tanks the club had helped install. Repair is difficult given the use of chemicals and replacement would be expensive. The matter is urgent and David is warning the club that a financial call to the club may be a possible outcome.

ON YOUR TRACK! Over the course of this month, Northcote Police **Senior**



Sergeant Shawn Kostiw is planning on running every day to raise awareness around PTSD and to support our Armed Services veterans and their families.

The '96km challenge' is the distance of the Kokoda Track to honour the courage and sacrifice of veterans, both past and present.

Donating is one way to make a difference to those suffering from mental health issues.

The purpose of undertaking the challenge is to raise awareness but if you were interested in making a donation, you can do so via my fundraising page: <https://www.marchonchallenge.org.au/s/15923/16951/e>

Every dollar raised will go directly to services that 'Soldier On' provides to current and ex-service personnel. and their families. soldieron.org.au/how-we-help/ Any donation above \$2 is tax deductible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Unfortunately, time control shortcomings left minor time for the committee reports. It also cancelled any discussion of the programmed Club Diversity Draft Document. However some discussion from the floor followed the committee reports, 90% inaudible for the audience. The following won brief time on the mike:

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Leader Paul Smarrelli reported good budget control and the recent success with the club's nomination of First Constable Catherine Morgan for the Peter Twomey Award at the Conference. Paul reported a \$500 donation to Shawn Kostiw's 96km Challenge (reported above), the Ukraine War appeal and the Qld/NSW flood appeal. He is working on a current programme with the Merri Outreach Support Service (Moss).

YOUTH SERVICES: Joe Morris reports the many cancellations due to the virus. The Exchange Student programme is challenged while the first Rotary Youth Leadership Awards RYLAH will be in November this year. RYLA is for young adults 18-30; a week's intensive programme to develop character and leadership skills.

INTERNATIONAL: Peter Peyton gave a short report on the organisations the committee is supporting.

VOCATIONAL: Tim Weir reports that after the challenge of many lockdowns, things are again on the move. The Pride of Workmanship Awards will be made this coming Wednesday with the presence of recipients Taylah Spinello (Paul Josephson Hospitality Award - presented by Pauline) and Jess Ganon (Bernie Lamers Award – presented by Gerry).

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness RYDAH is coming up May 10 at Broadmeadows. 116 students will attend from 7 schools. 6 volunteers from the club will be needed on the day.

FOUNDATION: Against time restraints, Max Walsh gave a brief summary of the committee's financial status.



SERGEANT BRINGS IN THE MONEY: Last Wednesday, Sergeant for the day David Sullivan gave out a tip worth 5 times a deposit - 5YO Platinum Euro. Running in Race 6 at Eagle Farm over 1000 metres, it trailed last for the first 500m then got a run on the rails to come home a solid second.

As if David's info was not enough, the trainer's name stood out for Preston Rotarians - **Natalie McCall**. Both names figure brightly in the current bulletin!