

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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## Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2021/2022

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<u><b>Foundation</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>M Walsh</b>  D De La Coeur Julie Morris P Gilbert  <u><b>Special projects</b></u>  <b>P Smarrelli</b>	<u><b>Membership</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Julie Morris</b>  G.McIlvenna P Peyton C Shields  <u><b>Christmas Luncheon</b></u>  Volunteer wanted	<u><b>Fundraising</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>W O'Neill</b>  F Smith P Smarrelli C Shields	<u><b>Sergeants</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>D Sullivan</b>  C Verrocchi Julie Morris I Musgrove D De La Coeur	<u><b>Cashiers</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>N Schaber</b>  P Peyton M.Riel N Pinder
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<u><b>Bulletin</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>J McCarthy</b>  P Peyton C Finocchiaro	<u><b>Club History</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>P Peyton</b>	<u><b>Family of Rotary/ Fellowship</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>E Price</b> Julie Morris	<u><b>On to World Conference</b></u>  <b>P Gilbert</b>	<u><b>Welcomes</b></u>  P McGuigan M Walsh Julie Morris M Riel M Alkanani K Agarwal

## SPEAKERS LAST WEEK

### Rotarians for BEES



Prior to last week's meeting some members could have been asking themselves what relevance do bees have with Rotary Service! The answer came

with speed and clarity when John McCaskill and Faye Kirkwood addressed their audience.

**John McCaskill** has given a lifetime of community service including 25 years with the Rotary Club of Canterbury. He is the current chair of Rotarians for Bees (RFB). John attributes much of his friendship in ecological observations to the enlightening documentaries of David Attenborough. Three years ago an Attenborough programme dealing with the decline of bees in the U.S. and Europe and its universal significance got John on the march. In no time he met with John Sipek, former mayor of Moonee Valley, a council in the forefront of bee protection and bee proliferation. Hence was formed RFB.



Bees are particularly good **pollinators** because they need pollen to feed their young in their nests. Each time that they fly off to another flower, they leave some pollen on the female part of the flower. This pollinates the flower and helps the plant to produce seeds.

The dangers to bee life are numerous.

- The varroa insect mite which is devastating bee populations around the world and virtually now on the Aussie doorstep.
- Pesticides and their incorrect use
- Reduced habitat – destruction of old buildings, reduction of trees and domestic gardens.



The two key objectives of RFB are education (school gardens, education classes etc.) and habitat renewal in urban development.

John dropped a few mouth scorching facts: Bees pollinate 80% of the world's plants including 90 different food crops and 1 out of every 3 or 4 bites of food you eat is thanks to bees and pollination.

Caufield Rotarian since 2011, trained nurse working with persons with a disability, business management professional and president of Diabetes Support Association, **Faye Kirkwood** would be an asset in any field of service. Faye has been very involved with ESRAG and together with RFB she has worked with numerous Rotary Districts, local councils, state and federal government bodies.



Faye's anthem is "**Food security means bee security**". Faye distributed a sheet depicting the bee dependence of food crops – tree, broad acre, ground, vine and seed production. As an example of those which have 100% dependence on bee pollination it includes apple, avocado, orange, canola and cotton seed, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, bean and carrot.

Beekeepers must be registered with the Dept. of Agriculture. Faye described in intimate detail both the private and the public life of bees – the entire biological life of the natural world. RFB aims to train private beekeepers. It aims to assist beekeepers in moving to areas where pollination can take place. Exchange with other countries is essential – teaching and learning. Activating children in the field is also essential – children teach their parents! Faye's final message was twofold – don't use pesticides on bees and buy local honey.



Concluding the talks Chair Max Walsh presented RBA with a Preston \$250 cheque.

## **COMING MEETINGS**

**July 21 will be by ZOOM**

**July 21: ZOOM: Christina Di Pierdomenico:**

**DIVRS** (Darebin information, Volunteer and Resource Service)

Chair: Kannan Subramanian

**July 28: Suzie Cole: RIMERN** (Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network)

**Aug 14: Jo Bartlett: Epping Pavilion School**

## **THE ROTARY FAMILY**



happy  
birthday

**Paul Vanzella 23/07**

**Kannan Subramanian 23/7/13**

**Claude Verrocchi 22/7/15**

**VISITORS LAST WEEK:** Pat Solibakke and Heather Harris, both from Pascoe Vale Rotary Club, and Suzie Cole of Prahran Rotary Club.



**ELIZABETH LODGE, CEO CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION:** Correcting a previous report, it was Elizabeth Lodge who is retiring from her position at Children First after 5 years as CEO. Mistakenly Margaret Smith was named in last week's Bulletin. Of course Margaret remains as a cherished Honorary Member of Preston Rotary.

## **CLUB NEWS**

**GARDENING** at Lovely's new accommodation in Brunswick. A few hours and let Geoff know of your availability. Date to be decided.

**HOURS OF WORK OVER THE MONTH OF JUNE** are required by Secretary Geoff. Members are asked to pass this on ASAP.

**CLUB WEBSITE:** Not an easy task in club service. It was a position in the hands of Lenore Thornton till her recent move. Lenore has been succeeded to by Ruth McCall and Lisa Defazio. Ruth invites members to have a look on the internet at the task in progress and to feel free to offer any advice or contribution. Website address: [rotary-prestonaust.com](http://rotary-prestonaust.com)

**CHILDREN FIRST RETREAT:** David De La Coeur reports that work has now commenced on the installation of the sprinkler system.

**RYLA – ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD** - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021. N.B. the recently circulated RYLA Conference invitation.

**SPRING INTO SPRING LUNCHEON – Children First Foundation:** Sunday, August 21, 11.45am. Metropolitan Gold Club, Oakleigh. 2 course luncheon, drinks at bar prices, \$110 per person.



**BARBIES**: Raising finances for club projects in these difficult times. Barbies are for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month from August to December.

**Aug. 14; Sept. 11; Oct. 9; Nov. 13; Dec. 11.**

**NEXT FOODBANK DELIVERY** will be on Tuesday July 20 at Reservoir Neighbourhood House around 11.45am.

**YES**

that is Norbert Schaber's Strida  
and

**YES**

he was not at the cashier's desk  
last week!

To beat the lockdown Norbert  
and Jill drove north with the Strida  
tied on the back of their Nissan

Patrol. The track is via the Stuart Highway and driving non-stop would be 35  
hours (3,428kms).

Given that his bike is in its photographed location above, on his return home  
undoubtedly the sergeant for the day will demand ***"Please explain"!***



**ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS – July Issue of *Rotary***: Learn more about the 7 Rotary Peace Centres established around the world. Heartening it was to read of the newest Peace Centre established at the Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. Every year, Rotary Foundation awards up to 130 fully funded scholarships for dedicated peace and development leaders from around the world to study at any of its seven peace centre programmes. In just over 15 years, Rotary Peace Centres have trained over 1,400 fellows for careers in peacebuilding in more than 115 countries, and programme alumni serve as leaders in both governmental and non-governmental agencies, international organizations, and more.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centre programme develops the capacity of peace and development professionals or practitioners to become experienced and effective catalysts for peace. Currently **Preston** is striving for a position for a Peace Fellow probably at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.



The account details for the **Rotary Club of Preston:**

Bendigo Bank                      BSB 633 000,    A/c 154 200 034

The account details for the **Australian Rotary Foundation Trust** for member donations

Bendigo Bank                      BSB 332 084,    A/c 551 038 195

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