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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2022/23

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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.

NOTES FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING

- **Provided by Peter Peyton**

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON SPEAKERS PROGRAMME: Our President Ruth currently sources Guest Speakers for our luncheon meetings. Gary Mogford takes care of the administration. We are looking for suggestions from **all** members for interesting topics/Speakers to get the ball rolling from the first luncheon in the new Rotary year – 5 July. Currently the job falls into the lap of Ruth and she will be unavailable for two weeks at the end of July and the first two weeks in August. From you help is needed therefore to fulfill the luncheon programme.



Please give this your serious consideration.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: The meeting last Wednesday commenced with a report by Ruth on her visit to a session at the World Conference where the collection of plastic items helps avoid problems.

Ruth also thanked the volunteers who again attended Reservoir Neighbour House to help unload goods collected from the Food Bank.

SECRETARY GEOFF: The Roster for the Bunnings BBQ was fully covered with a total of 15 Club Members and friends. Thanks to all.

Changeover Night – Members are asked to make payment as soon as possible to enable the club to book for the correct numbers.

Geoff is seeking members to check the date on their 'Working with Children Card' and to have the card updated if it is out of date.

Geoff announced that Rotarian Tim Weir is taking his Rotary membership elsewhere due to his work location. Natalie Au is taking time out of Rotary for a short break.

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS: The aims of these prestigious awards are to recognize individuals for significant achievements in their vocational field or workplace, achievements that display outstanding qualities, dedication and commitment to the job or their studies. It is in the view of their teachers, the students from Melbourne Polytechnic and the Building Industry Heidelberg Campus staff that these particular awards fulfill all the required criteria.

Community Chair, Paul Smarrelli, introduced the session and informed all present of the above. The aim of the Rotary Club of Preston is to give recognition to the selected individual for the work that has been undertaken.

The Building Industry and Construction Award: Our member Gerri Lamers informed the meeting of the history behind this award. In 1956 and at the age of 22, her late husband Bernie worked as a foreman for Grollo. Bernie had only a suit case of tools, nothing electric. Then in 1966 Bernie commenced to work on his own starting Lamers Constructions and shortly after was joined by his son Peter and they worked together for a considerable time. Hence the Bernie Lamers Building Industry and Construction ward.

Gianni Lucietto was recognized for his work in this field while studying at the Building Industry Heidelberg Campus. Eric, employer and father of Gianni, accepted the award on behalf of his son who was unable to be present at the meeting.

Grant Collis, programme leader of Engineer and Wet Trades, together with Brian Sandl, representing Melbourne Polytechnic, presented the award and spoke of the ability of Gianni in this field of work. They invited Eric to extend their congratulations to Gianni.

The Hospitality Award**:** This award has been known to our club as the Paul Josephson Award**. I**t was created at the time that Paul, now deceased, was Chair of the Vocational Committee while running the Stolberg Hotel in Preston.

The winner of this award was Melanie Buntine who was unable to attend the presentation. The award was accepted in her name by Gaetano Gentile with Anura Jayasuriya of the Melbourne Polytechnic.

Gaetano spoke of Melanie's background and indicated that they were proud of what the student had achieved. President Ruth McCall accompanied by Chair of the Vocational Committee, Chris Shields, made the presentation and asked Gaetano to pass to Melanie the congratulations from the Rotary Club of Preston



FAMILY OF ROTARY

Angie Davidson: Tuesday, 13 June, between 1 and 3pm, is the farewell for Angie at Reservoir Neighbourhood House. If attending please give Sec Geoff your name.

Joan Roose 14/6/17

Norm Pinder 20/6/79

Paul Smarrelli 20/6/79



Peter Peyton 18/6

Mal Riel and Sonja Barbis 16/6

Mary and Claude Verrocchi 17/6



CLUB NEWS

MEMBERS VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:

2 Attendance:

Attendance obligations have been updated to remove make-up obligations. Termination of membership for failure to attend will now only be subject to a decision by the board. Members who satisfy the "85 Year" rule may apply to be exempted from all attendance obligations including by board decision.

Members qualify when their age plus their years of Rotary membership totals 85 or more.

BIG DAY FOR UNPACKERS AND PACKERS! 17 June at DIK. The playground equipment bound for India has to be unpacked and repacked in a container bound for Joan Roose's Rejoice Public School in Odisha.
It's a big operation and big numbers are required. Bring along with you extra hands.

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Jun-14	Suzanne Still	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David Sullivan	Kannan Subramanian
Jun-21	Kannan Subramanian	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David De La Coeur	Natalie Au
Jun-28	Change Over		David Sullivan	

IT'S APPROACHING – June 22! Winter Solstice - the shortest day and the longest night in the year for Prestonians



PRESTON CHANGEOVER NIGHT - 28th June

at Preston Polytechnic 6.30 for 7pm start. $70 per person. Pay Frank Smith in these coming days.

PASCOE VALE ROTARY CHANGEOVER: June 29, 6.30 for 7pm, $60 @ Northern Golf Club: **RSVP Wednesday, May 31st, 2023** to Heather Harris – sadiechild@yahoo.co.uk

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2024 will be held at Shepparton, April 19, 20 and 21.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Topic	Speaker
Jun-14	End polio Now	Murray Verso
Jun-21	SES	Esther Toledano
Jun-28	Changeover	
Jul-05	Club Assembly	

"GOOD WORK" from Jennifer Jones, outgoing President of Rotary International:

"All of us have imagined Rotary this year. This means looking past what we are today and reaching for what we could be tomorrow. We imagine a Rotary that will continue to tell our stories in impactful ways, work to reduce our carbon footprint, and focus on diversity, equity and inclusion efforts that lift every voice in our organization and beyond.



Nick and I want to thank all of you for the moments we have shared and for your efforts to ***IMAGINE ROTARY****. Now, we look forward to continuing these efforts as we* ***CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD****. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve with each of you".*

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