

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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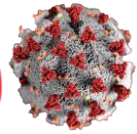
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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2021/2022

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2021

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF DAREBIN. As manager of



Paul Smarrelli

Principal,
Business Facilitation Services

Preslite Australia based in Reservoir and employing over 250 people, for speaker **Paul Smarrelli** it was the start of an extensive and challenging career. Over 30 years his roles have developed and extended into areas involving skills of business incubation, investigating business management, aid to guiding and growing enterprises

Then in 2000, having witnessed the lack of local, state and commonwealth support for micro endeavours in the northern suburbs, Paul honed in on the

local scene as a form of giving back what he had learned over the years. Darebin Council wisely called on his abilities in 2014.

The following 2 slides give an accurate picture of the Darebin employment, micro production, growth and community input.

Business Sectors in the City of Darebin @ 30 June 2021

- **Total Businesses:** 13,582 100.0% Average of 6.4 Emp / Business
- **Employment:** 86,957 (60,020 or 69.0%) are from the Darebin community
- **Large Businesses:** 682 have >20 Emp (5%)
- **Small Businesses:** 4,900 have 5 - 19 Emp (36%)
- **Micro & Sole Traders:** 8,000 have 1 - 4 Emp (59%) with an income average of <\$100,000 pa
- **Small & Micro Businesses:** Registrations total **12,900 95%**

Paul's programme targeted cash flows and working capital to fund revenue growth, increased employment and economic benefits to the City of Darebin. All participating received an average of 8 individual visits, business assessment, changes to business model, recommendations and a Formal Strategic Plan. Under Paul's guidance progress has been most noticeable.

Of all Local Governments that I have been associated with in the delivery of Enterprise Business programs in the past 21 years, Darebin leads other LGA's in providing FREE of cost programs to local businesses.

Australia: Small & Micro businesses represent 95.8% of total business registrations that employ 9,000,000 of the total workforce

Darebin: Small & Micro businesses represent 95% of total business registrations that employ 12,900 of the total workforce

Small and Micro businesses offer the highest opportunities for Revenue Growth and Financial Trading Improvement that would lead to generating additional Net Profit and Working Capital to fund investment expansions and employment in the workplace.

Small and Micro businesses deserve greater funding share and support from State and Commonwealth Governments in the future.

COMING MEETINGS

September 29 on Zoom 12.30 – 1.30

- Sept 29:** Christina DiPierdomenico – DIVRS Chair: Mel Riel
Oct 6: Hat Day – Rotary Mental Health Chair: Tim Weir
Oct 13: D.G. Anne Reid Evening Meeting – Zoom @ 6.30
Chair: Claude Verrocchi
Oct 20: Club Assembly Chair: Peter Gilbert

THE ROTARY FAMILY

Peter Gilbert 29/9

Katie Conte 30/9



CLUB NEWS

FOODBANK - NEIGHBOUR HOUSE:

Delivery last week was massive! A big thanks to those who carried the weight!

Future deliveries are Oct 5, 19, 26 and Nov 9, 23 and Dec 3.



ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA: RAM's Annual Conference will be virtual, live on Zoom. Dates: 11-12 Sat. 13 Nov. and 10-12.30. Sun 14 Nov. Book now: Ram.rawcs.com.au/2021conference

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022: The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville in the Yarra Valley. Hotel bookings with Sec. Geoff. ASAP.

Also please send a copy of the original Conference receipt to Sec. Geoff. Site for Conference Bookings: [TRY BOOKINGS Marysville Rotary Conference](#)

Each One, Bring One

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Info to Ruth McCall or Lisa Defazio.

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.**