

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2021/2022

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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.

Minutes of the Open Forum meeting: Held on 6 April 2022

Open Forum Discussions commenced at: 1:30pm and closed at 1:55pm

1. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:

Following open discussions the Documents presented at the meeting were approved by the Members for release.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Moved by: Paul Smarrelli 2nd Norbert Schaber Carried

2. Rotary Grace:

Following open discussions of the current Rotary Grace, it was decided by the Members that a Committee be formed to give more thoughts to alternative changes and the Committee to provide Members with DRAFT of options. Committee Members – Julie M; Ruth M; John M.

3. [RIMERN \(Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network\)](#) RIMERN is a multi-club Rotary project. Co-Chair of RI, SUZIE COLE spoke of the workings and aspirations of the project and aiming to obtaining support by Rotary Clubs to assist Financially over three years and also assist with the work at the store in East Brunswick.

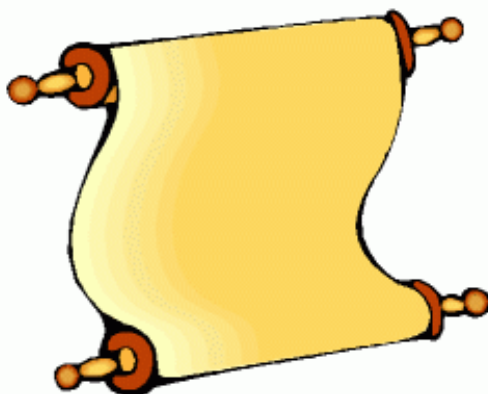
The concept is founded on gathering contributions of furniture, appliances and household goods, then making them available to people in need. The store house located at [32-34 Lincoln Street, Brunswick East, VIC 3057](#) that was set up in June 2021.

This item was not discussed in detail due to lack of time and PE Ruth will bring it to the members at a future Club meeting.

Minutes by Paul Smarrelli

PROCEEDURAL ITEMS AT FUTURE CLUB

MEETINGS: A group comprising of Ruth McCall, Julie Morris and John McCarthy, has been formed to present to the board a plan for the procedure and routine items for the running of future Preston Rotary Club meetings.



To be presented to the Board as a permanently viewable print-out at weekly club meetings:

The Rotary Club of Preston

“Our Commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion”

**We welcome people of all backgrounds cultures,
experiences, and identities.**

**We strive for the fair treatment, opportunity and
advancement of all participants.**

**We work to create experiences where all people feel welcomed,
respected and valued.**

**We understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable and inclusive
culture is essential to our vision
where our Members unite and take action
to create lasting change.**

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RIMERN - What it's all about - as told by Ruth McCall

"To give you background: Gerry Lyon contacted me late Wed. afternoon to say that a newly appointed member of his Radio 3KND team arrived from Alice Springs in the past couple of weeks and that there were major complications in setting up her apartment in Preston. The lady in question had absolutely no household goods. Could I suggest anything?"

Immediately I contacted RIMERN - Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network. The efficient Susie Cole, Chair of RIMERN responded immediately. We were sent a "Wish List" for Gerry's employee to fill out. Susie invited us to visit the RIMERN warehouse in East Brunswick on Thursday. Geoff, Lisa, Joe, Julie, myself, G-Man, and his newest recruit met with Susie Cole. In true fashion, Geoff secured a truck from D.I.K. and we filled the truck with household furniture, to the extent the lady was able to move into her apartment that night. It was also wonderful that the lady was invited to choose the items she wanted and needed.

(As an aside- Susie had presented to our club last year inviting our club's participation in RIMERN and I had planned to re- present this at our recent Club Forum, but we ran out of time.)

I am really hoping we can get our club's participation and \$\$ donations to RIMERN as it is

excellent. It was such a joy to see this young woman assist in such a rapid way, truly awesome!"



COMING MEETINGS

- April 13: **CLOUD INTEGRATORS** – Organizing club website – Jason Shico
Chair: Lisa Defazio
- April 20: **INCF REPORTS** – What are the main needs of people living in the cities of Darebin, Yarra and Moreland.
Chair Tim Weir
- April 27: **Night meeting: WORLD MALARIA DAY** – 25 April. Hannah Jones and Dr Bruce Anderson .
Chair Peter Byrne

THE ROTARY FAMILY



Carla Finocchiaro 17/4

VISITOR LAST WEEK: Peter Sambell

CLUB NEWS

RIMERN - Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network:

RIMERN is a Rotary multi-club Community Service project that opened its doors in June 2021. RIMERN collects furniture, appliances and homewares to give to clients of welfare agencies who are being assisted into secure housing following homelessness, domestic violence, refugee displacement, incarceration and other situations of hardship. All labour is voluntary.

SUPPORTING, SERVING AND CELEBRATING Children First Foundation. The annual fund-raiser dinner is coming. Members and friends generally take 1 or 2 tables. This event is at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, FRIDAY 20TH MAY 2022. Commencing 11.45am for 12pm start and finishing at 2.30pm. Cost is \$98 per person. Time is running out for bookings and members attending are asked to contact Sec. Geoff ASAP.



GUNFIRE R.S.L. BREAKFAST,

Northcote All Nations Park, Anzac Day, Monday 25 April. The year rushes on! This is a 4am start set-up; 5am start the cooking; 6am official ceremony followed by the busy line-up for breakfasts. The call-out is demanding but also satisfying. Lists were circulated last Wednesday and will be available again this coming meeting.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

2023,

Deniliquin, NSW, 17-19
March, 2023.

Accommodation has been booked at the CENTREPOINT Motel.

The Edward River is flowing and the barbie is awaiting Preston's celebrations on the Friday evening.

Of course, Sec. Geoff would like room bookings as early as possible albeit with some chance of uncertainty.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, MELBOURNE MAY 27-31, 2023:

WOMINJEKA

Currently the club is studying a plan to have an Indigenous Night at the centre opposite the RSL in Bell Street to which international guests would be invited. Members working on the project include Geoff McIlvenna, Peter Gilbert, Gerry Lyons and Erica Higgins.

The night would be called WOMINJEKA, meaning - Hello/Welcome in the Woiwurrung language of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation – the traditional owners of Melbourne.

Children First Foundation's Events Committee invites you to the "Sparkling Lunch 2022"

A combination of delicious food, fascinating speakers and, of course, wonderful company! All to raise funds for Children First Foundation.

Hosted by: **Peter 'Grubby' Stubbs** – Children First Foundation
Ambassador and Radio Personality

Guest Speaker: **Monique Van den Boom** CPO-AOPA BP&O (Hons)
- Senior Prosthetist at ProMotion Prosthetics

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on FRIDAY 20TH MAY
Commencing 11.45am for 12pm start and finishing at 2.30pm.

Cost: \$98 per person. **Book with Sec. NOW.**
One table is already booked and a second would be great!

Club Website address: www.rotary-prestonaust.com
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