ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

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VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY, 18 AUG. 2023

Members and families of Preston Rotary recognise the service of Australians in the Vietnam War - honouring the sacrifices that they and their families made.

ROTARIAN BEHIND THE BADGE

Rotarian **John Mc Carthy** summed up his years so far on planet earth in three large steps:

MARITIME – early life in Port Melbourne till the end of studies

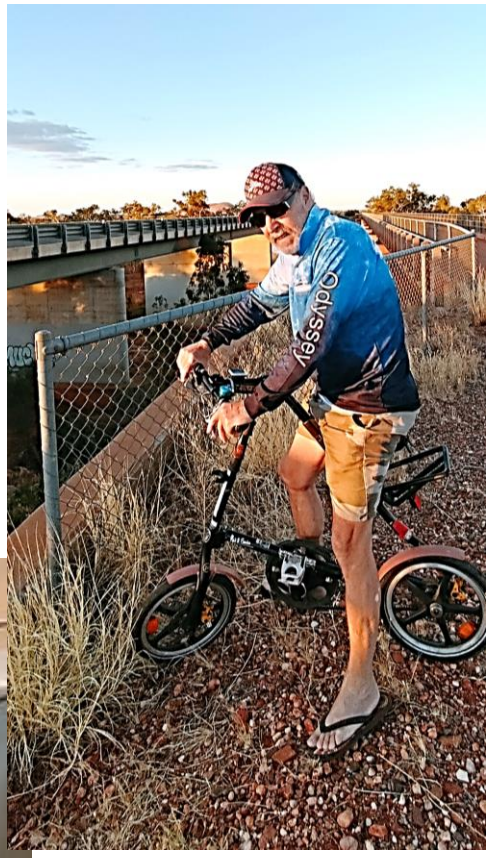
MISSION - work life

MENTOR - which was much appreciated and everyone needs

On concluding his talk, Chair Peter Byrne presented John with a palatable red from Boston Bay Winery, Port Lincoln, S.A.

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Gary Mogford 21/8



<u>UP NORTH IN THE HEAT</u> is Norbert Schaber while Jill accompanies him in their cool limousine. Welcome home Jill and Norbert.

<u>REPAIRING WELL</u> after pedestrian surgery is Ruth McCall. Ruth was present last Wednesday and reports she will be kicking with both feet in a few weeks time.

In this photo President Kannan is passing on the certificate from the District recognising her recent service as Club President.

<u>VISITING LAST WEEK</u> were Johanna Sanchez, Carlos Aristizabal and Zoe.

COMING EVENTS AND CLUB NEWS

NIGHT MEETING 23rd AUGUST 6.30 FOR 7PM START @ R.S.L.

Upcoming Speakers

Aug-16	AQUAPONICS	Evelyn Cannon
Aug-23	DONATIONS IN KIND night meeting	Bob Gildemann
Aug-30	TOILET WARRIOR	Mark Balla
Sep-06	THIS IS EDEN	Michelle Kerr
Sep-13		
Sep-20	CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION	Jessica Redwood

PLATYPUS DUSK WALK: *The Environment Service Committee this year is hoping to get involved with* ***"Merri Paddle".*** *This is a group who are looking at ways to improve the health of the Yarra River & Merri Creek to entice the return of the ENDANGERED PLATYPUS!*

This is a great initiative, and, given this waterway is in our backyard and a precious habitat, we have been asked to join the Merri Paddler's to do a short survey of a section on the creek to look for any signs of platypus activity.

There will be lots to learn, and the group has asked for Rotary's help. FRIDAY 15TH OR SUNDAY 17th SEPT. (to be confirmed) 5PM- 6:30 PM

Can you please let me know if you are available by Wed. 16th August so I can forward numbers to MERRI PADDLERS.

Ruth McCall

2023 PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT GRANTS ANNOUNCEMENT: INNER NORTH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION will announce the recipients of $200,000 in grants to charitable organisations in Darebin, Merri-bek and Yarra, and you'll hear from the innovative organisations and dedicated change-makers who fuel this critical work.

It will be a great evening, celebrating with those who share a deep commitment to Melbourne's inner north.

Mon. 4 September 2023, 4.00 - 6.00pm *(for a 4.30pm start)* **Venue**: Gerald Maynard Room @ Melbourne Polytechnic Conference Centre, 77 St Georges Road, Preston. Contact Caroline Doherty, 03 8689 1967.

Rotary Youth Exchange Australia

YOUTH EXCHANGE - from **Gary Mogford:**

District 9790 has approach us to explore our interest in, and our capacity to host an incoming exchange student. This would require the Club to establish at least 4 families willing to host the student during the year. All the hosting families do not need to be Rotary members. Also required are 2 councillors prepared to provide assistance to the student over the year.

If you are interested in becoming involved or know someone that may be interested please contact Gary Mogford (0438 354 837) who has more information available

COMMUNITY CAR RAFFLE – ROTARY CLUB OF MOOROOPNA: At the Club's invitation, Preston Rotary has decided to participate in the upcoming Mooroopna Community Car Raffle to be drawn New Year's Eve 2023. Tickets @ $1 or 5 for $3 will be available from September 20.

COMMUNITY INVITATION: Victoria Police invites members of the Darebin community to attend the **CommSafe Forum** on 6 Sept, 9am to 12.30pm – Union Hall, Latrobe University. The forum is an opportunity to talk with police about what is important in your community.

PLANTING DAY: The 10th of September is locked in - 10am until 12pm. Warrk-Warrk Bridge at the western end of Beavers Rd, Northcote. Contact Ruth McCall

Bring own gloves.
Wear suitable/ sturdy footwear.
Wear long sleeves and long pants.

Be sun smart
Bring a water bottle and stay hydrated.

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH when Rotary Clubs around the world focus on membership in Rotary. Does your club have a plan? Are you executing your own plan to invite your friends and business associates to join your Rotary Club?

KIND DONATIONS
West Footscray

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Club Website addresses:

The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:
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