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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2022/23

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<p><u>Bulletin</u></p> <p>J McCarthy P Peyton P Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Public Relations</u></p> <p>R. McCall E Price E Higgins & any club members to assist</p>	<p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>G Mogford G Mclivenna P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Programs</u></p> <p>G.Mogford</p>	<p><u>House</u></p> <p>Joe Morris</p> <p>P.Peyton D De La Coeur</p>
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	<p><u>District Conference</u></p> <p>G Mclivenna</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u></p> <p>R McCall Julie Morris Joe Morris E Price</p>		<p>Secretary G Mclivenna Treasurer F Smith Special Projects P Smarrelli</p>

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.

TOPICS LAST WEDNESDAY

With the absence due to illness of the muchly-anticipated speaker **Nerita Waight**, last Wednesday the field was open to those present to update on committee activities and Rotary news.

Rejoice Public School: Joan Roose being back in Melbourne, India's Odisha is no longer 9,038kms distant! While updating members on Jacob's Well's Rejoice Public School and with their temperature last Wednesday at 41.54 Celsius, Joan remarked how thrilled she was to be wearing her socks again!



Joan thanked those who helped with the dismantling of the playground equipment and asked that they keep in mind the future container packing when the appeal goes out. Back in Odisha there are 200 school students on campus, 20 at college and university. Her most remarkable news was that one student now about to finish tertiary study was a child from small town where the first Jacob's Well was dug in 2005 and where there were no schools. Unimaginable!

Joan repeated her thanks to all for their support, physicaly and spiritually. For her it is challenging both when she is home and when she is on site. She finds so much encouragement when here in Melbourne and when she experiences the positive service and giving of Rotary and Rotarians.

Inner North Community Foundation is a fund aiming at giving financial support to community projects across the Darebin, Merri-Bek and Yarra City Councils. For some time the club has had an investment in the Foundation. Joe Morris referred to those present a request of the club by the Foundation to support the Foundation's decision to support The Voice.

This led to much discussion regarding Rotary International's clearly enunciated by-laws regarding clubs non-participation in political matters.

A Standard Rotary Club Constitution states: *Proper Subjects. Any public question involving the welfare of the community, the nation, and the world is a proper subject of fair and informed discussion at a club meeting. However, this club shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure.*

Visa Express – professionally organised flight connections to Argentina, ship to the Antarctic and back to Chile and then flights back home. Be it known that the club now has an experienced traveller who is ready to offer advice on the matter.

Elaine Price told of her misfortune after boarding the ship last Christmas Eve for the Antarctica. An officer on board requested her visa and, after inspection, Elaine was jettisoned. Her only alternative was to fly home – no bookings, no visa for any stopovers; literally a ‘no-body’. Her list of rebuffs, unhelpful officials and abandonment left her audience aghast. Elaine was stressed out- virtually no identity in a far distant foreign country.

Fortunately, there was a bright side. Fellow tourists offered help and one gave her Holiday Inn accommodation in Bueno Aires.



Changeover Bulletin Reports: Stand-In President Paul Smarrelli took the opportunity to remind all committee Chairs and Directors that it is time to start preparing annual reports for the Change-Over Bulletin. In mid-May the report takes on an element of urgency. Once sent to the printer it is too late. Paul observes that now is the time to get to it.

CHANGEVER NIGHT - 28th June.

THE ROTARY FAMILY



Wayne O'Neill 21/4/93



Julie and Joe Morris 27/4

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Yohan Alistair Dissanayake, Ruth Morris with baby Joseph.

SPEEDY RECUPERATION to Nerita Waight

CLUB NEWS

Ventilator Accommodation Support Service (VASS): Based in Thornbury members will recall Yooralla's VASS provides accommodation and high-level 24-hour support for people who are chronically dependent on mechanical ventilation or have complex respiratory supports.

The club's request for a grant has been approved and now the project of gardening and outdoor space updating is slowly moving forward. The Rotary Foundation grant is \$2,500. The club will be offering \$2,500. Darebin RSL will be giving \$2,000. It is hoped that the total will reach \$8,000. Bunnings is standing ready with the donation of plants, while club members are standing ready with rakes, shovels and garden gloves.

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS AT NORTHCOTE: The formal sunrise ceremony at All Nations Park is a noted moment in the north suburban calendar, Tuesday April 25. For the club it was the late member Paul Josephson who put class into the post ceremony sausage sizzle. Paul's name stands well on the memorial wall.

For club roster members, the sizzle is always a gem and a great service in in remembrance. Sec. Geoff has a few vacancies for the 4am set-up and the 5am onwards. Last year 600 visitors were served.



ANZAC DAY
Let's We Forget

DATE WELCOMES CASHIERS SERGEANT CHAIRPERSON

Apr-19	Natalie Au	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David Sullivan	Elaine Price
Apr-26	No Meeting			
May-03	Kannan Subramanian	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	Peter Byrne	Paul Smarrelli
May-10	Natalie Au	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David De La Coeur	Max Walsh
May-17	Peter Peyton	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David Sullivan	Suzanne Still
May-24	Kannan Subramanian	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	Julie Morris	Elaine Price
May-31	Natalie Au	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	Peter Byrne	Peter Peyton
Jun-07	Claude Verrocchi	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	Peter Byrne	Ian Musgrove
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	

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

April 19: Club Assembly

April 26: No Meeting

BUNNINGS BARBIE: Easter Saturday April 8 saw all snags and bread sold with a clear profit of \$2,718. This brings in over \$25,000 so far for this Rotary year with two barbies before the year ends. Thanks go out to all!

Next Bunnings Barbie will be Saturday May 13 – the day before Mother’s Day.

RIMERN: President Ruth is seeking volunteers to join her at Rimern in its distributions to clients. No lifting . More in the line of hosting persons referred to Rimern for assistance with household goods. Date – Thursday 20th April, 10am. Please ring Ruth as numbers are needed according of customer bookings.

CITY OF DAREBIN GRANTS: This is an attention notice for all club committee leaders and members. The grants are from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Applications must be in by May 31. Sec. Geoff has sent out more info and given the wide range covered by committees it would be tragic if the offer was let slide. Paul Smarrelli is ready with advice.



FOUNDATION GRANTS: At the upcoming District Assembly there will be a breakout session. This session demands the presence of a club rep. if the club wishes to apply for a grant in the Rotary year 23-24

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONERS INDIGENOUS NIGHT OUT had been well planned by the club together with Gerry Lyons and 3KND. Attendance at the Conference was estimated to arrive at 12,000 but massive problems with airfares and

visas have provided a great setback. Visitors are not permitted on tourist visas. Business visas are the demand from Australia . . .

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NB: No Meeting, April 26

Rotary Club of Broadmeadows

16th Annual

Paul Harris Birthday Celebration Dinner

Guest Speaker: Hon. Neil O'Keefe

Wednesday 19th April. Northern Golf Club, Glenroy Road, Glenroy, 6.30 for 7.00 pm

\$55 pp. Rotarians, Partners & Friends welcome.

Bookings: Kaye Gauci 0447 151 776 Payment: BSB: 633-000 Acct: 189773450

Whoever put the "s" in "fastfood" is a marketing genius.

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