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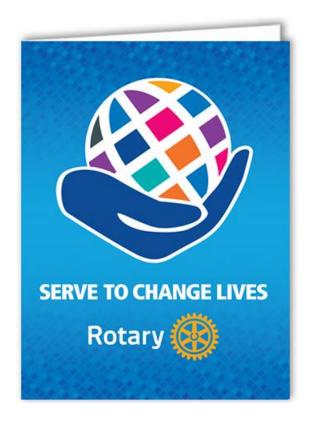
District 9790

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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2021/2022

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	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Club</u> <u>History</u>				on to World Conference		<u>/elcomes</u>		
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SPEAKERS LAST WEEK

<u>Prue Challis</u> (right), Bridge Community Education Officer, and <u>Sofiah Fauzi</u> (<u>left</u>), Bridge Pathways and Education Officer, combined to give an outline of the extensive courses and programmes on offer at Bridge Darebin.



In his introduction, Chair Paul Smarrelli, a long time business and manufacturing consultant in the northern suburbs, praised Bridge Darebin for its recent high scoring win in the Community Services Enterprise Award with the Moon Cafe.

Prue took all back to the founding days 39 years ago as a Neighbourhood House. Since then the ongoing growth has been rapid. Bridge Darebin now has a showpiece, the above-mentioned Moon Rabbit, a social enterprise at Bridge in High Street around the corner from R.S.L.. Many programmes have been handicapped due to the Covid but food/dinner distributions have continued together with Reservoir Neighbourhood House. Some programmes have been

moved to Heart of Thornbury such as child care, language development, social events and art and craft classes. Language diversity abounds in many forms.

Undoubtedly volunteers enable many of the above operations. They are a large band and while many have been serving a long time, new members are always being sought.

As Sofiah stressed the programmes are aimed at both involving the public through both personal growth needs and their community understanding and involvement. Partnerships are essential in their success and a recent move into corporate gift boxes serves as a new financial aid.



YOU ARE INVITED to the Bridge Darebin for a special morning tea. Volunteers will be attending and Preston Rotarians will be most welcome.

Moon Rabbit 10-11.30am Thursday, Nov. 25. From the photo Moon Rabbit is in High Street just 4 doors north of Bell Street.

Ruth McCall will be there and anyone going could contact Ruth. Totally informal and a chance to have a look around.

COMING MEETINGS

Nov 24: Seniors Christmas Party at R.S.L. Chair: Peter Gilbert **Dec 1:** Social Night with Partners Chair: Peter McGuigan

Speaker: Mark Goodie – Merri Outreach Support Service

R.S.L. 6.30 for 7pm.

Dec 8: Speaker will be PDG Terry Grant – Change of Regions etc.

Dec 15: Speaker: Jill Warehouse - Big Group Hug

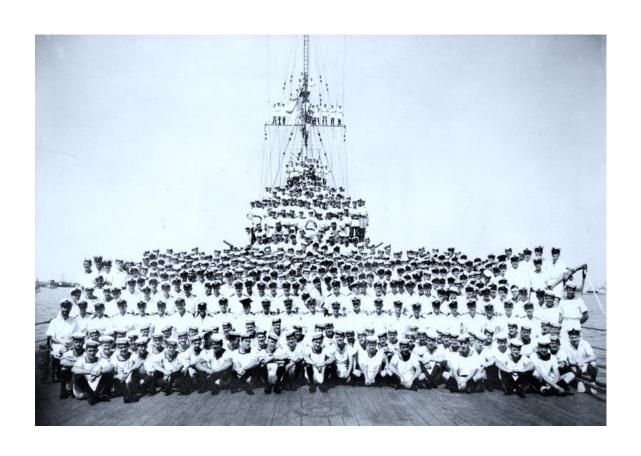
Dec 22: Christmas Break-Up

THE ROTARY FAMILY

A MOMENT FOR REMBRANCE: While this coming week has no Rotary anniversary celebrations, this is an opportunity to recall the service of those 645 naval personnel who died off the West Australian coast in the wartime sinking of their vessel H.M.A.S. Sydney. This was 80 years ago last week, November 19, 1941. Take a moment to listen on YouTube to the naval hymn

"Eternal Father, strong to save

O hear us when we cry to thee,
For those in peril on the sea!"





President Chris

Tim Weir

ROTARY FOUNDATION

OFFERING: Because of his ongoing contributions to Rotary Foundation Rotarian <u>Tim Weir</u> was awarded with a Paul Harris Fellow with a Sapphire pin. In his response Tim observed that "It's a no-brainer - you know where your contribution goes and the causes it helps".

CLUB NEWS

DIARY DATES:

- Bunnings Sausage Sizzles Dec. 11 & double vaccinated. @2-4pm are always the big call-out for the pack-up
- Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner Nov. 24 at R.S.L. (25 Seniors and 25 from Rotary and Guests). This year there will be no need for pick-ups and it will be a 12.30 start with normal prices.
- Police Awards Feb. 2, 2022
- Merri Creek 2nd Planting Day 2022
- Club Break-up Christmas evening celebration Dec. 22 at R.S.L., 6.30pm for 7pm.
- Pick-up and delivery for Neighbourhood house Dec. 7 the last for 2021.

<u>OUR DISTRICT – OUR VOICE</u>: From the District Newsletter November - <u>DISTRICT GOVERNOR ANNE REID</u>

New Wild Polio Victims

The latest victims are two infants – a male and female aged 25 and 10 months respectively – from Emamsaheb in Kunduz province. Now ten months into the calendar year, this is still a contained result for the Global Polio Eradication

campaign. Whilst disappointing, senior leaders are still positive about achieving zero cases of WPV1 and the circulating polio virus cVDPV by the end of 2023.

The program in Afghanistan is now working with the Ministry of Public Health to launch a detailed investigation and implement additional measures to strengthen surveillance. The good news is that Emamsaheb district was covered by house to house vaccination teams during the nationwide polio vaccination campaign last week. These cases were not unexpected as Kunduz province has been inaccessible for house to house vaccination since 2019.

FOODBANK - NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE: Future delivery Dec 7.

<u>CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION:</u> David De La Coeur reports that the poolheater at the Kilmore Retreat has been malfunctioning which is not much fun in the Macedon Range chill. Hopefully it will be function soon. Also security gates have to be installed given the number of 'intruders'. Sprinklers and smoke alarms are now operating.

EMBRACING CHANGE - DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022: The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville. Hotel bookings with Sec. Geoff. ASAP as the rooms unclaimed will soon be released.

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

<u>Club Website address</u>: 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

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.