ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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CLUB BULLETIN

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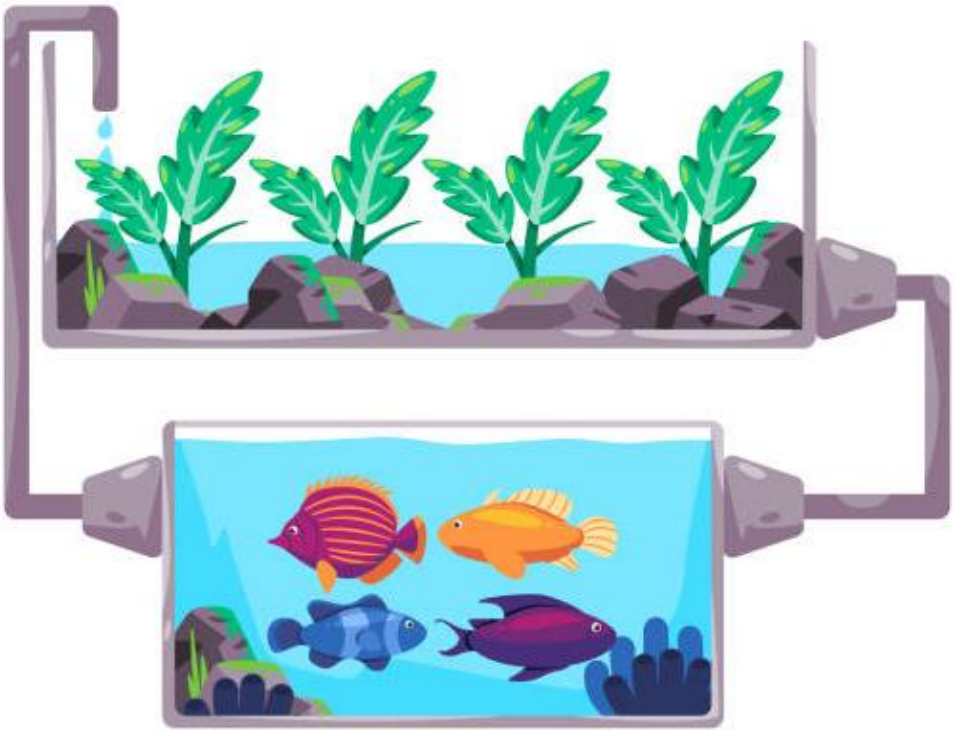
NB: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24 IS A NIGHT TIME MEETING

SPEAKER LAST WEEK



Evelyn Cannon hails from Illabarook, an area south of Ballarat and a 2 hour drive from Preston. With a background of science studies and armed with an investigative mind, she is now known as the Fish Poo Lady. While her presentation to the club last Wednesday carried challenges with chemical terminology, her aquaponics outlay was simple and inviting.

AQUAPONICS is a food production system that couples aquaculture (e.g. raising fish) with hydroponics (cultivating plants in water). In short, the fish-tank water is fed into a plant-growing tank. No soil. Nutrients for the plants come via the fish tank into the plant tank. Food fed to the fish becomes ammonia, which, in the plant tank, is broken down to nutrient nitrites and then, speedily, to nitrates. Water from the plant tank can be returned to the fish tank and the process continues.

The process of aquaponics produces more food in half the time. For people with disabilities aquaponics remove the need for garden work.

Evelyn's field was a novel one for most of her audience and questions were abundant. Then it was back to Illabarook.

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Joe Morris 26/8

Mal Riel 23/8

"SOME DAYS ARE DIAMONDS, SOME DAYS ARE . . . " John Denver got it right! For some members this winter, there have been variations in health. If you are one, know that all members and partners are wishing you back to diamonds.

GMan is on that list and all are waiting the return of his welcoming presence.

VISITING LAST WEEK were Ruth Morris with baby Joseph.

COMING EVENTS

NIGHT MEETING 23rd AUGUST

6.30 FOR 7PM START @ R.S.L.

No lunchtime meeting.

Upcoming Speakers

Aug-23	DONATIONS IN KIND night meeting	Bob Glindemann
Aug-30	TOILET WARRIOR	Mark Balla
Sep-06	THIS IS EDEN	Michelle Kerr
Sep-13	LIFEBLOOD DRIVE PROGRAMME	Ashleigh Hales
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.

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.

Weekly Roster August - September 2023

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
23-August-2023	Ian Musgrove	Norbet Schaber Paul Smarrelli	Peter Byrne	Susan Still
30-August-2023	Chris Shields	Norbet Schaber Elaine Price	Gerry Lyons	Peter Peyton
06-September-2023	Gerry Lyons	Peter Gilbert Paul Smarrelli	Max Walsh	Gary Mogford
13-September-2023	Carla Finocchiaro	Norbet Schaber Peter Gilbert	David De La Coeur	Pete Sambell
20-September-2023	Joe Morris	Peter Gilbert Elaine Price	Julie Morris	Paul Smarrelli
27-September-2023	Susan Still	Norbet Schaber Paul Smarrelli	Peter Peyton	Ruth McCall

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE FIND SUBSTITUTE

CLUB NEWS

<u>CIRCUS QUIRKUS</u> put on its annual two-day event last weekend in Northcote. Directing traffic were Julie Morris and very energetic club members. Julie described it as *"a fantastic event which was obviously reaching out to the right audience".* A high percentage were in wheelchairs from the seniors to the very young. Some shows were more than full and the audience was excited.

Julie and team members expressed some doubts about the suitability of the venue. Parking was a challenge both for those with disabilities and others in general. Timing for arrival was a challenge especially those who had to wait to use the one-chair lift.

Members felt it most touching after the shows when the excited young showed their gratitude for the experience. Congratulations again to Wayne O'Neill for all the planning behind the scenes.

RYDAH (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) was yet again a successful event for those students attending recently. The Preston Rotarians helping in the movement of the students on the day reported that they also were learners.

It was a big day at Broadmeadows, 9.30am to 2.30pm, with about 80 students and teachers. Fields covered included seat belts, alcohol and drugs, driver fatigue, distraction and control of passengers. In all it was a most valuable day.

L Plater Julie Morris, publicly announced at the meeting she will never again use her hands free phone while driving.

Response to club paper formalities: Secretary Geoff has a tough daily menu which can be lightened if club forms are filled out on time. Currently, Geoff is appealing for responses to that Form outlining each member's details and the updating of some members' Working With Children card.

RIMERN (Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network): Ruth McCall reports that "Rimern is growing in strength day by day". It now has 20 partner Rotary clubs and the demand is growing. It has put out a call for volunteers

particularly on a Saturday 10.30-1.30. It involves storing of goods preparing orders and the like. RIMERN is the 'home of residential recycling' because not only is it fitting out homes for people in need but it is saving tons of perfectly good homewares from landfill.

Rotary Youth Exchange Australia

YOUTH EXCHANGE - from **Gary Mogford:**

District 9790 has approached 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 are $5 each; a book is $20 (5 tickets). Tickets 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.

ROTARY DOWN UNDER (August) is loaded with articles investigating membership and New Club Development. An essential read for all clubs. Some of the vital contents are:

- **Club Experience matters most**
- **Look to the Data**
- **Two Key Elements to Grow Your Club**
- **Inclusivity: The key to a thriving Rotaract club**
- **From Competitors to Community**

WHY DID 5,000 ROTARIANS LEAVE OUR CLUBS? Scroll through the August issue of Rotary on the Move and find the article asking the question.

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The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:
Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000, A/c 154 200 034

For member donations - Australian Rotary Foundation Trust
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