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District 9790

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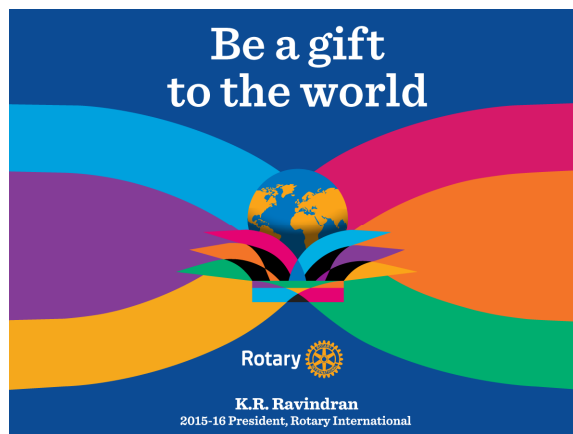
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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2015/16

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<u>Bulletin</u> J McCarthy P Gilbert E Price D De La Coeur C Finocchiaro	<u>IT/Website</u> K Sabramanian D De La Coeur P Josephson K Kirby N Orchard S Makris	<u>Attendance</u> G Mogford P Peyton I Musgrove	<u>Programs</u> Ian Musgrove L Woodland E Price B Allchin C Shields N Orchard	<u>House</u> N Pinder N Schaber G McIlvenna P Josephson L Woodland C Verrocchi Joe Morris S Walsh
<u>Fellowship</u> P Josephson B Lamers P Gilbert	<u>Club History</u> P Gilbert P Peyton P Josephson G McIlvenna	<u>Family of Rotary</u> P Peyton E Price D Sullivan L Thornton	<u>Sergeants</u> D Sullivan I Musgrove L Woodland D De La Coeur Peter Byrne Julie Morris	<u>Welcome</u> B Lamers C Finocchiaro Julie Morris B Allchin J Morris S Walsh
<u>Christmas Lunch</u> L Woodland	<u>Conference</u> G McIlvenna	<u>Life Education</u> C Finocchiaro	<u>Exodus</u> P Josephson	<u>Birthday Cards</u> G Smith
<u>Rotary Info</u> P Gilbert G McIlvenna P Peyton I Musgrove				

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

DR ROBERT WEBSTER is a man who has contributed to society through uncountable professional avenues. Currently he is Senior Vice President of the RSL (Victorian Branch) and a former Board Member of Austin Health.

While highlighting that 2016 is the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, Rob opened his talk with a brief summary of Australia's part in the Vietnam War. 18 August is now commemorated as Vietnam Veterans Day.



In the years 1962-1975 nearly 61,000 Australian service personnel from all three

services and civilians, had contributed to the Australian efforts in Vietnam. The total of direct casualties in that conflict comprised 521 dead and 2,398 wounded; thankfully a much smaller proportion of those injured in either the first world war, 1 in 2, or the second world war, 1 in 4. Rob sees the Australian discipline in the Vietnam jungle battlefield as being much superior to that of the US.

In 1969 Rob's name came up in the lottery for conscripts while, strangely, his brother was a regular serviceman. Both served in Vietnam. Rob, then a practicing accountant, was trained as a "Clerk Technical" and then served as an air traffic controller.

For so many veterans, to say that the welcome home both by the Australian public and the administration was cold and unemotional, was an understatement. For Rob, on arrival in Sydney, it was "Here's your ticket, now go home".



To encapsulate the **Anzac** Spirit many words were needed: *"duty, loyalty, selflessness, courage, humour, sharing, and, indeed, a sense of spirituality, because, in War, most men stand at some time close to their Maker. In this period of the Centenary of **Anzac**,*

we don't just remember those individual events of 50 or 100 years ago. We remember the century of service and sacrifice."

Since Federation, close to 2 million people have worn the uniform of the Australian Navy, Army or Air Force. More than 920,000 have served overseas. The Australian War Memorial website tells us that 102,804 have died. More than 300,000 were injured, wounded or gassed.

Rob concluded:

"And some ask why the need to remember and continue to commemorate ANZAC DAY? Whilst the date is that of the ill-fated landing at Gallipoli, we also remember those other famous battles and campaigns.

We remember those who fought at sea and in the air. ANZAC DAY is not about anything else but remembering, in a dignified way, the sacrifices of young men and women in war.

There are at least 102,800 good reasons to continue to do so."

DIARY DATES

DATE		
April 27	Chair	Asha Pahuja
	Speaker	Ros Rogers
	Topic	Kogo
	Welcomes	Brett Allchin
	Sergeant	Ian Musgrove
	House	Sean Walsh
May 4	Chair	Rosemary Wilcox
	Speaker	Sean Walsh
	Topic	Rotarian Behind The Badge
	Welcomes	Julie Morris
	Sergeant	Les Woodland
	House	Norm Pinder
May 11	Chair	Julie Morris
	Speaker	Annie Keogh
	Topic	Carers Australia
	Welcomes	Sean Walsh
	Sergeant	David De La Coeur
	House	Norbert Schaber

BELL BARDIA COMMUNITY MEAL ROSTER

May 8

Paul Josephson, Paul Donovan

CLUB NEWS

CIRCUS QUIRKUS: Wayne O'Neill reports that the year is going well with the license being eventually approved and now the income lining up for a repeat of last year. "All is looking good."

DAREBIN R.S.L. ANZAC MARCH was held April 20 and the Club was represented by Rotarian Frank Brass. Frank said that the march was well attended and a few hundred returned to the club for lunch.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS: This one day conference, organized by Darebin Council and hosted by Clare Bowditch was a successful event. It was attended by Julie Morris and Asha Pahuja. The lunch was followed by an afternoon of networking. The very engaging speakers were Joanne Schoof, founder of A Little Light, and Elena Bonnici, founder of Pizza Meine Liebe and United Arab Eatery. Members would remember that Elena addressed a Club dinner at St Georges in 1914.

FAMILY OF ROTARY

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Phillip O'Brien (Business Engagement Office, Darebin City Council), Mal Riel (St Georges Restaurant), Bob Cross (President Darebin RSL), Barry Warden (Secretary Darebin RSL), Margaret Smarelli

The Darebin Council Business Engagement Office focuses on building employment pathways for local businesses in the Darebin area. The aim is to promote City of Darebin to new businesses, assist existing businesses to further develop, grow and maximize their potential to employ new staff.

Mel Riel, Food and Beverage Operations Manager at NMIT Polytechnic Preston campus.

Birthday	Gary Mogford 30/4
Wedding Anniversary	Melody and Ian Musgrove 1/5

"I'M FINE": Great to see Paul Josephson
back in action!





*20th
Anniversary*

*28th April
1996*

LOOKING FORWARD

April: Maternal and Child Health Month

May: Youth Service Month

BRINGING THE LIGHT - Story of Seven Women: Thurs. 26 May,
6.30. ACMI Cinema, Federation Square

trybooking.com/KLFK

ALL THE DAYS AFTER (Black Saturday Bushfires and more): Author
Sue Gunningham will be guest speaker at an evening meeting June 8.



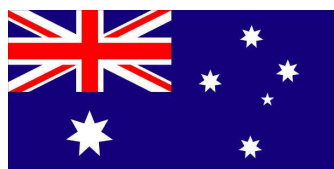
CLUB CHANGEOVER NIGHT: 6 July, 6.30 for 7pm
upstairs at the Olympic Hotel, cnr. Bell and Albert

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2017: 16-19 March at Shepparton - Paradise
Lakes Motel already booked for the Club.

ROTARY GRACE

**O Lord and Giver of all good
we thank Thee for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
help us to serve Thee all our days.**

Rotary Club Of Preston					
Paul Harris Fellows			Paul Harris Fellows		
		Year Awarded			Year Awarded
PP	Alf Bean	17/12/1976		Kevin Aylward	24/06/1998
♦PP	Ron Grierson	22/11/1978	PP	John McInnes	15/09/1999
♦PP	Perc Cleland	11/03/1981	PP	Rod Draper	15/09/1999
♦PP	Roy Kilkenny	07/04/1982	♦♦	John McCarthy	05/07/2000
♦PP	Mark Crampton	10/08/1983	♦PP	Les Woodland	05/07/2000
PP	Bill Wonder	01/05/1985		Rick Kirwan	26/06/2002
	Laurie Jones	01/03/1986	♦♦	Wayne O'Neill	26/06/2002
	Cliff Kendall	01/03/1986	♦♦	Frank Smith	26/06/2002
PP	Arthur Morgan	01/03/1986	♦PP	Ian Musgrove	25/06/2003
♦PP	Jack Morris	01/03/1986	♦PP	Rosemary Wilcox	25/06/2003
♦PP	Ian Cleland	24/07/1987	PP	Lindsay Gale	12/07/2006
♦PP	Ken Land	24/07/1987	♦PP	Carla Finocchiaro	12/07/2006
PP	Norm Griffiths	30/09/1987		Peter Lamers	12/07/2006
PP	Keith Porter	30/09/1987	♦♦ PP	Elaine Price	04/07/2007
PP	Bryan Steele	16/12/1987	PP	Richard Gozdzik	28/06/2008
PP	Reg Dick	26/04/1989		Pauline Josephson	16/06/2009
	Lyall Dexter	27/06/1990	♦PP	Les Price	05/08/2009
▲▲▲	Alf Osborne	26/06/1991	♦♦♦	Barbara Gilbert	15/09/2010
♦	Gladys Morris	13/05/1992	PP	David Warry	06/2012
♦PP	Vin Murphy	24/06/1992	PP	David Sullivan	06/2012
♦♦♦PP	Peter Peyton	24/06/1992	PP	Hillary Ellis	06/2012
♦PP	Max Kirwan	30/06/1993	PP	Eric Thornton	06/2012
♦PP	Paul Smarrelli	29/06/1994	PP	Vin Ross	06/2012
♦	Joy Crampton	29/06/1994	PP	Arthur Grubb	11/2012
	Jess Cleland	28/06/1995	▲	Alf Armstrong	11/2012
▲▲ PP	Peter Gilbert	28/06/1995	♦♦PP	David De La Coeur	17/04/2013
PP	Neil Grierson	28/06/1995		Gerry Smith	18/12/2013
♦♦♦PP	Paul Josephson	28/06/1995	♦	Lenore Thornton	25/02/2015
♦♦♦PP	Geoff McIlvenna	26/06/1995		Kim West	24/06/2015
▲▲▲ P	Bernie Lamers	08/05/1997	♦ PP	Peter Byrne	26/8/2015
▲▲▲	Gerry Lamers	08/05/1997	♦	Margaret Smith	16/12/15
	Norm Pinder	25/06/1997		Jack Wilcox	9/3/2016
♦ Denotes Sapphire Pin			▲ Denotes Ruby Pin = 6 Sapphire Pins		



Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free;
 we've golden soil and wealth for toil; our home is girt by sea;
 our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare;
 in history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair.