

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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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.

SPEAKER LAST WEEK



Both with ina, CEO **David Ensor** and Community Engagement Officer **Amanda Southwell**, they shared the mike.

With his beginnings and early public life in Durban, South Africa, **David** went on Rotary Youth Exchange to Canada. He has worked in education and non-political fields of service for those in poverty and underprivileged. He was presented with the President's Education Award from Nelson Mandela.

David hit his audience with many questions and statistics on poverty which he describes as "*stories of stories*" – individuals who are homeless, suffering disabilities, poverty, starvation . . . In 1974 **ina** entered that picture with varied solutions. It works with local partners in south East Asia, south Asia and east Africa. The local partnerships are basic. **ina** does not dictate or govern. Rather it learns from the local people and works with them in their indicated needs.



ina's aim is to collaborate particularly with women and children as they are there for the long term. The organisation works to develop children's rights and education (extending life expectancy)

to develop their health and hygiene

Amanda spoke of the 56,000 registered charities in Australia of which 4,567 work internationally. Only 41 (1%) of the 4,567 are

recognised by the Australian government **ina** being one.



Amanda is specialising in breaking the cycle of poverty - spread following the devastation of Covid. 71 million of sub-Saharan Africa caught the pandemic. The follow-up to this is a growth in poverty

ina is responding by developing agri-business

starting in Uganda. Supplying hybrid maize is an immediate step. Sharing with poor farming people with no crop or the unemployed the result has been growth on growth.

Another area for **ina** is the education of girls in Nepal. Keeping them in school with hygienic aids, clean water and supplying them with goats to sell the meat in India. Schooling results in longer life expectancy and future employment

COMING MEETINGS

MARCH 23: CLUB ASSEMBLY AND POSSIBLE VOCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Chair - Pres. Chris Shields

March 30: FOOTSCAPE - Anthony Lewis and

Pride of Workmanship Awards

Chair: Peter Gilbert

APRIL 6: CLUB LUNCHTIME VISIT - to iceHQ Sports Stadium, Reservoir.

Tour of the facility, Q&A and light lunch 12:30 – 1:30pm.

NB: Meeting is away from R.S.L. at 1-21 Blake Street Reservoir

Chair: Ruth McCall

April 13: CLOUD INTEGRATORS – Organizing club website – Jason Shico

Chair: Max Walsh

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022

Marysville

Embracing Change

As outlined by **DG Anne Reid**, the theme focused on embracing change, the environment, fun and fellowship.

Those who attended were very much into the spirit of the three days with perfect weather in the mountain country of Marysville.

All members received an email of the programme from Elizabeth McCormick (16/3).

The Rotary spirit came through the speakers who were both educational in content and inspirational in subject.





Pans on Fire -

a band which started soon after the tragic Black Saturday bushfire disaster which claimed over 70 Marysville lives. It was a recovery project.

The band used large kitchen

pans which were masterfully hammered into large music bowls with each minute area able to offer a different musical sound when struck. The band has travelled the world ever since and performed last week at the Conference.

Coincidentally the above photo shows the band playing on the ground where Marysville residents took shelter from the raging fires that day.



Chris Shields Catherine Elaine Price



Rotary Foundation

Preston came third in District 9790 for per capita giving to the Annual Fund for 2020-21.

Photo shows Peter Gilbert accepting the award.

THE ROTARY FAMILY



Veronica and David De La Coeur 29/3



Late Birthday Greetings to Marilyn McIlvenna 19/3



REJOICE PUBLIC SCHOOL in Odisha State can get ready for the annual visit of Jacob's Well founder club member **Joan Roose**. Joan announced she now has a visa and will fly out on April 1. All hope that Joan will not face Covid complications as happened last year.
Bon Voyage Joan!

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Natalie Au, Marc Hudson, Pat Navascues

NEIL JAMES GRIERSON – 27/10/45 - 27/2/2022

The final farewell for Preston's most senior member was held at Wattle Park Chalet last Thursday. The late P.P. Neil was inducted 8/6/72, and had lived almost 50 years as a Rotarian.

There was not one empty seat in the Chalet. Four speakers recounted different aspects of Neil's varied and busy life – family with partner Margaret, growing the family business in High Street, yachting and other water sports, collecting and repairing vintage cars while growing the family business in High Street.

As the final speaker, it was valuable to hear from Peter Gilbert of Neil's service to the community through Rotary life. Peter spoke of Neil's father Ron, himself a charter member of Preston Rotary Club. Ron's passion was gaining new members to the newly founded club and must have been very proud of the day his son, Neil, was inducted.

Members of the club and partners are united in offering their condolences to Margaret and children Michelle and Chris.

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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



NEXT BUNNINGS BARBIE will be Saturday, 9 April. Geoff McIlvenna reported that the Barbie of 12 March was the best ever recorded at that venue. Geoff offers a big thanks to all who gave a hand.

MARYSVILLE does not exist any more. Residents of the historic mountain village north-east of Melbourne used to call it *"God's own garden"*. Now it is just a wasteland of ash and death.

Four days after Saturday's firestorm, bodies still lay in the street yesterday and just a handful of buildings were left standing.

As forensic police scoured the ruins for bodies and clues, the scale of the disaster visited on Marysville was becoming more apparent.

from The Age, February 12, 2009