

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

District 9790

CHARTER GRANTED 21-12-1960

PO Box 299, Preston, 3072

Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm

Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

District Governor:

**Tony Bramley (Pamela)**

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## BULLETIN

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District 9790 Governor: 1997-98



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## Club Service

**Director: Julie Morris**

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<u><b>Rotary Information</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>L. Thornton</b> F. Brass S. Walsh M. Riel	<u><b>Club History</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>P. Peyton</b> F. Smith P. Gilbert N. Pinder	<u><b>Fund Raising</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>W. O'Neill</b> S. Walsh	<u><b>Life Education</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>C. Finocchiaro</b> F. Smith D. Sullivan G. McIlvenna
<u><b>Christmas Luncheon</b></u> L. Woodland	<u><b>On to Conference</b></u> G. McIlvenna	<u><b>RI World Conference</b></u> P Gilbert	



Louisa Lou, Sheldon McCunnie, Praini Patton, Issa Chanzi

## SPEAKERS LAST WEEK

These 4 condensed summaries evolved into 4 moments of learning and inspiration. The four students, in part sponsored by the Club, reported on their learning experiences over this recent vacation.

**ISSA CHANZI** is studying at Northcote High School and this year enters Year 11. As an intro, Issa explained the meaning of Informatics, his intense academic interest. He recently returned from the Australian Informatics Olympiad School of Excellence in Canberra. This was an intense 10-day training school at the Australian National University. Based on the AIO results, 25 from around Australia were invited to attend. In a short time





their minds expanded with new material in algorithm design and much programming in the computer labs.

It is possible that a few of the audience, editor included, found themselves somewhere lost on a distant galactic planet.



**PRAINI PATTON** - travelled on a Peace Keeping Mission to Israel (1 week) and Jordan (1 week). In summary the party of 16 youth under 22 years of age travelled extensively and, in 2-3 hour consultations with 15 NGOs and government

agencies, discussed what is being done in the search for lasting peace in the Middle East. They also met with an Australian Ambassador where much discussion was had on the illegal Israeli settlements. Visits were had to Bedouin camp site, religious and tribal



locations and Syrian refugee sites in Jordan. Where possible they gathered information through face to face interactions. Praini's experiences were extremely educational, definitely leading-edge and at times supremely moving.

**LOUISA LOU AND SHELDON MC CUNNIE:** National Youth Science Forum is for students who are heading into year twelve and thinking about a career in science, engineering and related disciplines. The students are selected by Rotary and head to Canberra where they are exposed to major scientific institutions and top academic researchers, so that they may make more informed choices for their future endeavors. They are also given training in time management, interview skills and public speaking. In previous years it has been known as the National Science Summer School.

Louisa and Sheldon gave a fulsome report on the 'adventure' - debates on nuclear power, live visits to laboratories, hands-on scientific experiments using latest research equipment and space communication. In Sheldon's litany of VIPs was Dr Brian Schmidt the Nobel Prize winner who discovered the accelerating expansion of the Universe through observations of distant supernovae! Schmidt also says *"we know only 5% of what is out there"*.



Maybe Sheldon summed up the four speakers well when he said *"It has pushed me out of my comfort zone and I want to see how far I can go. It was all an amazing experience and I now see I must work at developing transferable skills. Our thanks go to Elaine Price and Rotary"*.

## CLUB NEWS

**CONFERENCE 2017:** President Geoff is awaiting a copy of Registrations from attendees, while Treasurer Peter Gilbert is in need of a few members' \$100 deposit on motel bookings.

At the House of Friendship a Club stall is in planning. A roster will be established to cover the stall mid-day Friday through to the Sunday. The two Pauls will be seeking persons for the roster. The stall will feature Pinchapoo and the Pavilion School.

**RED SHIRTS:** Sports shirts with the Club symbol are available from Lenore Thornton. They are handy for Club outdoor service events and other occasions. Orders will close by Feb 1.

**VISITORS LAST WEEK:** Ray Armstrong, Maureen McCunnie, Issa Chanzi, Louisa Lou, Sheldon McCunnie, Praini Patton.



**BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS:** These will be made at the Club meeting Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. A Rotary WELCOME to

Laura van den Bogaard - Devour Chocolate

Juanita Masterson - Juanita's Kitchen

Melissa Murphy-Webster - AVS Organic Foods

## FAMILY OF ROTARY

**WELCOME BACK** was the call for a very healthy-looking Kannan Subramanian after a recent illness.

**BERNIE LAMERS IS GROWING OLDER WITH EACH ROTARY BULLETIN:** Mason, his all new grand-daughter announced last week, in fact is a *great* grand-daughter!

**SCORCHING HOT FUNFIELDS** was a great venue and full of fun despite the heat. 45 attended on the day.



**ELTHAM ROTARY is inviting all to**  
**Friday 3rd March from 7pm, \$30 per person, BYO supper basket and drinks.** Entertainment provided by the Keith Campbell band who played at last year's District Conference. A night of fun and entertainment. Tickets can be booked through [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)

Contact Irene Cant mob. 0400 058 231





**THE ROTARY SKILLS SHED** at Pavilion School is now up and internal fittings and equipment are on the list. Paul Smarrelli is seeking finance from local Rotary Clubs and Bunnings will be the supplier. Pavilion School aims to re-engage young people who are currently disengaged from any form of education, by providing students with a relevant and individually tailored education program.

## DIARY DATES

DATE		
<b>Feb 1</b>	Chair	Paul Smarrelli
	Topic	<b>Business Excellence Awards</b>
	Welcomes	Asha Pahuja
	Sergeant	Sean Walsh
	House	Claude Verrocchi
<b>Feb 8</b>	Chair	Rosemary Wilcox
	Speaker	David Warry
	Topic	<b>Mature Rotarian behind the Badge</b>

	Sergeant	Shaun Walsh
	Welcomes	Julie Morris
	House	Peter Byrne

**EXODUS ROSTER:** Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Paul Smarrelli and Frank Brass.

## ***LOOKING FORWARD***

### **February: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month** **Year of the Rooster**



**ROTARY'S 111<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BIRTHDAY - February 23,**  
**2017**

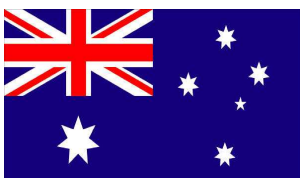
**DISTRICT CONFERENCE**  
**2017: Shepparton-On-The-**  
**Goulburn, March 16-19, 2017.**

### **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.

### **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.