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SPEAKER LAST WEEK



Broome airport for a flight to Mitchell Plateau in north Kimberley.

Then to the Odyssey Expedition. Norbert projected the many variations of the spectacular panoramas, historic scenery, dramatic water and cliff falls. Absolutely amazing. Then, to top it all off, the photos of fish caught by passengers and cooked by the on-board chef. The photos told the full story.

CRUISE THE KIMBERLEY: That was the aim of Jill and Norbert Schaber but, for the listener, the getting there and home again seemed the journey of a lifetime.

The first attempt was cancelled due to the pandemic and the closure of WA. Eventually the drive out of Melbourne on June 18 – Melbourne to Norseman, WA, 2,700kms; then turn right and 2,027kms north to Broome.

Bordering the Bight, the Eyre Highway to Norseman has a number of beautiful off-road beaches and bays – Tintinara, Fowles Bay, Bunda Cliffs. Then to Broome through Mount Magnet, Newman, Tom Price, North Hedland, Eighty Mile Beach and finally





THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Pauline Josephson 13/10

Nadia Lyons 15/10



VISITORS LAST WEEK: Jill Morris with Pipa a seeing Eye Dog, Sharon Stockdale and Jenny Visser.

NOTE CHANGE NEXT WED:

See Bulletin page 7 re getting together 11.30am.

COMING DATES



Preston

This Wednesday October 11

Lifting the Lid on Mental Illness

Note early start.

BUNNINGS BARBIE is programmed for Saturday, 14th October. Vacancies; please contact Geoff.

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – November 15. Nominations (self or other members) for all positions must be in by **October 18**.

ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS (RYDA):



Chris Shields and his team have booked a final day for students from schools including Reservoir High and Thornbury High.

Date is **Tuesday, 31 October**. 6 volunteers are needed on the day. Normally the time involved is from 9am till 1pm. Please contact Chris.

2023 Weekly Roster October – December

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Oct-11	Ian Musgrove	Peter Gilbert & Paul Smarrelli	David De La Coeur	Joe Morris
Oct-18	C Finocchiaro	Peter Gilbert & Elaine Price	Julie Morris	Paul Smarrelli
Oct-25	Gary Mogford	Norbert Schaber & Paul Smarrelli	Chris Shields	Max Walsh
v-01	Suzanne Still	Peter Gilbert & Ruth McCall	Max Walsh	Peter Peyton
Nov-08	Joe Morris	Peter Gilbert & Paul Smarrelli	Peter Byrne	Gary Mogford
Nov-15	Max Walsh	Elaine Price & Paul Smarrelli	David De La Coeur	Norm Pinder
Nov-22	C Finocchiaro	Norbert Schaber & Ruth McCall	Julie Morris	Elaine Price
Nov-29	Chris Shields	Paul Smarrelli & Norbert Schaber	David De La Coeur	Max Walsh
Dec-06	Gary Mogford	Elaine Price & Peter Gilbert	Peter Byrne	C Finocchiaro
Dec-13	Max Walsh	Ruth McCall & Paul Smarrelli	David Sullivan	Suzanne Still
Dec-20	Peter Peyton	Norbert Schaber & Peter Gilbert	Max Walsh	Paul Smarrelli

Please arrange a replacement if you are unable to attend

PRESTON HAT DAY: This coming Wednesday. It is here again! A big day for AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH (Lift the Lid on Mental Illness). Preston will be Lifting the Lid in two weeks time – Wednesday, **October 11**.



Joe Morris has prepared a wide range of mainly sporting books and odd sporting memorabilia. Christmas gift??? Silent auctions will raise a meaningful financial contribution on the day.

The need for research in the field of mental illness is vital. This is Preston's day to help in that field of research. On the day, everyone is asked to bring along their hat, though, as a sign of respect, they are invited not to wear it until in the meeting room. **October 11.**

DigiCloud, a Fairfield based IT services company, is offering members and connections a **CYBER SECURITY AND SAFETY WORKSHOP.**

Vacancies still exist. New attendees contact Sec. Geoff. There is no limit to attendee numbers nor is there any charge. DigiCloud is offering the session as a gift to Rotarians and friends. It is an interactive and engaging workshop and will be held at Darebin RSL, Wednesday, **November 1**, 9.30am to 12.30pm - before the club meeting which will begin at 12.45am.

CLUB NEWS

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER: All members have received the first edition of the FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER (Sec. email 6/10). District Chair David Anderson has opened up with a very fresh face and easy to read summary of Foundation works. Don't miss it.

NOMINATIONS are now being accepted for club leadership roles in the Rotary year 2025/2026 – presidency, vice-presidency etc. Consider, then contact Sec. Geoff.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Shepparton, **19-21 April, 2024**: There are still a few vacant units at the Motel Sec. Geoff has booked. Worth a close read is the September issue of the recent mail out of the 9790

COMMUNITY CAR RAFFLE – ROTARY CLUB OF MOOROOPNA: Books still available from Sec. Geoff.

Raffle draw will be at the Mooroopna New Year's Eve Festival, **December 31st.**

AHMED KELLY: It is a tough gig for Ahmed to get to the start at the 2024 Paris Paralympics – Ahmed's 4th. Ahmed has to cover all expenses in getting to and competing at qualifying events - travel, accommodation and training.



David De La Coeur is working the field through trading companies, local businesses and private donation. Members are invited to back Ahmed with a sizeable contribution. Make it worthwhile through the Club's Bendigo Bank account mentioning the name of Ahmed.

Introducing the District 9790 PolioPlus Society

A great opportunity to do good in the world.

This Society is a District 9790 program to promote individual giving to the Polio Plus Fund.

To belong, you commit to donating AUD \$160 (\$100 USD) or more per year and pledge to do so until polio is completely eradicated. It is as simple as that!

To become a member, go online at www.rotary.org/donate under featured causes, select the PolioFund. Click on recurring donation and make it annually for \$160 or more.

VENTILATOR ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT SERVICE (VASS): The overall environmental beautification of the Thornbury property has had its final planting day. A number of volunteers and high spirited Prestonians attended and all is looking great. The late Gerard Stevenson's dream has come true. Organisations such as *Global Gardens of Peace* and professionals in the field have jumped in and the opening date is in the near future.

LATE NEWS FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY: The **MASSIVE MURRAY PADDLE** is an amazing 5 day / 415km paddling adventure race down the Murray River. The wonderful paddlers that race raise funds to assist local charities or community-driven programs. The event is Between November 20th -24th from Yarrawonga to Koondrook. We camp at allocated camping locations along the way and share the paddling amongst the team changing paddlers at each checkpoint. This is an opportunity for Police to build relationships with

Aboriginal Youth through positive interactions as well as working together to break down barriers and build ongoing connections.

The hand-over of the 100 Care Packs from Pinchapoo will be made THIS Wednesday, 11th October at Darebin RSL, 11.30 to 12. Sen.Constable Peta Williams and Uncle John Brown will be present. Questions to Paul Smarrelli.

See you at 11.30 next Wednesday!



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