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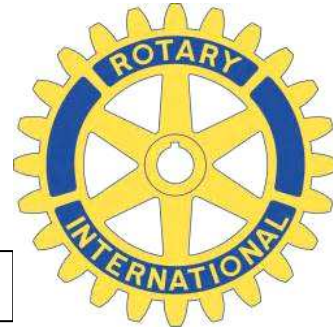
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**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

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SPEAKER LAST WEEK

THE FUTURE OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY:

PP Paul Smarrelli has climbed the ladder from starting his apprenticeship at Preslite to becoming its general manager for 24 years; from managership to manufacturing tutelage for the Commonwealth; from various overseas marketing meets to a recent appointment with the Darebin Council running an export facilitating programme with 15 local companies.



Paul opened his talk with a quote from the CSIRO "The Australian manufacturing industry is not dying, it's evolving".

An audience test (hands on heads) showed the following results:

1. Australia's Manufacturing Index is 8% higher in 2017 than 2002
2. Sales & Service income from mining in Australia is lower than manufacturing (.7%)
3. Retail Trade total annual profit margin is lower than manufacturing

What it means to be a manufacturer: The innovation resulting from technology, such as automation and new materials, has changed the equation. Manufacturing is no longer a basic industry that employs low-skilled workers. Over the next 20 years Australia's manufacturing industry must transform into a highly-integrated, collaborative and export-focused operation. The Australian companies that have



already embraced this evolution are performing with much higher profit margins.

Paul explained how Australia's manufacturing sector has surged to its highest level in 15 years. However the employment level in Australia has decreased. Manufacturing employment in

1988 was 1,170,000. Currently manufacturing employment stands at 838,000.

From Paul's perspective manufacturing today is all about business improvement, the essential value of a professional business sheet and it's relationship to development eg. the supply chain or cost of materials. Finally the field that currently shows the best potential is the food industry.

FAMILY OF ROTARY

VISITOR TODAY: This Wednesday Wayne O'Neill and all Members will be welcoming Bruce West from the New Zealand based event management company International Entertainment Ltd. For some years the company has been a friend of the Rotary Club of Preston. The company specializes in the production and sourcing of both local and international acts particularly for charitable organizations.



ROTARIAN FRANK BRASS is still battling health issues which are preventing him from assuming the role of Club President 17/18. While remaining an active Rotarian the most important issue is his health and all offer him warm encouragement for healthier days ahead.

SAFE STEPS: To mark the passing of Honorary Member Fiona Richardson, the Club has decided to offer \$500 to Safe Steps, Fiona's Foundation.



SANDRA BELL is back from visiting the Canadian Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge in British Columbia, Canada. At that Club's meeting Sandra gave a short talk on Preston's operations and swapped Club Banners with President Libby Nelson.



Rotary Ann.	Lisa Defazio 7/9/16
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CLUB NEWS

POSITIVE AGEING DIGITAL STORYTELLING

INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECT: Yes, that's the title! Club Youth Service Director Joe Morris and his committee are studying the programme with the help of David Warry an active participant in PADSIP.

PADSIP brings together older adults and youth with the aim of producing digital stories about aspects of the older person's life; not solely a comparison between their lives but also ideas that emerge from the comparison. They meet for an hour in small groups. Both older and younger tell their life stories and often discover they have much in common. Digital practice emerges from the experience.

LITERACY is at the heart of basic education for all, and essential for eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy.



Literacy is a significant and specific goal for Rotary. It is so important that it is one of the 6 areas of focus for The Rotary Foundations Future Vision - BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY. Such importance has been placed on literacy that Rotary International has created a "Rotary

Literacy Month" which takes place during September.

THE INNER NORTH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Rosemary Wilcox and Joe Morris recently attended the INCF presentation of Grants. The grants were from their 2017 Pathways to Employment Grant Program. Members will remember there were meetings scheduled as part of the decision process. Rosemary and Joe represented the Club in these discussions.

This year the Foundation gave out grants totaling \$375,740. In the Foundation the Rotary Club of Preston has a Sub Fund of \$12,000 which, in the last financial year, has achieved about 5% interest, \$600. This will become a part of their youth decision program (i.e. young people at Northcote High making decisions regarding \$15,000 to be distributed to local charities).

INTERPLAST: Rotarians were there in the beginning. They've been a constant throughout the decades and they're very much a part of Interplast's bright future. Rotary was involved in the establishment of Interplast in 1983 with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Icons Daryl Braithwaite, Russell Morris and Chris Wilson are joining forces for a special concert hosted by Richard Stubbs to support Interplast's work changing futures across the Asia Pacific.

Bring your family and friends along for a fantastic evening of music and laughs at Melbourne's historic Athenaeum Theatre on Wednesday, 11 October from 7.30pm.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:

BASIC EDUCATION and LITERACY MONTH

Sept. 6	Chair	Julie Morris
	Speaker	Club Assembly
	Welcomes	Peter Byrne
	Sergeant	Ian Musgrove
	House	John McCarthy
Sept. 13	Chair	PDG Peter Gilbert
	Speaker	District Governor Bernie Bott
	Welcomes	Paul Smarrelli
	Sergeant	Les Woodland
	House	Joe Morris
Sept. 20	Chair	Frank Brass
	Subject	"Beloved Syria" - Considering Syrian Perspectives
	Welcomes	David Warry
	Sergeant	Claude Verrocchi
	House	Wayne O'Neill

BOARD MEMBERS NOTE:

Meeting with DG Bernie @ 11.30am, before the regular dinner meeting, Sept.13.

PINCHAPOO CHARITY EVENT - September 8 - see Les Woodland.
THE DIAMOND VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION - Friday 8th to Sunday 10th
September 2017.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR BERNIE BOTT will visit the Club September
13.

CHANGEOVER ROTARY CLUB OF EPPING: It's a Wednesday evening,
20th September, 6.30 for 7pm, at Casa D'Abruzzo Club, 55 O'Hearns
Road, Epping. RSVP 14 Sept. Geoff and a few members are attending.
Contact Geoff.

CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION, Creating Miracles, Gala Ball. Plaza
Ballroom, Sat. 7th October, 6.30 for 7pm. \$250 a head and Secretary
Geoff is trying for a table. Make it a night and stay over at the Regent!

RAISE THE HAT FOR ROTARY MENTAL HEALTH: Wednesday,
11th Oct.

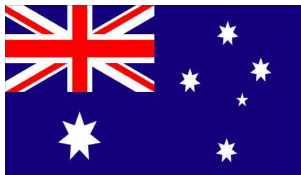
DISTRICT CONFERENCE YARRAWONGA-MULWALA: 22-25 March,
2018. 21 Rooms booked at Lake View Motel. Members please clear up your
payment/bookings with Secretary Geoff. \$100 deposit on room and \$30 per
head for Friday night Barbie. A few rooms remaining - let Geoff know.

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. In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair.