

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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LEST WE FORGET



Those minutes around November 11 - 11am have now passed. For some, it was outdoors in the Melbourne sunshine while attending one of the local Remembrance Day services. A Rotarian who attended such a service in Watsonia wrote:

“The flag was half-mast. RSL members wore their medals. Service personnel added formal dignity. Children present from surrounding schools demonstrated their awareness of the true meaning of the event. Families of one-time service corps members reflected the occasion. Respect, sorrow and indebtedness ruled”.

In these times Preston Rotary respects the memories of those living or dead who have served this country in war and peace. It also respects those who, having returned home, have continued that giving through Rotary service.

*They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

COMING MEETINGS

- Nov 17:** Bridge Darebin
Speaker: Prue Challis Chair: Max Walsh
- Nov 24:** Seniors Christmas Party Chair: Peter Gilbert
- Dec 1:** Social Night with Partners Chair: Peter McGuigan
Speaker: Mark Goodie – Merri Outreach Support Service

NB: All present at the above must have vaccination proof

THE ROTARY FAMILY

“HEY, IT’S GOOD TO BE BACK HOME AGAIN”: After such a long period of Zoom, the return to meeting in-person at the R.S.L. Club seemed a form of resuscitation. The warm welcome at the front office, the cheery service at the bar and the keen service in the dining room – it all made for a spring-time rendezvous.

This was to be the A.G.M. While treasurer Frank Smith apologised for the lack of excitement in his long report, all were thrilled with his getting the arduous job done. President Chris was happy to BE back home at the R.S.L.. The mumbling and



multiple cross-computer comments of the Zoom-time were gone and the use of the microphone brought intelligibility to contributions.

Granted that the pandemic Zoom was a lifesaver for on-going club life, the return home was definitely a winner. Perhaps a private member’s note of thanks to the Club management and the staff who have been jobless during the Covid would add warmth to their hearts.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
BROTHER!**

Gerry Lyons 23/11

ON THE IMPROVE: MORRIS is a surname often to be seen over hospital beds in recent days.

Jill Morris/Schaber had a brief rest in hospital after she and Norbert returned from healthy Queensland.

Joe Morris aims to be at this coming week's meeting after his receiving tender care in the Austin Hospital.



DAD IN INDIA was speedily failing in health and Kannan Subramanian took the first flight to be with his father and mother and his Indian-based family. Kannan's dad has now passed away.

All back here in Melbourne are very much with him and Vandana.

During Kannan's absence Paul Smarrelli will chair the Community Committee.

CLUB NEWS

DIARY DATES:

- Bunnings Sausage Sizzles – Dec. 11 & double vaccinated
- Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner – Nov. 24 at R.S.L. (25 Seniors and 25 from Rotary and Guests). This year there will be no need for pick-ups and it will be a 12.30 start with normal prices.
- Police Awards – Feb. 2, 2022
- Merri Creek 2nd Planting Day – 2022
- Club Break-up Christmas evening celebration – Dec. 22 at R.S.L.
- Pick-up and delivery for Neighbourhood house Dec. 7

COVID 19 VACCINATIONS: Members are asked please to inform Sec. Geoff when double vaccinated. Dates are not needed only the fact.

MERRI CREEK PLANTING: On the advice coming from the Darebin Council, the second planting day has been moved to April 2022, outside the planting season.

FOODBANK - NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE: Future deliveries are Nov 23 and Dec 7.

ROTARY POLICE RECOGNITION AWARD: After many Covid delays all is on the road for the District award to be made in early 2022. Nominations are in and all is moving forward in the Community Committee after past frustrating delays.



Chris Shields and
Esther Boateng

David De La Coeur and
Peter Lamers



PRESENTATIONS TO NEW MEMBERS

Back live, late but meaningful presentations were made to the two new Rotarians inducted on Zoom during the Covid shutdown.
These were made to Peter Lamers and Esther Boateng.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER, November and

ROTARY DOWN UNDER, November Issue

Rotary Foundation is both basic to Rotary life and boundless in its content.
Always a learning trip. Members are invited to spend time on this month's lessons.

ALEJANDRO DEL CASTILLO: Unfortunately the cub's application for a study grant for Alejandro did not get accepted. Elaine Price reports that the competition was very heavy – 300 applicants and his direction was an unusual one. This was a good and deserving try.

EMBRACING CHANGE - DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022: The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville. Hotel bookings with Sec. Geoff. ASAP as the rooms unclaimed will soon be released.
Also please send a copy of the original Conference receipt to Sec. Geoff.
Site for Conference Bookings: **TRY BOOKINGS Marysville Rotary Conference**

Club Website address: www.rotary-prestonaust.com

Info to Ruth McCall or Lisa Defazio.

Each One, Bring One

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

**We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and
we pay our respects to their forebears past and present.**