

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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**District** 9790

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## Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2021/2022

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<u><b>Bulletin</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>J McCarthy</b>  P Peyton C Finocchiaro	<u><b>Club History</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>P Peyton</b>	<u><b>Family of Rotary/ Fellowship</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>E Price</b> Julie Morris	<u><b>On to World Conference</b></u>  <b>P Gilbert</b>	<u><b>Welcomes</b></u>  M Walsh Julie Morris M Riel M Alkanani K Agarwal

**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**

**RESERVOIR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE** is almost a regular feature in the club bulletin. **Angie Davidson** has been its Executive Officer over the past 10 years. From her early days she has practised family care and community work. She has a uni degree in the field and, due to the recent mental effects of Covid, Angie is now writing a paper on counselling. To hear Angie's talk on the operation and development of RNH was both educational and inspiring.



Beginning with a small community house to connect with the numerous Housing Commission Estates situated in East Reservoir, development into specialised service offerings had to happen. RNH is now heavily involved with people of the area, all with identifiable needs in many fields. Angie gave out many figures demonstrating the material out reach. One example was that in one week of 4 days over 330 hand-outs were possible for a family of up to 4 persons. Such steps de-stresses people and enables them to talk out what other troubles they may be facing. So many residents suffer from Covid outcomes – financial, mental and social.

Often in her talk Angie thanked club members and friends who help RNH stock-up, sort, etc. Food Bank in Yarraville is so well stocked but transport to Reservoir is not possible, hence Preston Rotary transporter-volunteers. So many other fields of regular assistance are being developed – elderly needing podiatry care, people without medical support, even haircuts. It is not strange to meet someone who has not had a haircut in 2 years . . . . .

Towards the end of her talk Angie described a mural project called **Colour My Neighbourhood** (CMN). Local estates were built in the 50s and while the external grounds are seeming well kept the inner areas often are either badly graphitized or totally unkempt. Through the voice of RNH residents now have been given a voice to update community areas as laundries, some in bad shape since construction. CMN has sought from residents the visual needs, the preferred subjects to be depicted, the colours etc. and now the expert work has started with remarkable success.

## **COMING MEETINGS**

- March 16: INTERNATIONAL NEEDS AUSTRALIA. CEO David Ensor & Amanda Southwell 0404 852 720 – Peter and Barbara Gilbert  
Chair - Joan Roose
- MARCH 23: CLUB ASSEMBLY AND POSSIBLE VOCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS  
Chair - Pres. Chris Shields
- 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.

## **THE ROTARY FAMILY**



**Carla Finocchiaro 22/3**



**Malak Alkanani 19/3**

**The FUNERAL of the late NEIL GRIERSON  
will be at Wattle Park Chalet  
1012 Riversdale Rd, Surrey Hills  
on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm**

**VISITORS LAST WEEK: Natalie Au.**

**Marilyn and Les Woodland.**

Certainly a great surprise for members last Wednesday was the visit of Marilyn and Les.

With West Australia's Covid restrictions and also the health challenges for both Marilyn and Les, to see a W.A. numberplate in the car park and then to meet both Marilyn and Les was a big lift to the meeting. Marilyn has found great medical care in Perth as also Les who has joined Perth Rotary.



In a recent visit to Altona, **Joan Roose** met up with **Anne Morton** and **Lenore Thornton**. Anne and Lenore are doing well and send their greetings while Joan returned home with an Altona Rotary Club shopping bag.

**CLUB NEWS**

**PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SESSION:** **Ruth McCall** reports that a recent Training Session for P.E.s was of great value. One speaker who was a stand-out was David Parkin. His presentation centred on Adaptable Leadership which Ruth described as *"both honest and inspiring"*.



**ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE** has announced the creation of a National Flood Relief Appeal for people impacted by the current floods in Queensland and Northern NSW.

Australians impacted by the recent floods will be the beneficiaries of money raised by the Flood Appeal and will be able to liaise with their local Rotary Club to advise of their needs. The fundraising campaign was launched to support the communities in need after yet another disaster impacting Australians.

*“The money raised from the Appeal will go directly and quickly to support those impacted, providing essential items and financial support where Disaster relief and Insurance claims won’t stretch,”* said Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd CEO Andrew Woodward.

RAWCS has registered a Rotary Australia Relief Fund project to seek financial assistance from Rotary Clubs, the public and private sector, with a target of \$1 million dollars. Donations to the RAWCS Relief Fund are tax-deductible.

To learn more about this project or to make a donation to the **National Flood Appeal** use this link <https://directory.rawcs.com.au/47-2021-22>



**COMMUNITY POLICE SERVICE AWARD:** Preston Rotary's local award presented on Feb.15 to First Constable Catherine Morgan has proved a true winner. Catherine will receive the District Award with a presentation at Marysville.

**NOT AT CONFERENCE?** Sec. Geoff is looking for help at the annual outdoor park celebration on Friday, March 18.

**COMMUNITY HOUSE BARBIE** is being set up for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 4-7pm. Putting up the two tents etc is at 2pm. If you are available contact Geoff.

**MARYSVILLE** may prove difficult for Preston's form of Conference activities. Please consult the email from Julie Morris.

**EMBRACING CHANGE - DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022:** The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville. Most members have booked in at **PEPPERS HOTEL**, 32-42 Murchison Street.

Club Website address: [www.rotary-prestonaust.com](http://www.rotary-prestonaust.com)

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

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