ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2022/23

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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.

CLUB VISIT TO RIMERN BASE

With no outside commercial signing and exhibiting a tired factory face, members could sense they were visiting the site of a large illicit drug stash. What a misjudgement. This was the site of yet another energetic and life-saving Rotary activity – **RIMERN** (Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network).

RIMERN sports the first name of "*Rotary*" whereas not so its active predecessors – EERN (Eastern Emergency Network) and WERN (Western Emergency Network). Copying EERN and WERNS' initiative, RIMERN will provide donated furniture, domestic appliances and a variety of household needs to people introduced by over 26 support agencies across Melbourne or local Rotary clubs. All is by referral.

The storage area expands over two levels and 773 square metres. It can set up everything needed in a home and it accepts donations that must be contemporary and able to be brought to a spotless condition before being offered to the client base. Clients are those who have been identified to have an urgent need because of experiencing trauma or loss, where they have a need to move or perhaps cannot afford basic living requirements, where they are struggling to buy essentials such as furniture and other household goods. Such traumas include long-term illness, unemployment, loss of home and belongings through fire, domestic violence, and lack of family support, homelessness, recent incarceration or refugee status.

Host for the day was Susie Cole, Prahran Rotarian and Rimern Co-Chair. Preston visitors were ushered around both floors while Susie underlined such principles as - only goods in their best condition offered, not a cent passes hands, all goods are tested and tagged. Susie was most engaging, pragmatic and truly masterly in covering the field. A great lunch was organised by President Ruth who echoed the call for members' assistance with volunteers for floor service/hosting.

At the RIMERN East Brunswick warehouse with Susie Cole, Pres. Ruth, some of the members who attended

www.rimern.org.au

1300 924 123

THE ROTARY FAMILY

Carla

Finocchiaro

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<u>CHRISTINE AGNEW</u>: May 2010 saw Ken Agnew, a member of the Preston Salvation Army, inducted into Preston Rotary. Ken served with Preston Salvos until his transfer to Horsham and Stawell.

After Ken's death, his wife Major Christine Agnew returned to Preston where she served till her retirement in 2017. It is with sadness we heard of her death on March 16. In Army language, we rejoice that she has been ***Promoted to Glory***.

CLUB NEWS

WELCOME PP Paul Smarrelli –

stand-in President for the day, April 12.

<u>ROMAC</u> (**Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children**): Be informed by a good read of Sec. Geoff's mail-out from ROMAC.
Learn of their current needs. Read about Melenaite, Chloe, William, Senri, Ephraim and Inia.

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Apr-12	Gary Mogford	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David De La Coeur	Kannan Subramanian
Apr-19	Natalie Au	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David Sullivan	Elaine Price
Apr-26	no meeting			
May-03	Kannan Subramanian	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	Peter Byrne	Paul Smarrelli
May-10	Natalie Au	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David De La Coeur	Max Walsh
May-17	Peter Peyton	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David Sullivan	Suzanne Still
May-24	Kannan Subramanian	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	Julie Morris	Elaine Price
May-31	Natalie Au	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	Peter Byrne	Peter Peyton
Jun-07	Claude Verrocchi	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	Peter Byrne	Ian Musgrove
Jun-14	Suzanne Still	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David Sullivan	Kannan Subramanian
Jun-21	Kannan Subramanian	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David De La Coeur	Natalie Au
Jun-28	change over		David Sullivan	

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

April 12: Aboriginal Legal Service Chair: Natalie Au

Speaker Nerita Waight, a civil lawyer, is CEO of the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service. Prior to becoming CEO, Nerita had experience across several teams including family and children's law, as well as policy and advocacy.

April 19: Club Assembly

BUNNINGS BARBIE: 8 April – Easter Saturday

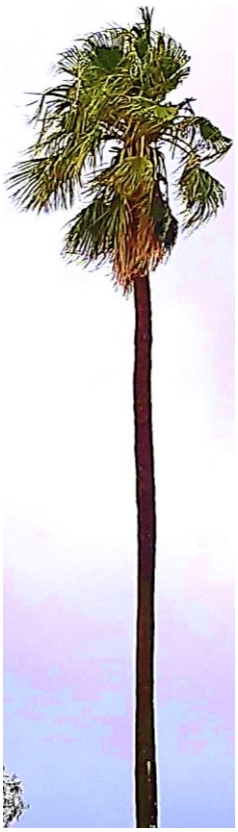
RI PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES' THEME SONG – John Lennon's IMAGINE

Imagine there's no heaven,
It's easy if you try,
No hell below us,
Above us only sky,
Imagine all the people
living for today...

Imagine there's no
countries,
It isn't hard to do,
Nothing to kill or die for,
No religion too,
Imagine all the people
living life in peace...

Imagine no possessions,
I wonder if you can,
No need for greed or
hunger,
A brotherhood of man,
imagine all the people
Sharing all the world...

You may say I'm a
dreamer,
but I'm not the only one,
I hope someday you'll join
us,
And the world will live as
one.



YOUTH RYPEN KINGLAKE CAMP: (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)**:**

"Two students from Thornbury High School, Poppy Winter and Dana Tingwell, recently represented Preston Rotary at the Rypen Youth Camp. It was held at a site in the middle of the forest at Kinglake due to the Kinglake fires.

It provided excellent accommodation for students group from many schools representing their local Rotary Clubs.

Poppy and Dana have been invited to tell us of their experiences over that weekend at an upcoming Rotary Club of Preston meeting".

Peter Peyton

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONERS INDIGENOUS NIGHT OUT had been well planned by the club together with Gerry Lyons and 3KND. Unfortunately it no longer required given other similar arrangements by Conference organizers.

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