

**ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.**  
District 9790

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Carla Finocchiaro, Elaine Price, Wayne O'Neill

## ***SPEAKER LAST WEEK***

**BURNET INSTITUTE:** Jack Richards, Laboratory Head, Malaria and Tropical Diseases, Burnet Institute, took his audience through tuberculosis in the days of Egyptian mummies to present day East Timor. Jack's topic was close to home given that two of his close relations were victims of **TB**, as also were Chopin, George Orwell and the Bronte sisters.

TB is **airborne-spread** through the community with great ease and can lay dormant in the body till old age when it is often fatal. A large family group sharing a small hut is a perfect nest for TB. Active TB slowly erodes the lung and 50% of those suffering active TB will die.



**Diagnosis** is done by clinical examination, chest X-ray, sputum sample, culture test or, in recent times, by Xpert, a cartridge based automated diagnostic test that can identify *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* within 2 hours. Jack noted that the Club assisted in one Xpert machine's arrival in Dili and also in the training of two personnel for its use.

**Out bush** in East Timor there is minimal medical support. This is the big need. 4 very old drugs are administered to TB sufferers and currently more modern drugs are being tested. The other challenge is that 50% of the population is resistant to those drugs. Vaccine does not stop the arrival of TB; it simply stops the patient from dying with TB.

9.6 million new cases are reported world-wide with TB each year with 1.4 million deaths. Timor is so close and yet the disease is so prevalent. Transport logistics are at times impossible. Families are large. Malnutrition is rampant. The 1999 referendum for separation from Indonesia and the massacre following saw the destruction of 80% of infra services and the recovery has still a long way to go. **Current numbers** in East Timor are, of a population of 1.2 million, there are 4,000 new cases diagnosed each year with over 1,000 deaths. Australia 1,300 annually.



**What to do?** Firstly to supply the needs of those in the field in East Timor. Most medics either were killed or left the country in 1999. Now new medics are being trained in Cuba and returning to the field. Diagnostic staff are being trained. New tests are being developed.

Jack concluded his most important presentation by quoting Moliere who also died from TB:

*The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it.*

## FAMILY OF ROTARY

**VISITORS LAST WEEK:** Sue Thornton, guest of Julie and Joe Morris.

**CAUFIELD!** Saturday - April 30. Limited seating - contact Norm Pinder ASAP.

Birthday	Carla Finocchiaro 17/4
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## Change-Over Night

The Olympic Hotel - Wednesday 6 July.

### CLUB NEWS

**VOCATIONAL:** Chair Carla Finocchiaro gave the committee report for the year so far.

- 5 minute Vocational Talks have been well accepted.
- The ongoing Pride of Workmanship Award was organized by Les Woodland in co-operation with NMIT - Preston.
- Activity is advancing for a Community Award to recognize Volunteers in the Darebin Community. More later.
- The big proposal is the Pavilion School Skill Shed project. So far the planning has been spot-on and if implemented the outcomes for the students will be enormous.

**volunteer (n.)** c. 1600, "one who offers himself for military service," from Middle French *voluntaire*, "one who volunteers," also as an adjective, "voluntary," from Latin *voluntarius* "voluntary, of one's free will"

**PROGRAMMES:** Chair Elaine Price outlined the Committee's projects and many of those completed have been reported back at Club meetings.

- NYSF Candidate Tess Devine-Hercus attended the Forum in Canberra. Moo Gay Kunoo attended RYLA. Another student has been fostered for studies at Melb. University A student from Ruthven College is being offered the opportunity to attend the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship being held in Canberra
- The Pavilion Schools Skill Shed Project is also in planning.
- Talks continue re the Northland Youth Ed. project.
- Children's Protection Society is breaking grounds in their practice.
- Together with Darebin Police, Pavilion School and the Club a combined programme to protect and further the skills education for youth in danger is in the planning stage.

**COMMUNITY:** Chair Julie Norris reported on her committee's actions so far this year:

- BBQ at Thornbury Primary School Centenary raised \$600 for their Indigenous and Camping Programme.
- A Northland event with the Darebin Council - 7 members volunteering.
- Gave \$1,000 to Speech Pathology Dept at Bundoora Extended Care towards an Intelligaze Camera for eye gaze communication as patients' speech and hand skills diminish
- \$1000 was donated to a local Para Badminton Cerebral Palsy player to attend the World championships in the UK in September.
- The Club also maintained its' fortnightly roster at the Bellbardia food preparation in Heidelberg.
- In December, East Reservoir Neighborhood House BBQ with 6 Rotarians and 2 partners volunteering, consuming 48 loaves of bread (i.e. the customers!). Club also contributed \$1,100.
- Partnering with x-Rotarian Ben Bliss of Toynetworkx - \$1,350 worth of toys for the Exodus community at Christmas.
- The Seniors Christmas Lunch at St George's restaurant. \$2,700 provided lunch for 59 elderly with transport by Club members.
- Ray White Real Estate Reservoir collected Christmas gifts and the Club distributed them to causes in the Preston area.
- A continuing donation of \$500 to Darebin Community Mental Health Christmas Lunch.
- \$500 also to local man towards wheelchair repair.

Currently the Committee is researching Safe Steps, Preston Neighborhood House and the Aboriginal Advancement league.

With a budget of \$18,000 there remains \$5,300 in kitty.

**SPEAKERS APRIL 13:** VACCA | Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency, 340 Bell Street, Preston VIC 3072.

**Mark Byrne**, Regional Director Client Services, North & West.

**Paul Ferris**, Program Manager, Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making Program, Northern VACCA

## DIARY DATES

DATE		
<b>April 13</b>	Chair	Joe Morris
	Speakers	Mark Byrne, Paul Ferris
	Topic	<b>Vic Aboriginal Child Care</b>
	Welcomes	Julie Morris
	Sergeant	Peter Byrne
	House	Les Woodland
<b>April 20</b>	Chair	Rosemary Wilcox
	Speaker	Rob Webster
	Topic	<b>Anzacs</b>
	Welcomes	Carla Finocchiaro
	Sergeant	Julie Morris
	House	Joe Morris
<b>April 27</b>	Chair	Joe Morris
	Speaker	Ros Rogers
	Topic	<b>Kogo</b>
	Welcomes	Brett Allchin
	Sergeant	David Sullivan
	House	Sean Walsh

**EXODUS - BELLBARDIA ROSTER** will be notified to members as their time occurs.

### 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.



## *LOOKING FORWARD*

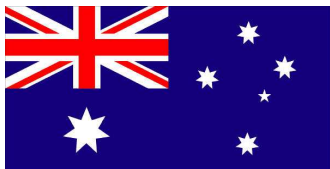
### **April: Magazine Month**

**OPEN DAY AT THE CHILDREN FIRST FARM, KILMORE:** 17 April, 12-4pm. 190 Saunders Road, Kilmore East - exit the Hume Freeway at Clonbinane.

**BRINGING THE LIGHT - Story of Seven Women:** Thurs. 26 May, 6.30. ACMI Cinema, Federation Square <http://www.trybooking.com/KLFK>

**CLUB CHANGEOVER NIGHT:** 6 July, 6.30 for 7.15pm upstairs at the Olympic Hotel, cnr Bell and Albert Sts.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2017:** 16-19 March at Shepparton - Paradise Lakes Motel already booked for the Club.



## *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.

## Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2015/16

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<p><u><a href="#">Christmas Lunch</a></u></p> <p><b>L Woodland</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Conference</a></u></p> <p><b>G McIlvenna</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Life Education</a></u></p> <p><b>C Finocchiaro</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Exodus</a></u></p> <p><b>P Josephson</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Birthday Cards</a></u></p> <p><b>G Smith</b></p>
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