

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2021/2022

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SPEAKER LAST WEEK

Swinburne University student Alexander Mikailidis gave an encouraging outline of his new 2-year-old project – CALM YOUTH. As Chair Elaine Price described, Calm Youth is offering motivation and inspiration to hundreds of youth throughout the world. He offers youth the opportunity to develop themselves through reflection and activities. His partner in Melbourne in the development of Calm is Michael Fortune who comes from the USA.

CALM is an acronym for **C**omposed, **A**mbitious, **L**eaders, **M**entality.

How does CALM operate?

Motivational speeches at schools

Peer mentorship

Online motivational presentations

Clothing apparel

The feed-back received from CALMs recent presentations has been exceptional. Normally non-responsive audiences have shown excitement. They have expressed personal renewal from dark times, they confess to discovering life's meaning as also changes for the better in family and community conduct.

Alexander has many visions for Calm's future. He hopes to develop the number of school presentations in 2022 despite the setbacks of Covid. Contact will all schools in the northern suburbs is his ambition as well as more speakers for both



large and small groups. Alexander has his eyes on contacting youth involved in sporting, musical and other as yet underdeveloped interests.

Alexander's future plans are infinite and the excitement he generated in his audience with his talk was illustrated in the record number of questions that followed. The interest from the floor certainly placed a lot on the plate of the Youth Committee and eventually the club board. The Calm website will be available within the next week.

COMING MEETINGS

September 8 on Zoom @ 12.30pm

Sept 8: Forest Resener - Virtual Guest from Stove International
Chair: P. Peyton

Sept 15: Club Forum on Zoom

Sept 22: Paul Smarrelli - The Future of Business in the City of Darebin

Chair: Lisa Defazio

Sept 29: Christina DiPierdomenico – DIVRS

Chair: Mel Riel

FOREST RESENER is a musician, environmentalist, and wilderness enthusiast. As



the Operations Director for StoveTeam International, Forest is excited to raise awareness for the issue of open-fire cooking, while continuing to create innovative solutions that maximize the efficiency, reach, and scalability of StoveTeam's programmes.

THE ROTARY FAMILY

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Ruth Morris - Alexander Mikailidis' year 12 teacher in 2020 at Ruthven Secondary College. Suzanne Still, Emma Davies and Michael Fortune.



William Steinhauer 12/9/16
Kate Austin 13/9/17

Sonya Barbis 9/09
Jane Weir 10/09
Margaret Smith 11/09
Lyn Mogford 13/9



CLUB NEWS

UNLOADERS WANTED: Yes an extra day for helpers to unload at Res. Neigh. House - **THIS Tuesday 7th September.** The pick-up is 11.30 and the help is needed at Reservoir around 12 noon. Note this is an extra drop off. Given Geoff's bad back, 2 pallets (loads) are too much for him in these days.

Thanks to those who helped at the last drop off which included Geoff, David, Peter Peyton, Max, Ruth and Joe Morris.



A NEW COMPUTER: Members will remember the talk given back in January by 14-year-old cellist Telisa Solanki. Telisa had been awarded a scholarship at the Victorian College of the Arts, an adjunct of the University of Melbourne's Faculty of Music. She has been a bit light in her ongoing equipment. Now she has a computer. Telisa wrote to Secretary Geoff:

"Thank you so very much for everything you are doing for me. I now have so many new opportunities with my new computer. I would love you to convey this gratitude to the members of Rotary. Kind regards, Telisa. PS: I am so excited."

Telisa's need was raised by Lisa Defazio and the club has a small amount of cash reserved in her name. Should anyone have spare cash for her ongoing studies just send it on to Frank Smith with Telisa's name.

CLUB HEALTH CHECK: Members are reminded of Paul Smarrelli's recent mail seeking estimates and assessments re the 'health' of Preston Rotary. Some departments in the survey may be unanswerable but Paul would be happy to receive any responses.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CITATION:

PP Peter Gilbert has advised all



that the club has received the **Citation** from R.I. for the year 2020/21. This is a great success in District 9790 which fields 14 clubs. PDG Bruce Anderson has notified the news.

Clubs can earn a Rotary Citation for **achieving goals that strengthen Rotary and the club**. Goals include increasing club membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation and building awareness of Rotary in the community.

ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA: RAM's Annual Conference will be virtual, live on Zoom. Dates: 11-12 Sat. 13 Nov. and 10-12.30. Sun 14 Nov. Book now: Ram.rawcs.com.au/2021conference

ZOOM MEETINGS FOR COMMITTEES – from Peter Byrne:

“Just a reminder to all Committee Chair people that you can run your committee meetings by Zoom while we’re in lockdown. This is important as we just don’t know how long the current lockdown will last, or if they’re going to be re-applied.

I will assist with the first meeting, but after that all Committee chairs should be able to organise their own meetings. I will send out the log-in details. These will not change for, but are different to those for the full meetings, or the Board meeting, so it is critical to use the correct log-in. If this isn’t done Zoom will start the wrong meeting and freeze all other meetings.

Meetings aren’t allowed to overlap, so please book them with me.

Contact me if you would like to organise one of these meetings. You will need to know starting time, names of attendees, and expected duration”.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH TURNS 40: From an early study into Infant Sudden Death Syndrome to Lift the Lid on Mental Illness Australian Rotary Health has been a brilliant leader and it continues to be so. Rotarians must be proud of its achievements and they are invited to be active in its support. NB: recent mail out.

CHILDREN FIRST VIRTUAL EVENT – SUN. 19 SEPT. 11.45AM:

Host: Marianne Van Dorlar –Television & Radio Personality **Speaker:** Professor Ton Trang, MBBS, FRACS– Orthopaedic Surgeon **Entertainment:** Josh Batten - Musician **Food:** A gourmet lunch hamper from **acclaimed French chef Romu Oudeyer**, including canapés and 2 delicious courses. We will also pop in a piccolo of Champagne to start the party. **All for just \$115 per person.**

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022: The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville in the Yarra Valley. Hotel bookings with Sec. Geoff Site for Conference Bookings:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=741289&>



Dear Rotarians

*As our lockdown is prolonged, President Chris has decided to re-schedule our **CLUB FORUM** for SEPT 15, via Zoom., at our usual time 12.30. (Hence no Social Night at this time) The purpose of Club Forum is to base our discussion around*

the Strategic Plan for this Rotary year, and discuss the health of the club in a hopefully constructive way so as to help us keep moving forward energised & full of ideas!

It is hoped we will have many in attendance as possible! Please RSVP Sec Geoff if you are ABSOLUTELY not able to attend. But of course- WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!!!

The Agenda will be tight, so please be on time.

Also note, there is a slight change in coming weeks in our program of speakers, as John will highlight in the Bulletin. As our excellent young speaker Alexander Michaelidis quoted yesterday Opportunities present themselves when you are present to opportunities!"

Cheers Ruth McCall

BARBIES: Barbies are for the 2nd Saturday each month from October to December – Covid19 permitting. Masks worn at all times.

Oct. 9; Nov. 13; Dec. 11.

Club Website address: 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

**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.**