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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.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Senior Sergeant
Peter Sambell

has served in many roles of duty with Victoria Police and over some time has been a regular volunteer in Preston Rotary service activities.

President Ruth inducted Peter into Rotary quoting many Rotary principles and service models which have already dominated in his life.

In his few words of thanks, Peter remarked that he sees his induction as the addition of an extra family, which makes him the most fortunate man alive!

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

POLICE VETERANS VICTORIA (PVV): A Former Detective Inspector, **Andrew Atkinson** spent 28 years with Victoria Police. After retiring 4 years ago with ill health, he is now a volunteer with PVV. On a number of occasions, he was enlisted by the Australian Federal Police to be part of a Peacekeeping Group working in East Timor following that nation's separation from Indonesia. He later

took up a posting with the UNO in Iraq - *"a scary and at times a life-threatening experience".* Andrew spent a number of appointments as a detective with the Technical Support Group.

Back in 2014, a group of retired police members decided to establish a service for ex-members who had retired through mental illness and other issues. A few years later Police Commissioner Graham Ashton who had his own health issues worked with Wayne Gatt of the Police Association to establish a permanent and more professional support for police veterans with any form of illness. Hence PVV.

Gradually the assistance widened and it now includes multiple aid for families of deceased members. PVV's main role is providing wide-ranging assistance for those members who have retired due to all forms of illness and especially PTSD. PVV aims at helping those still serving in the force to

1. identify their own mental health
2. recognise where they are at and
3. put up their hand and immediately seek support once identified

While Victorian police veterans number 15,000, PVV has 4,659 volunteer members serving with PVV. While it is said that the average person will experience maybe 4 traumatic events in a lifetime, a police member will experience over 600.

For Andrew his life experience began in Warnambool with his dad a teacher and mum a nurse. His dad was given a teacher's position at the RAAF School in Penang, Malaysia. After 2 years the family returned home and after wanting to be a professional lifeguard it was the police

force. Then came positions at Moonee Ponds, Camperdown, Avondale Heights, St Kilda, Prahran, Elwood, the Technical Surveillance Unit, Fitzroy and Warrnambool.

While in East Timor Andrew was seriously wounded and was operated on immediately in a tent. In 2004 he was diagnosed as suffering PTSD and in 2012 an inoperable brain tumour. Then retirement. He now travels everywhere with his well-trained dog, Sofie, provided by PVV. Sofie can detect the moment Andrew is about to suffer a brain seizure allowing him to rest immediately before any ensuing tragedy.

Andrew's story was amazing while highlighting the initiative of just a few people to achieve the present day Police Veterans Victoria.

ORDER ONLINE FROM ANY BOOKSHOP:

Copper! A Life in Law Enforcement **by Andrew Atkinson**

Sweating Bullets, Mopping Blood **by Heather Harris**

THE ROTARY FAMILY

David Sullivan 10/4

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Shanice and Danielle Abdelrehim

CLUB NEWS

THIS WEDNESDAY LUNCH, April 5, 11.45am at RIMERN

Speaker Susie Cole (Prahran Rotary) - Creating a home not just a place to live

$20 light lunch and vino fundraiser.

Numbers essential – ring Ruth **now** 0488 983621

32Lincoln St. East Brunswick - on the south east corner of Moreland Road - parking is available in Moreland Road outside the soccer ground opposite the site

It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to fulfill your position

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Apr-05	**NB**	**MEETING**	**11.45**	**@ Rimern**
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 Smarelli
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	

The Darebin RSL Sub-Branch conducts an Anzac Commemorative Day Service every year on the Sunday prior to Anzac Day. This year it will be held on Sunday 16th April, 10.30am with a march to the cenotaph outside the Council offices in High Street.

UPCOMING SPEAKER:

5 April Susie Cole Rimern

RADIO 3KND SHIFT: Recently, broadcaster Brendon Adams arrived from Wilcannia where he was site manager of REDI.E business. REDI.E is an indigenous owned organisation delivering employment, training and a wide range of community services to far west NSW.

Last week a crew including Preston Rotarians together with new Rotarian Peter Sambell, Shanice and Danielle Abdelrehim and Erica Higgins did all the lifting and shifting to set up Brendon in a fixed abode. Well done crew!

ROTARY DOWN UNDER – MARCH: President Ruth recommends all to go back and have a second read of a printed edition if possible.

BUNNINGS BARBIE: 8th April – Easter Saturday

NATHALIA ROTARY 60th: The club will celebrate with an evening at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve, Saturday 15th April at 6.30pm. A 2-course meal at $35 per head. Prestonians and friends most welcome – RSVP 12th April by 6pm.

Contact Loula Oliver – 0418 147 977.

A REPEAT REMINDER – MEETING AND LUNCH NEXT WEEK AT RIMERN - SPEAKER IS SUSIE COLE, immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Prahran. Her presentation will outline presented an outline of RIMERN (Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network). This is a multi-club Centenary of Rotary in Australia Community Service project to support local people in need. The project aims to support individuals coming out of homelessness, domestic violence, jail, natural disaster and to provide a wide range of household appliances, ranging from kitchen cutlery to beds, linen and furniture.

RIMERN is expected to complement the Eastern Emergency Relief Network(EERN) established 26 years ago and the Western Emergency Relief Network(WERN) which was set up to provide the same Service in the western suburbs. A 770 square metre two level warehouse has been leased in East Brunswick with a sub-tenant, Canard Solutions, that specializes in managing of decluttering, downsizing and estates.

RIMERN will require $55,000pa to operate effectively and the set up costs of $27,500 have been provided by Rotary Prahran. Susie is hoping that 31 clubs from Districts 9800 and 9790 will commit to a minimum of $1000 annually for the next three years. So far 13 clubs plan to be involved.

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