

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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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.

MERRI OUTREACH SUPPORT SERVICES (MOSS): As the current CEO of



MOSS, **Mark Goodie** had the perfect vocational preparation. From banking to CEO of Ozanam House (St.V.D.P.), then to operating with the Salvos, Northeast Housing etc. Then followed local government Social Housing and Youth Services which led him into Merri Outreach Support Services.

Mark's driving concern is based on every person deserving safe affordable accommodation. His principle is governed by overall equality and social justice - assisting those who have stumbled to find sure footing again. *"A healthy*

community is a diverse community with diverse housing." All the above are principles driving every Rotarian.

The MOSS story began in 1988 when Darebin Community members felt they needed to act to support the end of homelessness in the local community. Following a successful submission to DHS, the first MOSS doors opened in High Street, Northcote. Since then, with a staff of 80 it now has offices in Brunswick, Broadmeadows, Heidelberg, Reservoir and Northcote (2).

In the limited time allotted, Mark endeavoured to outline the numerous specialized departments now developed to give specific attention to each personal problem. Amongst MOSS departments are:

 Youth Refuge Support to over 55's in High-Rise towers,
 Assertive outreach, Transitional Support programmes ,
 Social Support groups, COVID programmes, ,
 Crisis Programmes NDIS support Youth and family programme,
 Volunteer programme, Foodbank programme,
 Community Connections programme, Children's Networker positions,
 HRAR and Targeted Case management activities.

The MOSS operation is vast. There are countless offside expenses – essential medications, food vouchers, nappies, clothing, furniture, therapy, rent Finance is a great challenge. Mark openly appealed for financial assistance.

Currently the Community Committee is investigating a Major and Sustainable Project with a local organization and Paul Smarrelli is seeking opinion of members if MOSS should be given consideration.

COMING MEETINGS

MARCH 9: RESERVOIR NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE - Angie Davidson

Chair - Peter Peyton

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



Ian Musgrove 9/3



Lina and Max Walsh 11/3

**The FUNERAL of the late NEIL GRIERSON
will be at Wattle Park Chalet
on Thursday 17th March, 2pm**

VISITORS LAST WEEK: A diverse group it was at the dinner meeting last week. Amongst those present were Peter McCall, Esther Boateng, Bernie Geary, Willow Lyon and Vandana Subramanian.

THE LATEST on Max Kirwan is that he is picking up and hopefully will return home with special care.

CLUB NEWS

BUNNINGS BARBIE: Saturday of the long weekend, March 12.

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

VENTILATOR ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT SERVICE (VASS) is a state-wide service that provides accommodation and high-level 24-hour support for people who are chronically dependent on mechanical ventilation.

Located in Thornbury, Yooralla's VASS features three long-term residential houses, and one house for people who require either planned or emergency respite support. There was a project to set up a vegetable/herb/flower garden on what is now barren land between two of the houses. Secretary Geoff and David De La Coeur have studied the area and the club has decided with the club's approval to take the next step. It will be in the hands of the community committee and Geoff is seeking outside financial support.



Ventilator Accommodation Support Service

NIMA AND DAWA, the once conjoined twins, are now back home in Bhutan and about to begin school. As mentioned previously, finance is needed to back up this vital step in their growth. If any member wishes to donate, however small the amount, contact Children First Foundation and simply hand it over to Sec Geoff.

The Rotary World President has decided to hold the **2022/2023 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** in Melbourne - 27 to 31 MAY, 2023.

This would involve between 20,000 and 30,000 Rotarians visiting Melbourne. A variety of hosting strategies are being studied. Examples - a Melbourne club offering a dinner, local Rotarians treating the visitors as house guests, taking groups on trips outside Melbourne, airport movements

The Board will look into the club's abilities under the direction of Peter Gilbert. Peter is keen to hear from members. **Peter: 0419 18 06 42**

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

SHELTER BOX AUSTRALIA is operating under overwhelming demand in these torrid days with flooding, hurricanes, earthquakes and conflict. In these months active operations are ongoing in Syria, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Yemen, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Haiti, the Philippines and now Ukraine.

While enjoying a 3 course meal in Melbourne, be aware that Rotary is simply striving to house those left homeless. Mike Greenslade, CEO of ShelterBox Australia, has sent the club a letter of gratitude.



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

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