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SAME TIME - SAME PLACE

MEETING NEXT WEEK WILL BE AS USUAL

at the Darebin RSL

Speaker **Gary Howell** is the new owner and Director of *MBCM STRATA SPECIALISTS PRESTON & RESERVOIR*. With 33 years helping strata communities thrive and an audience of persons somehow in contact with such lifestyles, Gary had an attentive audience.

Gary reported that about $\frac{1}{4}$ of all Australians are reliant on or live in strata corporations. He predicted that by 2030 the percentage will rise to $\frac{1}{2}$ of all Australians. Looking around the local area today with all the buildings and renovations in progress, the majority are strata managed.

As soon as a property is subdivided, it activates an Owners Corporation (OC),



once known as a Body Corporate. As the OC is a company it carries with it all the legal attributes of a company and every owner is legally responsible for any accident, dispute, disaster

As an OC manager, Gary explained his responsibility in items as insurance, maintenance and mediation. He has a role of education, advising and supporting owners as to private and common areas, what laws govern living conditions, rights of visitors and leasing.



COMING EVENTS

SPEAKER NEXT WEEK: will be **Angela O'Toole** of OPEN TABLE. Open Table is an independent not-for-profit organisation that shares free food with the community, utilising food that would otherwise be wasted in order to reduce food insecurity and food waste.

FOODBANK DELIVERY at Res. Neighbourhood House will be Tuesday August 1 at around midday. Thanks go to those who attended the last delivery especially the Colombian visitors Johanna and Carlos who gave a hand.

CIRCUS QUIRKUS at the Northcote Theatre in High Street, Northcote – Sunday August 13 and Monday 14th August. Three presentations each day. Make a diary date. No work. Simply a presence for the crowds attending.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 23/24, APRIL 19, 20, 21 at Shepparton. The Club will possibly book Kialla Motel.

COMMUNITY INVITATION: Victoria Police invites members of the Darebin community to attend the **CommSafe Forum** on 6 Sept, 9am to 12.30pm – Union Hall, Latrobe University. The forum is an opportunity to talk with police about what is important in your community. The Forum will explore a range of topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Young people
- Family violence
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.





Questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event. Registration is a must. To register your interest, please send your details to: DAREBIN-DI@police.vic.gov.au

Union Hall, La Trobe University, Moat Drive, Bundoora. Refreshments and food will be offered. If you have any dietary requirements, please include them in your registration.

FUNDRAISING EVENT. "The Giants" Wednesday 26 July 2023, hosted by Global Gardens of Peace. It is at the Burnley Campus of the Melb. Uni. All info was mailed by Geoff 20/7.

"The Giants" explores the intertwined fates of trees and humans in this poetic portrait of environmentalist Bob Brown and the Forrest. Told in Bob's own words, his story is interwoven with the extraordinary life cycle of Australia's giant trees, brought to the screen with stunning cinematography and immersive animated Forest landscape.

CLUB NEWS

CREATING HOPE – RI PRESIDENT: BUILDING PEACE, THE ESSENCE OF ROTARY. *“Research shows that performing acts of kindness is an active step any of us can take to protect our well-being. And, by building peace within, we become more capable of bringing peace to the world”.*

RYDA: The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness programme went well with 150 students from Preston High School in attendance. Chris Shields thanked those who gave a hand in ushering the students to the different 6 sessions.

Chris stressed the value of early education for school students prior to getting their driver licenses. The tone of the classes/demonstrations is not to terrorise the students rather to introduce them to correct driving-mindedness as they move through L and P plates to full free driving either solo or with company. The second session is August 15.

END POLIO: Rotary Club of Agra Taj Mahal, India, is fostering a MEGA CAMPAIGN in the fight against polio. Read the extensive mailout from Sec Geoff at the request of Pres. Kannan. This is an interesting effort to recruit persons, partially assisted, to participate in a 2 week campaign.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK: There are still a few members still to register. Sec. Geoff is still waiting for a few members to register.



July 31

Meeting June 26 will be as usual

Darebin RSL 12.15 for 12.30

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