

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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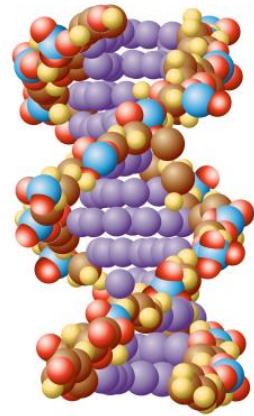
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SPEAKER LAST WEEK

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? MY DNA: Last week's midday dinner meeting gave space to stand-in speaker **David De La Coeur**. David's topic was a moving summary of his previously unknown heritage through to his own exhaustive on-line DNA-based exploration and discovery.

DNA, or **d**eoxyribon**u**cleic **a**cid, is the hereditary material in humans and almost all other organisms. The particular mix of DNA a person inherits from 2 parents is unique to that person; 50% from one parent and 50% from the other. They in turn received 50% from each of their parents.



Genealogical
Society of
Victoria

In his growing-up years David knew that his father was not his real father. Recent years have provided the TV programme *"Who do you think you are?"* This started David on a voyage into the numerous on-line methods of discovering one's

genealogy; for David a voyage into the complete unknown, both the technology and his father's identity. Then his membership in the Genealogical Society of Victoria with its monthly classes. Travelling through matching DNA, countries of birth and migration, David was able to trace his grand-parents on his father's side. and then the eventual discovery of his father's identity - a soldier stationed in Bairnsdale in the 1940s

Even with the help of overheads during his talk the road was very complicated but his success was announced with both emotion and a sigh of relief. This was a no fill-in story but a voyage into life's reality.



COMING MEETINGS

Dec 8: Speaker will be PDG Terry Grant – Change of Regions etc.

Dec 15: Speaker: Jill Warehouse - Big Group Hug

Dec 22: Christmas Break-Up -

Kris Kindle – Bring a gift marked M or F.

At R.S.L. 6.30 for 7. Please book numbers now.

THE ROTARY FAMILY



SIGN UP AGAIN OR NOT?

This AFL supporter (pictured above), a non-Rotarian but well-known in Preston Rotary circles, has had an upsetting year with the overall performance of a certain sporting club. What to do?

Maybe the name of the person will be revealed next week in order that advice/counselling can be offered.

Anju and Kapil Agarwal 12/12

Bronze anniversary



VISITOR LAST WEEK: Natalie Au



THE CLUB IS IN GOOD HANDS when looking back at 2021 and the on-going time-taking attendances by members at hands-on club jobs. Then add on the pandemic.

Without overlooking the individual services given by members in their other club roles, the regular transporting and cooking tasks are true stand-outs. This is service. Loadings, unloadings, transportings, outdoor barbie tasks. They will continue in 2022.

For the moment, **SERVICE CHANGES LIVES** – be it of the served or of the server.

CLUB NEWS

DIARY DATES:

- Bunnings Sausage Sizzles – Dec. 11 & double vaccinated. @2-4pm are always the big call-out for the pack-up
- Police Awards – Feb. 2, 2022
- Merri Creek 2nd Planting Day – 2022
- Club Break-up Christmas evening celebration – Dec. 22 at R.S.L., 6.30pm for 7pm.

EMBRACING CHANGE - DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022: The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville. Hotel bookings with Sec. Geoff. ASAP as the rooms unclaimed will soon be released.

Also please send a copy of the original Conference receipt to Sec. Geoff.

Site for Conference Bookings: **TRY BOOKINGS Marysville Rotary Conference**

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

JOY TO THE WORLD: Over the year Secretary Geoff has been referring on to members numerous informational appeals for financial help. The organizations are ever so many. Just a few which come to mind are ROMAC, Childrens First, Interplast, Australian Rotary Health, Rotary Foundation, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, Rotarians Against Malaria

Maybe this note could be a reminder for members to add one or two of the above to the long list of Christmas gifts which often are eaten up or worn out in little time.



**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.**