

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

District 9790

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PO Box 299, Preston, 3072

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**ROTARY:  
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DIFFERENCE**

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**Paul Smarrelli, Chris Shields, Shaun Walsh, Peter Byrne  
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# Committees - 2017-2018

<b>International</b>	<b>Youth Service</b>	<b>Vocational</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Foundation</b>
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<b>Membership/</b> <b>Classifications/</b> <b>Rotary Information</b> <b>Chair</b> <b>C Finocchiaro</b>  P Smarrelli A Pahuja P Josephson	<b>PR WebSite IT</b> <b>Chair F Brass</b>  K Subramanian L Defazio J McCarthy I Musgrove G Lyons	<b>Bulletin</b> <b>Chair</b> <b>J McCarthy</b>  P Peyton C Finocchiaro	<b>Family of</b> <b>Rotary</b> <b>/Fellowship</b> <b>Chair</b> <b>P Josephson</b>  E Price R Wilcox A Morton	<b>Fundraising</b> <b>Chair</b> <b>W O'Neill</b>  Joe Morris E Price P Peyton F Smith P Gilbert
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<b>Club History</b> P Peyton P Gilbert	<b>Seniors Christmas</b> <b>Luncheon</b> L Woodland	<b>District</b> <b>Conference</b> G Mc Ilvenna	<b>RI World</b> <b>Conf.</b> P Gilbert	<b>Programs</b> <b>Chair J</b> <b>Joe Morris</b> P Smarrelli I Musgrove
<b>Life Education N E</b> <b>Chair</b> <b>C Finocchiaro</b> F Smith D Sullivan G Mc Ilvenna D De La Coeur Plus 7 non Rotarians	<b>Personal Care Packs</b> <b>Co Chair</b> <b>L Thornton</b> <b>Co Chair</b> <b>A Morton</b> Dep C Verrocchi S Bell Joe Morris Geoff McIlvenna	<b>Children's First</b> <b>Next Step</b> <b>Chair</b> <b>G McIlvenna</b>  B Lamers D De La Coeur C Verrocchi F Smith		<b>Club Service</b> <b>F Brass</b>

**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.**

# A Rotary Welcome to Members of the Victorian Police Force



## SPEAKER LAST WEEK

1916 marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Preston's GOOD SAMARITAN INN. Two Good Samaritan Sisters, Anne Dixon and Helen Mills, acted on the glaring need to house and care for people experiencing homelessness. After informal beginnings, the field was limited to women and children while admission was via referrals from outside services. In time this led to the recruitment of other Good Samaritan Sisters and volunteers, the establishment of a professional Board and, with the help of the late Fiona Richardson MP, in October the GSI was able to move from a 5 day week to its present 24/7 services. In the early 20s while GSI was establishing itself the Rotary Club of Preston was of major financial support.

Last Wednesday, manager Cymantha Thompson explained the mission of GSI:

- To offer a communal environment that is safe and nurturing

- To provide an effective service for each woman and child to restore emotional strength and
- To raise awareness within the community of the impact of family violence and the importance of prevention and early intervention.

The Preston-based GSI has 15 full-time staff and over 50 skilled and active volunteers. They offer hospitality with welcoming and exiting, cooking, cleaning, evening/overnight care, gardening, cakes and casseroles and offering empowerment. The past year has seen GSI host by referral 229 women and 274 children.

One in three Australian women experience violence in their lifetime. In offering assistance at GSI, staff and volunteers undergo training both for their own stress management and for best practice in the field.

Many questions arose at the meeting, mostly around domestic violence, its causes, its phases and the immediate solution. One asked why the abused female does not move out of home immediately. Cymantha's answer was based on her extensive experience. She gave three reasons: generally



the male abuser is also the holder of all cash; moving out sees the injured party homeless and bereft of all safety; and, thirdly, the reality that in the first six months away from the abuser the injured party lives in major fear for their lives. All left the meeting both sober and enthused by a positive story.

# CLUB NEWS

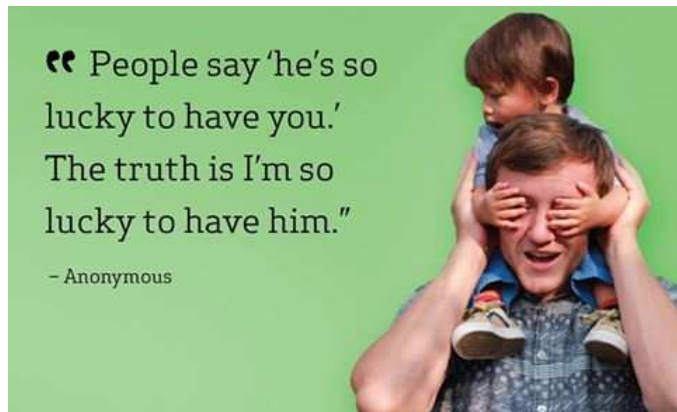


As outlined in the Bulletin October 25, **LIYA DJAMBATJ BANUMBIRR** is the name of the Programme devised for the Aboriginal students from the remote communities when they come in to board at the Nhulunbuy High School. Part of the programme is work experience with local businesses. Peter Byrne now reports that the boots and socks they requested have arrived and the community has sent its happy thanks.

Secondary Staff Member Billy Toll writes: ". . . . Many of the students who come from the remote communities around East Arnhem Land choose to board in Nhulunbuy in order to develop skills which will enable them to prepare for future employment (as marine studies, trades or ranger work) where the appropriate workplaces require the students to be wearing steel-capped boots.

*May I thank you most sincerely for enabling the students to realize their goals and ambitions by being able at least to access their workplaces of choice".*

**MacKILLOP FAMILY SERVICES** is one of the largest providers of special support services to vulnerable and disadvantaged children, young people and their families operating in Victoria and New South Wales.



Last Wednesday the Community Chair, Shaun Walsh, presented a cheque for \$1,000 to Diana Pik of MKFC which has a heavy emphasis on foster care.



**PAVILION SCHOOL**: Paul Smarrelli spoke of the recent developments at P.S. in the busy open community area surrounding the workshop. PS is now 10 years along the road. Preston Rotary has been instrumental in the development of the workshop and some of

the external community area. The pizza oven is in full blaze and the students are currently building tables with a pergola. This was a great location for the Tin Celebration (10<sup>th</sup> year). P.S. leaders have invited the Club to have a meeting there next year using these facilities.



**HELP!** Packers wanted immediately after this Wednesday's meeting, Dec. 6., if possible for a few hours!

There is much packeting to be done and it will take some time. The more hands the quicker the result.

# FAMILY OF ROTARY

President Julie and Joe Morris are still celebrating the arrival of their new grandson - Darcy William Morris.

<b>Birthdays</b>	Margaret Grierson 6/12, Paul Donovan 11/12 Veronica De La Coeur 7/12,
<b>Wedding Ann.</b>	Anju and Kapil Agarwal 12/12/02

## darcy n.

A unit used to measure the permeability of porous substances such as soil, equal to the passage of 1 cubic centimetre of fluid having a viscosity of 1 centipoise for 1 second under the pressure of 1 atmosphere through a medium having a volume of 1 cubic centimetre.

VISITOR LAST WEEK: Diana Pik, MacKillop Family Care

## COMING EVENTS

**BOARD MEETING: Dec. 6 @ 6.00pm**

<b>Dec. 6</b>	Chair	Elaine Price
	Topic	<b>Community Police Awards</b>
	Welcomes	Peter Byrne
	Sergeant	Les Woodland
	House	Wayne O'Neill
<b>Dec. 13</b>	Chair	Rosemary Wilcox
	Welcomes	Erica Higgins
	Sergeant	Ian Musgrove
	House	Peter Peyton

Dec. 20	Chair	President Julie
	Event	Night-time Christmas Meeting
	Welcomes	Paul Smarrelli
	Sergeant	Claude Verrocchi
	House	John McCarthy
Dec. 27		No Meeting
Jan. 6		No Meeting
Jan. 10		Informal Lunch @ R.S.L.
Jan. 17		Resumption of Normal Meetings

**DESTINY RESCUE** as e/mailed by Sec. Geoff DR has 2 gift sales events coming up; one at Sunbury and one at Bundoora.

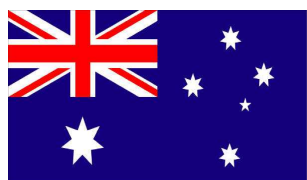
[destinyrescueshop.org.au](http://destinyrescueshop.org.au)

### **JOB VACANCIES**

# December 23, Barbie all day at Bunnings. Start 8am. Last for the year a big fund-raiser. Required  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour, 1 hour, 5 hours . .

### **ROTARY GRACE**

O Lord and Giver of all good, we thank Thee for our daily food.  
 May Rotary friends and Rotary ways  
 help us to serve Thee all our days.



### **ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR**

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young  
 and free; we've golden soil and wealth for toil;  
 our home is girt by sea; our land abounds in nature's gifts of  
 beauty rich and rare; in history's page, let every stage Advance  
 Australia Fair. In joyful strains then let us sing **Advance  
 Australia Fair.**