

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.
District 9790

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PO Box 299, Preston, 3072

Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm
Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

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<p><u>Christmas Luncheon</u> L. Woodland</p>	<p><u>On to Conference</u> G. McIlvenna</p>	<p><u>RI World Conference</u> P Gilbert</p>	

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

ST. HELENA:

Up along Plenty Road and a few blocks east of Childs Road and University Hill is the small postal area of St. Helena. That is not the location capturing speaker Dee Clements!



For Dee, an ex primary school principal and recent stroke survivor, her interest is the south Atlantic island of St. Helena, the workplace of her great great great grandfather William Balcombe. To a similar degree is the history of William and his family's friendship with the exiled Napoleon Bonaparte and Dee's lifelong desire to set foot on the island.

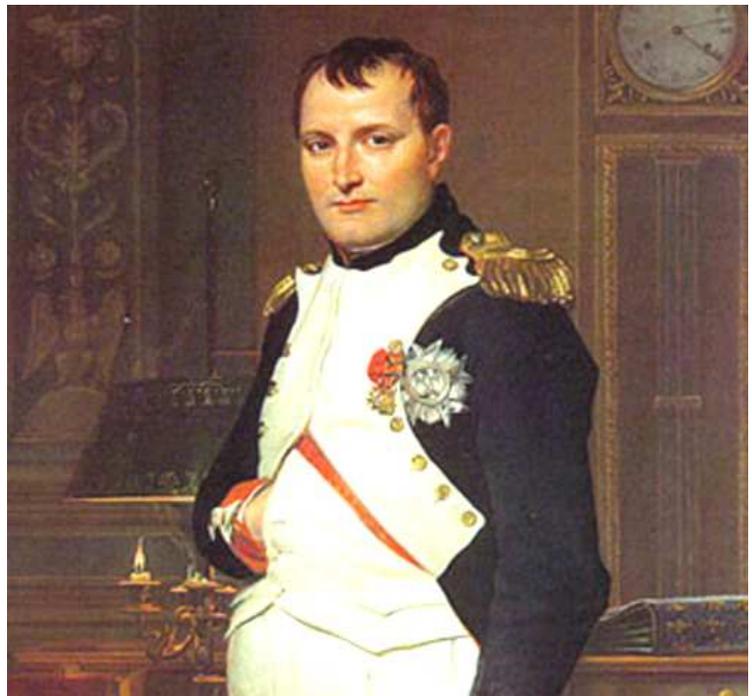
Stationed on the St. Helena was William, the 'provedore' of the international trading company, the East India Company. This remotest of the remote islands on the planet, today, is 5 days sailing from Cape Town in the direction of Cape Horn, South America. Dee lived through her childhood with family stories of William, Napoleon and St Helena which are still embedded in her memories.

Dee's talk was much about her 2015 visit to the island just months before the bi-centennial celebrations of Napoleon's 1805 arrival on St. Helena. Napoleon had already been exiled

on Elba from which he escaped and after defeat at Waterloo he was exiled to St. Helena. For the first month on the island Napoleon lived in a cottage, *The Briars*, owned by William and on his property. So blossomed an intimate friendship, today much researched by Dee. 6 years later Napoleon died of stomach cancer. Standing today at Mt. Martha is the home of Dame Mabel Balcombe Brookes, grand-daughter of William Balcombe. Her home was also named *The Briars*.

St. Helena is 10 miles long and 4 miles wide. With a population of 4,000, sadly the rocky land today is totally decimated. The island is Britain's second-oldest remaining overseas territory after Bermuda. With its future in the hands of Britain, Dee has fears for its future. She felt that its community sanity is much threatened.

This was a remarkable description by an investigative spirit. Dee's audience was given a glimpse of past memories - a rare experience in these times.



CLUB NEWS

YOUTH EXCHANGE: The District is searching for host persons. Is age difference a problem? Those who have filled the role in the past have felt it a very enriching experience. No-one is too old - grand parents have plenty of experience with the younger generation. Further info - Elaine Price

SPEAKERS: After 25 years in the role, Ian Musgrove has handed the baton to Joe Morris. Joe has inherited a programme fully booked till June and is ready to discuss bookings for the next 25 years.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK: *After writing and setting up the layout of the Bulletin, early on Monday I email a copy to Anne and Rotarian Paul Donovan @ Morning Star Press, Plenty Road, Preston, where the Bulletin is printed.*

On his way to the Wednesday Club meeting, Geoff McIlvenna picks up the copies and makes them available at the Club pay-in desk for Members and visitors. Members are invited to pass on copies to any contacts they might have who may be interested in becoming Rotarians.



It should be noted that leaving one's copy on the table after departing the Wednesday meeting could incur a fine of up to \$500. Repeated offences could merit imprisonment up to 3 years. So far this Rotary year, 3 cars have been impounded and 5 cars have had their wheels clamped for failure to pay fines.

Now have an enjoyable meeting.

John McCarthy, Editor jmcpresto@netspace.net.au

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM: *Recently Preston's sponsored students and others reported: This was an amazing experience during the January break. Being surrounded by 200 of Australia's most enthusiastic science and mathematics students at ANU was a life changing experience. It entirely altered our outlook on the world and the opportunities available to us.*

NYSF students explored their passions and interests by attending specialized lectures, visiting various laboratories and building lasting connections with actual researchers and scientists.

DIARY DATES



DATE		
April 19	Chair	David De La Coeur
	Speaker	Major Paul Gilman
	Topic	W.W. II
	Welcomes	Julie Morris
	Sergeant	Shaun Walsh
	House	Peter Byrne
April 26	Chair	Asha Pahuja
	Speaker	Lisa DeFazio
	Topic	Rotarian behind the Badge
	Welcomes	David Sullivan
	Sergeant	Shaun Walsh
	House	Claude Verrocchi
May 3	Chair	Julie Morris
	Topic	Club Assembly
	Welcomes	Sandra Bell
	Sergeant	Ian Musgrove
	House	Brett Allchin

EXODUS ROSTER: April 19 - Peter Peyton, Paul Josephson

FAMILY OF ROTARY

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Eric Thornton (President 74-75), Ben Anderson (Salvation Army Trainee College).

COMING EVENTS

APRIL: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

BRIGHTON FUND RAISER,
May 19, 12 noon. A table for 10 has been reserved. \$130 a HEAD. A number of speakers and one of the 10 beneficiaries will be The Next Step. Contact Geoff McIlvenna.



LIFE EDUCATION VICTORIA GALA DINNER proudly presented by Isuzu Trucks - Saturday 3rd June 2017 @ The Pullman Hotel. Contact Carla Finocchiaro.

Present D.G.E. will visit the Club as D.G. September 13.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE YARRAWONGA-MULWALA:
22-25 March 2018. Preston booked in at Lake View Motel.

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.

Rotary Club Of Preston

Paul Harris Fellows		Year Awarded	Paul Harris Fellows		Year Awarded
PP	Alf Bean	17/12/1975		Kevin Aylward	24/06/1998
◆ PP	Ron Grierson	22/11/1978	PP	John McInnes	15/09/1999
◆◆ PP	Perc Cleland	11/03/1981	PP	Rod Draper	15/09/1999
◆ PP	Roy Kilkenny	07/04/1982	◆◆◆	John McCarthy	05/07/2000
◆ PP	Mark Crampton	10/08/1983	◆ PP	Les Woodland	05/07/2000
PP	Bill Wonder	01/05/1985		Rick Kirwan	26/06/2002
	Laurie Jones	01/03/1986	◆◆	Wayne O'Neill	26/06/2002
	Cliff Kendall	01/03/1986	◆◆◆	Frank Smith	26/06/2002
PP	Arthur Morgan	01/03/1986	◆ PP	Ian Musgrove	25/06/2003
◆ PP	Jack Morris	01/03/1986	◆ PP	Rosemary Wilcox	25/06/2003
◆ PP	Ian Cleland	24/07/1987	PP	Lindsay Gale	12/07/2006
◆◆ PP	Ken Land	24/07/1987	◆ PP	Carla Finocchiaro	12/07/2006
PP	Norm Griffiths	30/09/1987	◆	Peter Lamers	12/07/2006
PP	Keith Porter	30/09/1987	◆◆ PP	Elaine Price	04/07/2007
PP	Bryan Steele	16/12/1987	PP	Richard Gozdzik	28/06/2008
PP	Reg Dick	26/04/1989	◆	Pauline Josephson	16/06/2009
	Lyall Dexter	27/06/1990	◆ PP	Les Price	05/08/2009
♣	Alf Osborne	26/06/1991	PP	David Warry	27/06/2012
◆	Gladys Morris	13/05/1992	PP	David Sullivan	27/06/2012
◆ PP	Vin Murphy	24/06/1992	PP	Hillary Ellis	27/06/2012
◆◆◆ PP	Peter Peyton	24/06/1992	PP	Eric Thornton	27/06/2012
◆ PP	Max Kirwan OAM	30/06/1993	PP	Vin Ross	27/06/2012
◆◆ PP	Paul Smarrelli	29/06/1994	PP	Arthur Grubb	7/11/2012
◆◆	Joy Crampton	29/06/1994	▲	Alf Armstrong	7/11/2012
◆	Jess Cleland	28/06/1995	◆◆ PP	David De La Coeur	17/04/2013
	Peter Gilbert PDG	28/06/1995	◆	Gerry Smith	18/12/2013
	Barbara Gilbert	15/09/2010	◆	Lenore Thornton	25/02/2015
PP	Neil Grierson	28/06/1995	◆	Kim West	24/06/2015
◆◆◆ PP	Paul Josephson	28/06/1995	◆ PP	Peter Byrne	26/8/2015
◆◆◆	G. McIlvenna PDG	26/06/1996	◆	Margaret Smith OAM	16/12/15
♣ PP	Bernie Lamers AM	08/05/1997		Jack Wilcox	9/3/2016
♣	Gerry Lamers AM	08/05/1997		Norbert Schaber	6/7/2016
◆	Norm Pinder	25/06/1997			

◆ Denotes Sapphire Pin ▲ Denotes Ruby Pin = 6 Sapphire Pins ♣ Denotes Major Donor

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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.