

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.

This Wednesday

Preston Rotary Offers a Big Welcome to Members of the Victorian Police Force

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

Given these times of terrible news, reports of inhumane action state and global, dark places of Covid pandemics, continual political bickering, employment insecurity, open and hidden racism – it was a strong breeze of hope for the future when speaker Bruce Walker outlined the enlivening operation of **ROMAC – Rotary Oceania Medical Aid For Children.**

Benalla Rotarian and recently elected District Chair Of ROMAC, Bruce had driven down from northern Victoria and, with the help of a freshly produced overhead, members present were left well informed of ROMAC's works as also the call for both finance and volunteers.

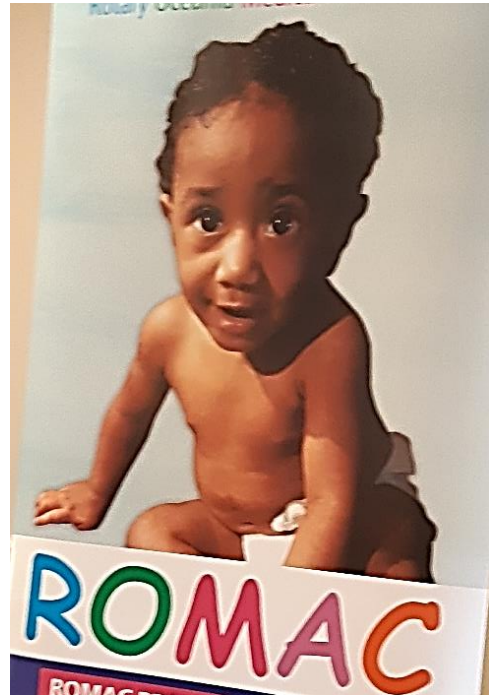
In the form of life-giving and dignity-restoring surgery not accessible to children in their home countries in the Pacific region, ROMAC provides the necessary surgical treatment both in Australia and New Zealand.



ROMAC was started in 1987 by Kangaroo Flat Rotarian Barrie Cooper and his wife Clarabelle, a nurse. During a visit to Fiji they became aware of the need to assist children there who had major medical issues that could not be handled in Fiji at the time. Now over 30 years down the track ROMAC has been able to give new life and dignity to more than 500 children.

The large field of volunteers co-ordinating ROMAC's works are non-paid. All income is used for running expenses. It is notable that ROMAC's National Patron till his death in 2016 was Max Walker. Max gave well over 100 major talks on the subject.

As mentioned earlier in this review, Bruce stressed the fact that ROMAC is fast growing. With the growth comes the need for increased finance and more volunteers with their own abilities – hosts, transporters, co-ordinators etc. ROMAC is yet another Rotary programme serving up hope to a challenged world.



COMING MEETINGS

- FEB. 16: POLICE AWARDS. Chair – Elaine Price
- FEB. 23: COUD INTERGRATORS – Jason Shico, Organizer Club Website.
Chair – Lisa DeFazio
- MARCH 2: DINNER MEETING at RSL, 6.30 for 7pm. Mark Goodie,
Merri Outreach Support Services (MOSS Limited)
Chair – 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





THE ROTARY FAMILY



Mary Verrocchi
23/2



Vandana and Kannan
Subramanian
17/2/2012

CLUB NEWS

HOTEL BOOKINGS AT MARYSVILLE CONFERENCE: Due to a few communication problems those booked at the Peppers Hotel for the Conference are asked to ring the hotel to confirm they have your reservation. Peppers Hotel: [5957 7700](tel:59577700)

NOMINEES FOR THE RYLA PROGRAMME: Nominations are being sought for the 21/22 **Rotary Youth Leadership Camp**. In District 9790, the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is an intensive program that brings young adults together from ages 18-30 to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary.

District 9790 RYLA is an experience-based conference consisting of 7 days and 6 nights – 3-9 April. The RYLA Conference is organised by previous RYLarians and Rotarians from across the District. Participants are nominated by local Rotary clubs or self-nominate after hearing about the conference through friends. The conference offers the opportunity to build self-confidence, gain exposure to a variety of issues and people, meet active community leaders, and learn valuable information and career skills.

EMBRACING CHANGE - DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022: The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville. **PEPPERS HOTEL**, 32-42 Murchison Street, 2 minutes from town centre, has been booked by Secretary Geoff.

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

Q: *Friends, what are we doing about ?*

A: *As a serving club, we are !*

