

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2022/23

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| | <u>District Conference</u> G McIlvenna | <u>RIMERN</u> R McCall Julie Morris Joe Morris E Price All members invited to assist in Volunteering | | Secretary G McIlvenna Treasurer F Smith Special Projects P Smarrelli |

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.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
Mahatma Gandhi

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

MELBOURNE 27-31, MAY 2023.



SPEAKER LAST WEEK

ANTON HOCKEY - YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS - RYDA: Anton Hockey is programme Coordinator with Road safety Education (RSE). His subject could be negatively summarised with pictures of fatal road accidents, cars overloaded with underage passengers, burial rites for underage drivers, police handcuffing young drivers

The true picture of Anton's subject of course was an outline of the mission of RYDA and RSE - to bring on the positive with pictures of the many aspects of an awareness and practice of responsible driving. RYDA is designed for 16-18-year-old students who are approaching that crucial time in their lives where they start to drive independently or are travelling as passengers in a car driven by one of their peers. Initiated by Rotary 20 years ago, the programme is now controlled by (RSE) which operates throughout Australia.

Anton gave official statistics centring on Australian youth suffering road trauma, percentages well above their part of the total population and grossly lower than reality. He stated that the day a teenager receives a P plate they need to be aware of the multiple risks they face on the road. P platers need to be made



aware of that high risk. He needs to be educated as to the risk; an awareness the RYDA programmes aims to instil. 3 passengers quadruple the risks. 2 passengers triple the risks.

The programme is reviewed every two

year to ensure best practice. Since the Covid lockdown schools are slow in renewing their participation which raises much concern. The local programme is run at the Broadmeadows Race Club. The one day run is with 6 lessons. Two follow-up online sessions are also available. Retention of material learned through the programme has been proven to be very high. In the past the club has participated both in the enrolment of students and in assisting their management of the day.

THE ROTARY FAMILY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mary Verrocchi 23/02

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NOTABLE IN HIS ABSENCE LAST WEEK was Peter Lamers suffering a passing infection. Peter's setting up skills were greatly missed!

CLUB NEWS

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

22 February Andrew Zarafa

The Pavilion School

1 March Heather Harris

Nursing in conflict zones



Four children in their 1st year at the Batman Kinder

BATMAN PARK KINDERGARTEN: Located in Northcote, the kinder is hosting a welcome picnic, March 28, 5-7pm. It is a fundraiser, a community builder and a welcome to new families. It is the first event since the pandemic silencer and funds for equipment are running short. The committee is seeking info on any assistance the club may be able to offer - loaning barbie equipment, suggesting catering options, supplying food for around 60 families Any suggestions from members please contact President Ruth.

NEXT BUNNINGS BARBIE: Saturday 11th March. Profit so far this Rotary Year for 10 barbies amounts to \$17,773. Well done Preston!

BARBIE AT RESERVOIR RAILWAY STATION is now a definite with the date of Sunday 26th February. It is free to the public. Preston sets up at 9am with a start of 11am and finishing 3pm.

Weekly Roster February - March 2023

If unable to attend please find substitute

| DATE | WELCOMES | CASHIERS | SERGEANT | CHAIRPERSON |
|--------|---------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Feb-22 | Peter Peyton | Norbet Schaber Ian Musgrove | Peter Byrne | Paul Smarrelli |
| Mar-01 | Suzanne Still | Peter Lamers Elaine Price | Peter Gilbert | Paul Conte |
| Mar-08 | Ian Musgrove | Chris Sheilds Norbet Schaber | David De La Coeur | Max Walsh |
| Mar-15 | Natalie Au | Peter Lamers Paul Conte | David Sullivan | Paul Smarrelli |
| Mar-22 | Elaine Price | Gary Mogford Norbet Schaber | Julie Morris | Carla Finocchiaro |
| Mar-29 | Peter Peyton | Peter Lamers Natalie Au | Peter Byrne | Claude Verrocchi |

SUNBURY ROTARY IS TURNING 50 and invitations are out for Prestonians to celebrate the event with them. It will be an award night and new projects will be announced for all clubs to join.

Saturday April 1, 2023 Time: 7pm to 10pm. Location: Roomba's Mt Aitkin is \$70 per person. Location: Roomba's Mt Aitkin, 33 Cadana Road, Gisborne South.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CFNBB>

NATHALIA ROTARY IS TURNING 60 and the club will celebrate with an evening at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve, Saturday 15th April at 6.30pm. It will be a 2 course meat at \$35 per head. Prestonians and friends most welcome – RSVP 12th April by 6pm.

Contact Loula Oliver – 0418 147 977

3KND RELATED REPORTS: At the request of Pres. Ruth, member **Erica Higgins** gave an impromptu update on a number of recent events happening in relation to indigenous history. February 13 was the 15th anniversary of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's formal apology on behalf of the nation to Australia's Indigenous Peoples. The Apology was particularly to the 'Stolen Generations' and their families for laws and policies which had *'inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss'*.



Outside the Darebin Town Hall crowd held a remembrance service while the Share The Spirit Festival revved up in the Treasury Gardens. Erica as Communications Officer at 3knd added the need she felt to address the club in the future regarding the upcoming referendum on The Voice. Members with a better understanding of the referendum may be able to assist others.

GALA BALL: To date three club couples will be attending the Children First Annual GALA BALL Friday, 28 April 2023. 2 more couples or 4 persons would make a complete table. Contact Sec. Geoff.

Standard tickets are now available till April 4, 2023 only! \$2750 for a table of 10 guests, \$275.00 per person single tickets. Corporate packages are available.

events@childrenfirstfoundation.org.au

DARDI MUNWURRO, the Indigenous Leadership Training & Coaching Centre at 558 High Street, has grown to be a state-wide family violence prevention service. The club is assisting the Rotary Club of Eltham in running a free barbie on location in helping build relationships in the northern suburbs between the indigenous community and the police. Preston is recruiting 3 members for the day, Friday, 24 Feb. Contact Sec. Geoff.

In Ghana black clothes are worn by distant relatives and well-wishers who



attend to mourn with the family. Their dressing aims to convey a message. It shows that they are grieving and feel the pain of the family as if it were their own. The textiles are rich and often carry a message expressing the meaning of their presence.

The photo above was taken by Julie Morris' cousin, an aid worker in Ghana. The message is both happy and clear.



LIFT THE LID ON MENTAL ILLNESS is Australian Rotary Health's overarching campaign brand for mental health research. The campaign, founded by Past ARH Chairman Gregory Ross, started in 2016 in partnership with Rotary Clubs of

Victoria. The events were such a success that it has now been extended to all Rotary Clubs across Australia.

Each year approximately 1-in-5 Australians will experience a mental illness and in order to help future generations of young Australians, we need to look ahead through research and find out how we can prevent this type of illness occurring.

In Victoria over the current season, walks/bike rides are being held in Sorrento, Moreland, Mont Albert/Surrey Hills, Yarrowonga/Mulwala.

Check out the particulars from the relevant club's website

International Women's Day, March 8

International Men's Day, November 19



Obviously, this is a big fundraiser night with lots of fun.

Raffles, games and auctions.

Any member with generous connections (restaurants factories, retail sector) who could donate items for the night please contact Joan Roose.

Joan is due back home in March.

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Info to Ruth McCall

The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000, A/c 154 200 034

For member donations - Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

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