

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**

**ROTARY FOUNDATION CREATES CHANNEL FOR
DIRECT HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT
IN UKRAINE REGION
DISASTER RESPONSE FUND**

- Designated Rotary Districts that border Ukraine and the Rotary District in Ukraine may apply for grants of up to \$50,000 each from the DRF
- Other impacted Rotary districts offering support to refugees or other victims of the crisis can apply for \$25,000
- Rotary Districts can transfer unallocated District Designated Funds to the DRF, directly supporting these Ukraine-specific humanitarian grants
- Contributions to the DRF in support of Ukraine can be made at



my.rotary.org/disaster.response.fund

In addition to the above, the Foundation is coordinating with partners and regional leaders exploring other solutions. Examples include International Rescue Committee, UNHCR, ShelterBox and The Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement and Migration.

NEXT WEEK NIGHT MEETING

At R.S.L. 6.30 for 7pm

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

The **INNER NORTH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** is a very simple concept.



However, because of its numerous business partnerships and its wide community outreach, it can seem very complicated. Last week Project Guide **Kevin Sharp** aided by Executive Officer **Ben Rodgers** attended the meeting to clear up any dark places.

Starting his career with Telstra, Kevin soon set up his own business which he ran for 20 years until moving on in 1998. Always encouraging growth and moving into new territories Kevin assures clients the work of INCF is based on

cold hard facts while being fully engaged with staff, customers and community.

Through widespread community investigations and questionnaires, through listening to conversations, over 25 topics of concern shone out with the top 5 being:

1. Homelessness and access to housing
2. Cost of housing and rental
3. Access to mental health care
4. Support for those facing poverty
5. Violence against women

INCF covers Richmond to Reservoir and Brunswick to Bundoora. Then Kevin branched off into what should be done to make the Inner North a better place. He honed in on alternative aspects that are immediately associated with wellbeing and prosperity – sporting options, connection with nature and the environment, support for small business . . . The Inner North is managing well in these areas that occasionally can be left behind.

Again, it is in those areas that are usually associated with disadvantage as mentioned above where INCF is working the most.

COMING MEETINGS

April 20: **INCF REPORTS** – What are the main needs of people living in the cities of Darebin, Yarra and Moreland.

Chair Paul Smarrelli

April 27: **Night meeting: WORLD MALARIA DAY** – 25 April. Hannah Jones and Dr Bruce Anderson .

Chair Peter Byrne

THE ROTARY FAMILY

SENT OFF STAGE! Yes, recently Peter Gilbert had been given a significant and well-earned send off after a lifetime of Board Meetings and volunteer accounting for Children First Foundation.

Unfortunately, **PETER has now been sent off with Covid**. We wish both Peter and Barbara better days ahead.

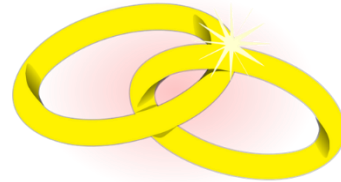
VISITORS LAST WEEK: Peter Sambell, Emily Cummins, Ben Rodgers



Ian Musgrove 1/5/85

Julie and Joe Morris 27/4

Melody and Ian Musgrove 1/5



Gary Mogford 3/4



CLUB NEWS

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST – Monday April 25 – All Nations Park, Fairfield: Initial setting up at 4am. Food preparation 5am. Anzac Service 6am followed by breakfasts.

The demand is great and all hands on is the game. There have been a few scratches meaning late starters are most welcome. Geoff would be happy to hear from you.

PICKING UP 15 BEDS FROM A CARE HOME IN MOORALBARK – April 28.

This is a 2 van task and with many members away, there is need for hands on. Contact Geoff.

I.T. VOLUNTEERS/TRAINERS wanted at Bridge Darebin. Please review Sec. Geoff's mail out.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2023, Deniliquin, NSW, 17-19 March, 2023. Centre Point Motel all ready and booked.

40FT CONTAINERS BOUND FOR TONGA AND TIMOR TO BE FILLED WITH A VARIETY OF GOODS.

Geoff is looking for volunteers on some or all of the Tuesdays and Thursdays **27/4** through to **12/5**. Dates are slightly complicated due to the arrival of the containers at the **Donations In Kind Store**.



"I deeply value the things that Rotary stands for, especially service being a worthy enterprise. The thought of doing good work and paying forward the opportunities and benefits many of us have received in our lifetime is something that informs a lot of

how I approach my roles both as a teammate to others here in Bunnings, in the work I do in the not-for-profit space, and also as a father, husband and friend".

Mike Schneider, Managing Director, Bunnings Group

CLUB HOSTING NIGHT - ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION being held in Melbourne 27-31 May 2023. This club Hosting Night is for Rotarians and Partners from overseas attending the Conference. The club is discussing an evening of welcome displaying the indigenous aspect of Australian history and culture. The night would be programmed at the centre in Bell Street opposite RSL.

Children First Foundation's Events Committee invites you to the "Sparkling Lunch 2022" – Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, Fri. May 20 11.45 for 12pm start and finishing at 2.30pm. \$98 per person. Book with Geoff.

NO MOSQUITO PICNIC: Helping to end Malaria. SIX ACRES Winery, 30 Ferndale Road, Silvan, Sat. April 30 12pm-4pm. Cost \$50. Fun/Speakers/Auction/Raffle/Spit Roast. Book by April 20.

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

“Our survival is at stake – the damage of environmental catastrophe is already upon us – and so, too, is our ability to lift the world’s most needy out of poverty and offer them hope. We must find ways to protect our planet while sustaining the economic growth necessary to achieve our highest humanitarian goals. This is a very exciting time in Rotary, a time when the world needs us most”.

R.I.President Shekhar Mehta

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

For member donations - the account details for

the **Australian Rotary Foundation Trust**

Bendigo Bank BSB 332 084, A/c 551 038 195

