

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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ROTARIAN BEHIND THE BADGE

PETER BYRNE spent his growing years in various Australian towns and cities. Then work has taken him everywhere. His current activities leave him with little spare time in a week. Peter's talk demonstrated his very active life so far.

With both parents as teachers, Peter was born in Nar Nar Goon, 60kms west of Melbourne. With six children in the family, their numbers kept the small school open. Then many school moves till he ended up in Essendon. University study in chemistry and membership in the Army Reserve saw him with many lasting friendships including his future wife Kathy.

In Newcastle with a position in Rio Tinto followed by a subsidiary of BHP, he gave of his abilities. During that time he was transferred to Tasmania and then back to Newcastle. Finally, his current 11 year retirement move to Preston where, sadly, in 2016 his wife passed away. With a daughter and one son in Melbourne and one son in Ballarat, the interactions are often and regular; while living as a grandfather keeps him young.



Peter is very active in the club projects. In his 'spare time', he plays golf, is active in the U3A, (University of the Third Age), has regular family catch-ups and the like. Occasionally Peter has found locals in need of handiwork; plumbing/carpentry and they know he is at the ready. The Church of Christ in Thornbury often calls Peter for building repairs, placard replacements, heavy moving and other maintenance.

Peter's is a fulsome life; always with a ready hand; finding joy in offering his service and a great bonus for Preston Rotary.

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Joan Roose 14/08 7/8



**FROM EXCHANGE
STUDENT ASIA CIRILLO:**

"Today I had a really nice lunch with all of you! I want to say thank you to you and all the members of Preston Rotary club!

My sponsor club is Rotary Club of Brescia Moretto.

I hope to see you soon! Thank you."

REPAIRING WELL is Melody Musgrove after a knee replacement.

TO CORRECT THE REPORT: At the Club meeting of July 26 it was Max Walsh who received the Sapphire presentation from Peter Gilbert for his ongoing contributions to Rotary Foundation.

VISITING LAST WEEK were Exchange Students Asia Cirillo and Darby Wilkes

COMING EVENTS AND CLUB NEWS

NIGHT MEETING 23rd AUGUST

6.30 FOR 7PM START @ R.S.L.

SPEAKER NEXT WEEK August 9: John McCarthy – *Rotarian Behind The Badge*.

NEXT FOOD VAN DELIVERY will be August 15.

COMMUNITY CAR RAFFLE – ROTARY CLUB OF MOOROOPNA: At the Club's invitation, Preston Rotary has decided to participate in the upcoming Mooroopna Community Car Raffle to be drawn New Year's Eve 2023. Tickets @ \$1 or 5 for \$3 will be available from September 20.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 23/24, APRIL 19, 20, 21 at Shepparton. For club participants and partners Sec Geoff has booked the Kialla Motel. All are double rooms @ \$120 per room. Unless otherwise notified the rooms are booked for the Friday and Saturday nights. It's is now time to put the dates in next year's diary.

BUNNINGS: August 12. An afternoon shift may have a vacancy – contact Geoff.

CIRCUS QUIRKUS at the **Thornbury Theatre, 859 High St, Northcote** – Sunday August 13 and Monday 14th August. Three presentations each day. Attention is needed for wheel chaired persons using the lift, otherwise the role is one of welcome. If you have a Rotary shirt maybe wear it. Tireless organizer Wayne O'Neill reports that funds raised will be similar to last year. Unfortunately, Wayne is unable to be present on the day and Julie Morris has everything in hand.

NB THE ABOVE ADDRESS – a few blocks south of Dundas Street.

COMMUNITY INVITATION: Victoria Police invites members of the Darebin community to attend the **CommSafe Forum** on 6 Sept, 9am to 12.30pm – Union Hall, Latrobe University. The forum is an opportunity to talk with police about what is important in your community.



THE BRIDGE - DAREBIN NEEDS SOME ASSISTANCE

on Mondays 8.45-1pm. It is for sundry packaging and any member able to assist in any way is asked to contact Pres. Kannan.

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH when Rotary Clubs around the world focus on membership in Rotary. Does your club have a plan? Are you executing your own plan to invite your friends and business associates to join your Rotary Club?

CIRCUS QUIRKUS IS PERFORMING AT THE THORNBURY THEATRE
not as previous performances which were held at the Northcote Theatre.

Club Website addresses:

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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