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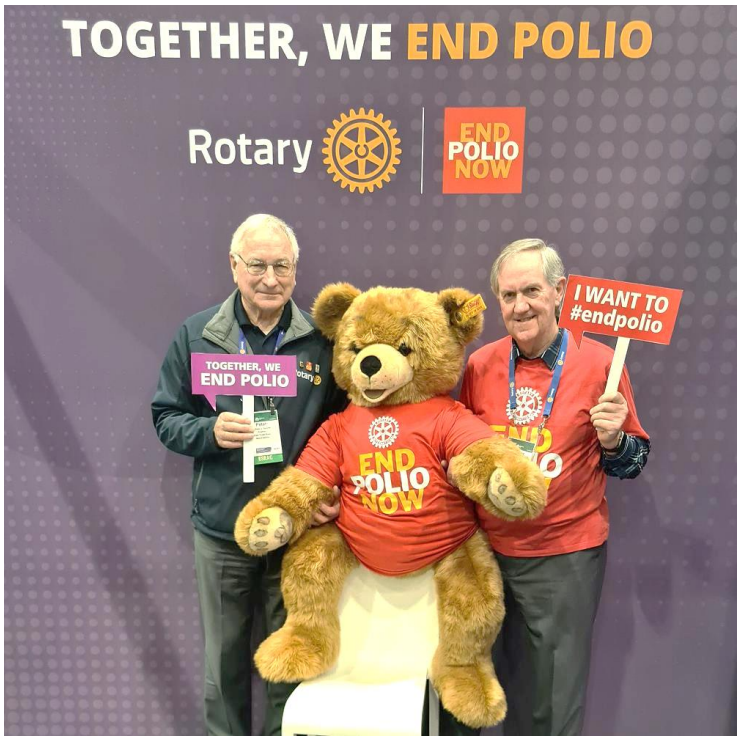
We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

END POLIO NOW: The CV of **Murray Verso** is extensive. Maybe a few relevant items - Medical Practitioner, End Polio Now Coordinator for Zone 8, member of Rotary Club of Williamstown, Past Governor District 9800, numerous roles with Rotary Foundation and and now retired with his wife Irene, also a GP.

Rotary's No.1 Global Humanitarian Priority is that of ending polio. While today polio is unseen in Australia and western countries, it is always lingering and can break out at any time and in any place. Eradication must continue otherwise that result could be catastrophic. Many present were able to remember polio's presence in the 50's and 60's and the Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital. Polios transmission? The virus is contracted orally and lands in the central nervous system. It affects mainly children and it was once called infantile paralysis.



RRFC Peter Garnett & EPNC Murray Verso at RI Convention

Murray recalled the ancient Egyptian times when polio was prevalent. Then in the 1930-50s when it was rampant in Australia. In his early days as a GP Murray could remember a number of his patients being infected. Then in 1955 it was Dr. Jonas Salk who developed a vaccine and in 1960, Dr. Albert Sabin brought in a vaccine that was accepted universally. Many members of Murray's audience interjected with remembrances of their own vaccination! Ouch!

The eradication? UNICEF and WHO have been active. There are alliances, organizations, international companies and bequests. On the ground there are those heroic workers doing the vaccinations at times in dangerous

circumstances. So far this year the number of cases has been reduced to 5. These were found in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Murray expressed his hopes.

The number one financial contributor to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) is the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, followed by the U.S Government with Rotary International being the third biggest contributor. It is estimated that 20 million children would have been paralysed by polio if it wasn't for the End Polio programme. Rotary is committed to raising $50 million per year over the next three years, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This expanded agreement will translate into up to a total of $450 million to support the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

- talk, walk, ride, donate

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Chris Shields 24/6/2009

Margaret Smith 27/6/2018

Kannan Subramanian 27/6

Nadia and Gerry Lyons 22/6

Lyn and Gary Mogford 21/6

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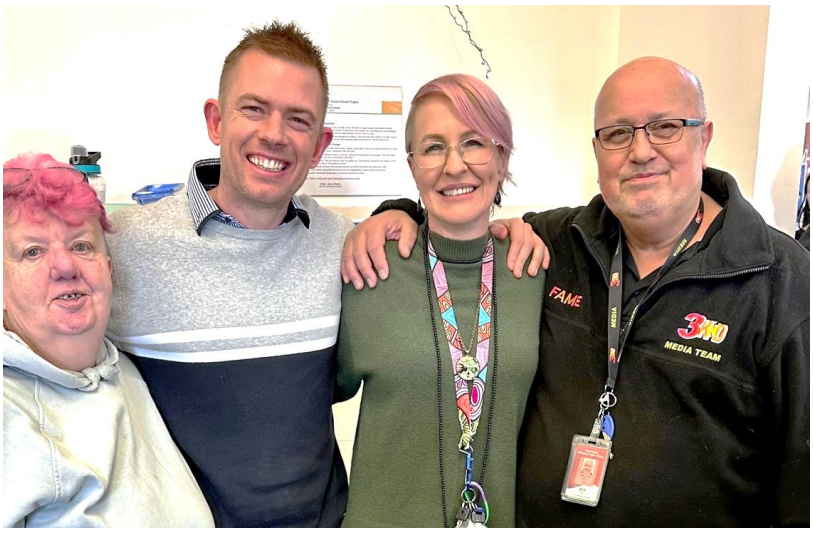
Farewell to Angie Davidson : June 13 saw a warm send off for Angie, Executive officer Reservoir Neighbourhood House. In her summation the event brought some very moving speeches. President Ruth named the Local Member Nathan Lambert and Rotarian Gerry Higgins.

While Nathan gave some interesting background of the growth of Reservoir from open bush to the extensive housing using post wartime personnel. GMan gave a very moving Maori ritual.



In her thanks Angie spoke of the Club's contributions in many ways, particularly the regular delivery of DIK food and the occasional community barbie.

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Ruth Morris and baby Joseph. Sue and Zac Stevenson

CLAUDE VERROCCHI is doing well and he hopes to get back to meetings shortly.

CLUB NEWS

PRESTON CHANGEOVER NIGHT - 28th June

at Preston Polytechnic 6.30 for 7pm start. $70 per person. Pay Frank Smith in these coming days, preferably by June 20. No payments on the night.

MEMBERS VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:

3 Board Membership:

Our previous by-laws provided for the board to consist of six officers and six directors. To allow for flexibility, the Board membership has now been updated to allow for six officers and a number of directors as determined by the board. The number of directors may now change each year to allow for particular emphases that may arise.

PRIDE OF WORKMASNSHIP AWARDS – June 7: Corrections to items in last week's report:

1 The Bernie and Peter Lamers Building Industry and Construction Award was made to Eric Lucietto whose father Gianni was present to accept it for Eric who was unable to attend.

2 The Hospitality Award went to Melanie Buntine. A joyful Melanie was present to accept the award. In support for Melanie, Gaetano Gentile and Anura Jayasuriya from Polytechnic also attended.

BIG DAY FOR UNPACKERS AND PACKERS! 17 June at DIK. The playground equipment bound for India has to be unpacked and repacked in a container bound for Joan Roose's Rejoice Public School in Odisha.
It's a big operation and big numbers are required. So far 9 have signed up to arrive at 9am or whenever possible. Bring along with you extra hands and warm clothes. Lunch will be provided. New offers – contact Geoff.

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT
Jun-21	Kannan Subramanian	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David De La Coeur
Jun-28	Change Over		David Sullivan

<u>VENTILATOR ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT SERVICE (VASS):</u> Based in Thornbury, VASS is a service that provides accommodation and high-level 24-hour support for people who are chronically dependent on mechanical ventilation or have complex respiratory supports. Last Wednesday Sue Stevenson spoke at the club of the recent developments in her late husband Gerard's plans for outdoor grassed areas for the patients at Thornbury. Sue's visits to the club always carry an emotional overtone as Gerard had addressed the Club of his aims shortly before his passing in 2021.

Sue reported on the bulldozing and paving already completed. The Food Forrest is already producing fruit and veggies. The overall planting will be completed in July and following months. The club supports this VASS programme. Through Sue and her team's efforts, $260,000 has been raised. President Ruth passed on to Sue another $8,000 from the club.

<u>A NEW ROSTER</u> covering the next 3 months is being finalised by Gary Mogford. Those members who know the dates they may be absent from meetings in that time, please let Gary know those dates immediately to make it a working roster. The alternative is to find a stand-in on the absent occasions.

SPEAKERS FOR CLUB MEETINGS: Gary Mogford also assembles the speaker roster. Members are asked to search out possible speakers for these coming months. They may be from community groups, local businesses, needy organizations . . . . Think it out. Maybe contact the possible speaker and Gary will do the rest. Obviously this is also a 'as soon as possible and then contact Gary

ONE DAY AWAY – June 22!

Winter Solstice - the shortest day and the longest night in the year for Prestonians.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2024 will be held at Shepparton, April 19, 20 and 21.

PASCOE VALE ROTARY CHANGEOVER: June 29, 6.30 for 7pm, $60 @ Northern Golf Club: **RSVP Wednesday, May 31st, 2023** to Heather Harris – sadiechild@yahoo.co.uk

BARBIES FINANCING CLUB SERVICE: Sec. Geoff thanked all who labored last week at Bunnings with a profit of $2,100. Over the past 12 months the approximate profit for barbies has arrived in the vicinity of $29,500. Members can see from this total how the Club can finance its services as also be of financial assistance to outside needs. The next Bunnings Barbie will be Saturday July 8.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Topic	Speaker
Jun-21	SES	Esther Toledano
Jun-28	Changeover	
Jul-05	Club Assembly	

ARE YOU OVERLOOKING THE SECRETARY'S EMAIL? They can be numerous and time-consuming, but often they contain valuable ideas. Every club and Rotarian must grow and these mail-outs are filled with growth material.

- ✓ **INTERPLAST:** *"Recent send-outs have had plenty of good and practical news: As a supporter of Interplast, every time you share our news, champion the cause or donate to our work, you are demonstrating a belief that every man, woman, girl and boy should have access to essential health care. Little is more than that."*

- ✓ **ON THE MOVE:** Membership Committees, Disaster Response Grants, Rotary Foundation and MORE.

- ✓ **MEMBERSHIP MINUTE**: Exchange Programmes, Membership satisfaction . . . .

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