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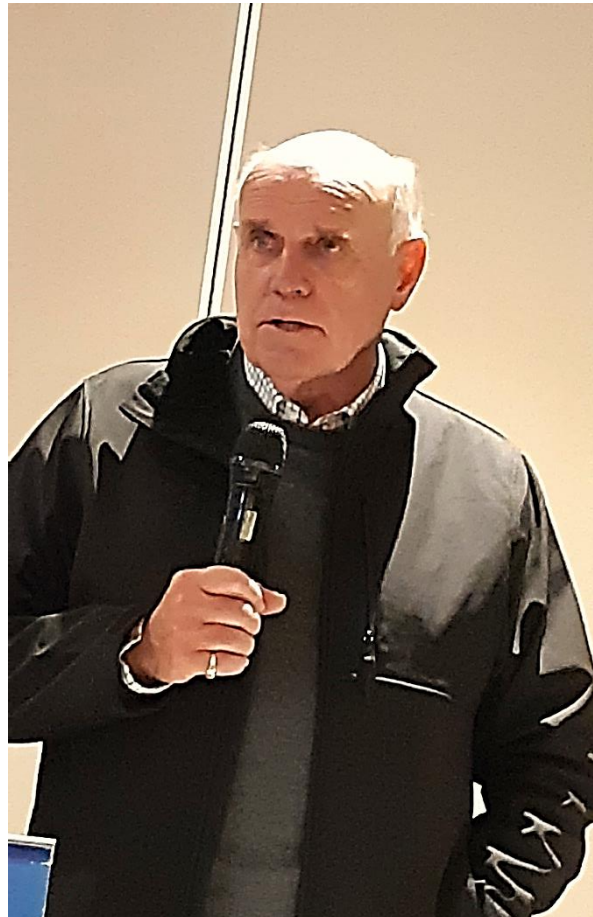
SPEAKER LAST WEEK

How fitting it was to have Rotarian Joan Roose introduce last Wednesday's speaker, **Bob Glindemann**. Joan's public school in India's Orissa state, *Rejoice*, is the recipient of two container-loads of school related equipment as it grows and provides education previously non-existent. The provider was **DONATIONS IN KIND**, under the direction of Bob Glindemann.

A Rotarian with 50 years service, Bob opened his talk with describing the overwhelming joy coming from photos of recipients world-wide of DIK's giving. It may be the smile of a child sitting on a chair at a desk. It may a photo of a person dragging himself over gravel to take control of a modern 4 wheel electric chair. For himself and fellow volunteers Bob sees that as personal fulfillment.

Inspired by an Aussie returning just under 80 years ago from delivering a charity load to Fiji and seeing the amount of good going to waste fill, the roll out began. Initially a home back yard, a garage, a transport company yard to the present day extensive wool store in West Footscray. The development has been enormous - from hand-bag goods to containers. Since 2000, West Footscray DIK has shipped 269 container loads to 32 different countries. Recent times have seen large shipments to the Ukraine, much of it via Poland.

Currently, the main goods receiving attention are clothing, hospital equipment, education aids and mobility equipment. Immediately one can see the joy these



items bring to the recipients. The goods involved come from local hospitals, schools, businesses doing updates, takeovers and the like.

In its existence DIK has a vast record sheet:

- \$68m of top quality materials given overseas to people deserving help
- 7.1 kilometres – the total length of containers end-to-end
- 41.200 cubic metres of goods recycled
- \$4,928,000 raised for Store and shipping costs



Shortly Bob is bound for retirement. Aware of his magnificent work and achievements over the years with DIK, all wish him continued joy and peace.

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THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

VISITING LAST WEEK were **Jill Morris** (back from travels), **Heather Harris** (Pres. Pascoe Vale Rotary and author of *Sweating Blood and Mopping Bullets*), **Gerry Smith**, **Vandana Subramanian** and **Ester Boateng** with **Ephraim** and baby **William**.

Claude Verrocchi is coming on well. Best contact is via email.



Was Evita wrong when she sang “*Looking out of the window, staying out of the sun*”?

Here we have **Marg Smith, Norm Pinder** and **Elaine Price** on the Gold Coast staying inside with their backs to the sun!

We are all jealous

COMING EVENTS

SPEAKERS

Aug-30	TOILET WARRIOR	Mark Balla
Sep-06	THIS IS EDEN	Michelle Kerr
Sep-13	LIFEBLOOD DRIVE PROGRAMME	Ashleigh Hales
Sep-20	CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION	Jessica Redwood

NEXT BUNNINGS: 9th September

PLATYPUS DUSK WALK: *The Environment Service Committee this year is hoping to get involved with "Merri Paddle". This is a group who are looking at*

ways to improve the health of the Yarra River & Merri Creek to entice the return of the ENDANGERED PLATYPUS!

This is a great initiative, and, given this waterway is in our backyard and a precious habitat, we have been asked to join the Merri Paddler's to do a short survey of a section on the creek to look for any signs of platypus activity.

There will be lots to learn, and the group has asked for Rotary's help. FRIDAY 15TH OR SUNDAY 17th SEPT. (to be confirmed) 5PM- 6:30 PM

Can you please let me know if you are available by Wed. 16th August so I can forward numbers to MERRI PADDLERS. Ruth McCall

2023 PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT GRANTS ANNOUNCEMENT:

INNER NORTH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION will announce the recipients of \$200,000 in grants to charitable organisations in Darebin, Merri-bek and Yarra.

It will be a great evening, celebrating with those who share a deep commitment to Melbourne's inner north. Mon. 4 September 2023, 4.00 - 6.00pm (*for a 4.30pm start*) **Venue:** Gerald Maynard Room @ Melbourne Polytechnic Conference Centre, 77 St Georges Road, Preston. Contact Caroline Doherty, 03 8689 1967.

Weekly Roster August - September 2023

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
30-August-2023	Chris Shields	Norbet Schaber Elaine Price	Gerry Lyons	Peter Peyton
06-September-2023	Gerry Lyons	Peter Gilbert Paul Smarrelli	Max Walsh	Gary Mogford
13-September-2023	Carla Finocchiaro	Norbet Schaber Peter Gilbert	David De La Coeur	Pete Sambell
20-September-2023	Joe Morris	Peter Gilbert Elaine Price	Julie Morris	Paul Smarrelli
27-September-2023	Susan Still	Norbet Schaber Paul Smarrelli	Peter Peyton	Ruth McCall

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE FIND SUBSTITUTE

CLUB NEWS

REGIONALISATION VOTE: INFORMATION FOR ALL MEMBERS:

Sec. Geoff emailed the above two documents to all members **23/08**. Very long and complicated, they demand intense reading. It would be valuable for all members to understand more fully what regionalisation will involve.

PLANNING GROUP FOR A PILOT REGIONAL STRUCTURE – AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & 14 PACIFIC COUNTRIES:

Our region is about to approach a very significant change when the number of Districts will be reduced as we simultaneously seek to grow Rotary's presence and replace ageing membership following a decline of 24% in the region over the last 10 years.

In these circumstances, current RI President Barry Rassin has encouraged us to embrace change with courage, optimism and creativity and General Secretary John Hewko has asked Rotarians in Australia and New Zealand to be the laboratory for positive change for the rest of the world.

RIMERN (Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network): Rimern has put out a call for volunteers particularly on a Saturday 10.30-1.30. It involves storing of goods preparing orders and the like. RIMERN is the 'home of residential recycling' because not only is it fitting out homes for people in need but it is saving tons of perfectly good homewares from landfill.



Rotary Youth
Exchange Australia

YOUTH EXCHANGE - from **Gary Mogford:**

District 9790 has approached us to explore our interest in, and our capacity to host an incoming exchange student. This would require the Club to establish at least 4 families willing to host the student during the year. All the hosting families do not need to be Rotary members. Also

required are 2 councillors prepared to provide assistance to the student over the year.

If you are interested in becoming involved or know someone that may be interested please contact Gary Mogford (0438 354 837) who has more information available

PLANTING DAY: The 10th of September is locked in - 10am until 12pm. Warrk-Warrk Bridge at the western end of Beavers Rd, Northcote. Contact Ruth McCall

Bring own gloves.

Wear suitable/ sturdy footwear.

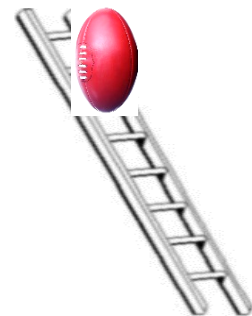
Wear long sleeves and long pants.

Be sun smart

Bring a water bottle and stay hydrated.

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 are \$5 each; a book is \$20 (5 tickets). Tickets will be available from September 20. 60% of club sales return s to the club.



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

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

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