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	District Conference **G McIlvenna**	**RIMERN** **R McCall** Julie Morris Joe Morris E Price L Defazio 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.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WE REMEMBER TURKEY AND SYRIA

AS ALSO THE STARVING AND HOMELESS OF

Ethiopia Nigeria South Sudan Somalia Yemen Kenya Cabo Verde Benin Chad Angola Myanmar Afghanistan

SPEAKERS LAST WEEK

PAT CRONIN FOUNDATION: It was a Saturday night for a few quiet drinks at a Diamond Creek hotel following Pat's first senior football match - !6 April 2016. A brawl developed outside and Pat went out to help a mate in trouble. Trying to free his friend, Pat was hit from behind. A serious brain-bleed saw him unconscious in hospital and passing away within two days.

Pat and his brother Lucas

With such a simplistic and brutal scenario the evolution of PCF was immediate and speaker **Steve Layt** was the person to give its outline and aims. Steve has has a strong connection with the Foundation since its inception and joined the Foundation in 2020. He has coached local football for over 15 years and has a solid understanding of what the Foundation stands for. As the PCF Partnerships Manager, Steve is responsible for managing relationships with schools, the wider community and sports clubs.

The aim of PCF is obvious and Steve and his team are getting its message out Australia-wide in youth education and adult community life. ***"The Pat Cronin Foundation provides an optimistic voice and empowering approach to awareness, education and research about social violence among young***

people. We work with schools, clubs and community groups to make positive change".

In 2022 the small team of PCF presented its ***BE WISE*** study to over 565 groups with a total audience of 70,000. The one-hour BE WISE content covers Pat's story, the tragic outcomes of violence, recognising and managing anger before it come to aggression and strategies to diffuse aggression before it develops into violence.

Steve finished with an appeal to his listeners to get the word out of the ready availability of the PCF crew to present to any school or community group. Also Steve would like to receive any feedback from his audience.

info@patcroninfoundation.org.au

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Sisters Maria and Mary, Steve Layt

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR: It was somewhat of a surprise at last Wednesday's meeting for members to welcome two nuns from the Little Sisters of the Poor aged care home in Northcote. Sisters Maria and Mary addressed those present with a piece of historical background.

In 1884, two French and 2 English sisters disembarked in Port Melbourne. Their first base was two terraced houses where St. Vincent's Hospital now stands. Within a few days they had admitted their first elderly lady. Shortly after there was another arrival and, from that time, the work of the Little Sisters has never ceased.

It was soon apparent that a larger house was needed to accommodate the growing number of elderly and so it was a move to Northcote. In 1885, through the generosity of the people of Melbourne, a property on St.George's Road, Northcote, was purchased. With no Preston Rotarians then available, free-of-charge transportation from Victoria Parade was given by Collingwood and Fitzroy taxi drivers. Building completed, 90 elderly were admitted within 18 days and by 1892 the number was 300.

Last Wednesday Mary and Maria, two religious sisters from the Northcote aged care home, attended the club meeting as part of their financial appeal to meet the expenses now needed for urgent roof/plumbing repairs - $2 million. Gasps were heard all round from the most attentive audience. President Ruth responded saying that the Board will study their call.

THE ROTARY FAMILY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Jill Schaber 18/02

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Vandana and Kannan Subramanian 17/2/12

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Sisters Mary and Sister Maria; James and Mike Akeroyd

CLUB NEWS

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

15 February	Anton Hockey	RYDA
22 February	Andrew Zarafa	The Pavilion School
1 March	Heather Harris	Nursing in conflict zones

A BIG THANKS from **Joan Roose** and **on-ground organizers** to those who gave their energies and time to the recent days of dismantling and storage of playground equipment. Organizing the transportation of the container to Rejoice School and Jacob's Well townships is now well in hand.

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 FOODBANK UNLOAD at Reservoir Neighbourhood House: Valentine's Day, Tuesday Feb. 14. Truck to be unloaded will arrive around 11.30am to 12 noon.

NEXT BUNNINGS BARBIE: Sat 17th March.

Weekly Roster February - March 2023

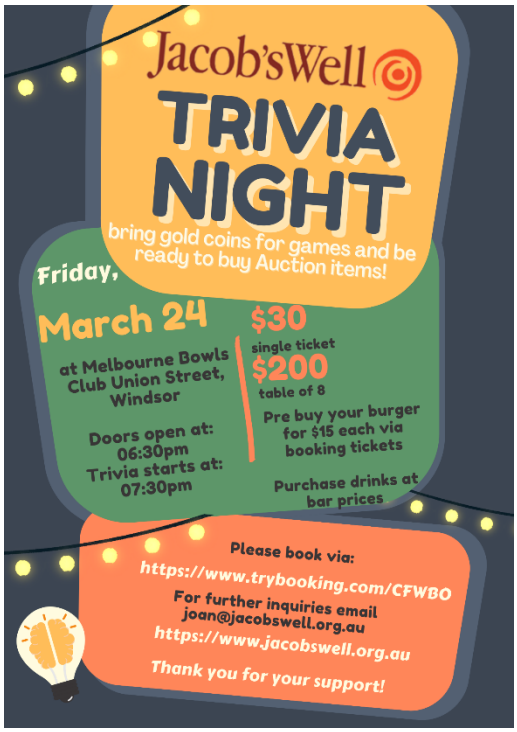
If unable to attend please find substitute

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Feb-15	Claude Verrocchi	Peter Lamers Lisa Di Fazio	Julie Morris	Chris Shields
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

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
MELBOURNE 27-31, MAY 2023.

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



"First of all a huge thank you to all involved in dismantling transporting and packing the playgrounds into the container to come to us. Those who have a belief, please pray it comes safely and without any hassles in customs.

Secondly, please see attached a flyer re our fundraiser, Trivia Night at Melbourne Bowls Club on ***Friday, March 24th****. It would be great to see some of you there, although I'll have seen you all I hope in about 4 weeks' time after I return from India. In the past these nights have been lots of fun - we will be having raffles, games and an auction but of course need items to auction & raffle so if you have anything or have connections with generous restaurants, manufacturers or shops who might donate something, we'd be very, very grateful.*

I am counting the days now till my return, just in time I think it's really starting to get hot now... our winter is just finished - days of high 20's nights in the 10's.

Till then, God bless you all".

Joan Roose

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