

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 and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

The presentation by **Sue Stephenson** last week was uplifting, courageous and full of challenge:

UPLIFTING because it dealt with her husband Gerard's incapacitating accident followed by his mountainous decision to get a job done. A teacher with gardening interests, then a business person, then a quadriplegic unable to breathe without a ventilator, Gerard's plans were cut short with his unexpected death and now Sue has taken on his plan to bring life to the Thornbury VASS site.



COURAGEOUS because despite a broken neck, being chairbound and unable to breathe without a ventilator, Gerard had managed the preliminary planning for a major environmental overhaul of the residential care grounds

CHALLENGING because Sue outlined the current state of play and the need for more assistance, possibly from the club.

Ventilator Accommodation Support Service – Yooralla (VASS) is a statewide service that provides accommodation and high-level 24-hour support for people who are chronically dependent on mechanical ventilation. Sue spoke on behalf of Vass and Global Gardens For Peace (GGP), a charity founded by Moira Kelly in 2013. Its mission is to create accessible and inclusive landscapes which support vulnerable communities, families and individuals of all abilities and provide people with inspiration, healing and growth. After a year in the Austin Hospital, Gerard moved into the VASS accommodation in Thornbury. In no time he had written 3 books highlighting people in history who survived adversity and lived to tell their stories.



VASS in Thornbury was purpose built 13 years ago and it was to be Gerard's home. It has 4 interconnected houses and an admin block. There is a small veggie garden and Gerard was working on its development and use. After much discussion amongst residents, a plan was being drawn up to enliven the entire 'green' area and to provide outdoor ornaments and a glasshouse sitting area. Its main aim was to give residents an outdoor experience, a chance to experience the life of the natural environment and to breathe in an atmosphere of love. ***"That's the big idea"*** said Sue and now fund-raising and hands-on work is warming up



COMING MEETINGS

June 15: ROTARY YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME. Speaker Bruce McIntyre
Chair: Ruth McCall

June 22: HOW TO SET UP A FAMILY PHILANTHROPIC TRUST. Speaker Ben Rogers
Chair: Lisa Defazio

June 29: KOORIE BASKETBALL ACADEMY. Speaker Rick Baldwin

THE ROTARY FAMILY

Sonja Barbis and Mel Riel 16/6

Mary and Claude Verrocchi 17/6

Lyn and Gary Mogford 21/6



Norm Pinder 20/6/79

Paul Smarrelli 20/6/79

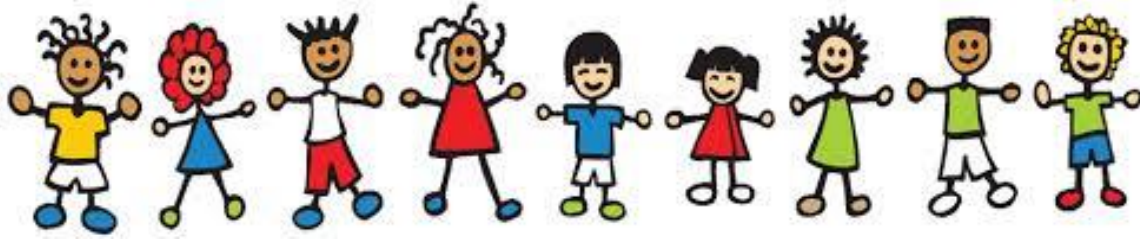
Joan Roose 14/6/17

**happy
birthday**

Peter Peyton 18/06

CLUB NEWS

FACE TO FACE COMBINED BOARDS MEETING: Outgoing and incoming boards will hold a combined meeting immediately after next week's meeting – 2pm June 15.



WANTED – RIMERN: Members are aware that the club has partnered up with a number of Rotary clubs in the region in the formation of RIMERN.

Ruth McCall is seeking some volunteers to give a hand in the Brunswick Warehouse for a few hours in the morning of Thursday 22 June.

This is also an opportunity for members to see first hand how it operates. Please contact Ruth if you can help out.



IS ROTARY A RECREATION? DERIVATION - late Middle English (also in the sense 'mental or spiritual consolation': via Old French from Latin *recreatio(n)-*), from *recreate* 'create again, renew, refresh'.

DISTRICT 9790 CHANGEOVER at Wangaratta, Sunday 26 June, 11.30 for 12pm. booking through Trybooking.

INVITATION AND/OR DONATION: GLOBAL GARDENS OF PEACE has designed the Yooralla Ventilation Accommodation Support Service (VASS) Food Forest Garden and is currently raising funds towards its construction.

GGoP is engaged in Australian and International initiatives to create sustainable gardens for vulnerable communities.

RSVP (by 15 June) trybooking.com/BZLBM, \$100.00 per person or call Justine on 0403 800 400. TIME: Friday, 6.30 pm, 17 June. LOCATION: 21 Oak Street, Hawthorn. Two motivational speakers; Tasmanian dishes and wine; warm hospitality; auction of artwork done by Tasmanian artist Angus Douglas.

If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute to the construction of the VASS Food Forest Garden, please donate as per Sec.Geoff's mail-out.

President Chris Shields -

President Ruth McCall

CHANGEOVER NIGHT

6th July evening - at the Melbourne Polytechnic Conference Centre.



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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