

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm
Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

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CLUB NEW YEAR OPENS

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON PRESIDENT 2023/2024

KANNAN SUBRAMANIAN

From a small roll-up of members, Kannan received an enthusiastic welcome. Obviously happy to get the year going, Kannan explained the aim of Wednesday's meeting was to examine closely the above-stated Rotary International July month's theme.

To get minds working, Paul Smarrelli distributed a questionnaire covering basic Club life, growth and service. Each of these factors being the key to the Club's activity and existence.

For those members unable to contribute at the meeting please find below a copy of the questionnaire that could be filled out and returned to Paul.



LEADERSHIP MONTH - JULY – Club Assembly & President's Major Initiatives for the Rotary Year. A time of planning the new Rotary Year; a time to review Club opportunities derived from Club member involvement.

FAMILY OF ROTARY

While a few families are on the battlefield with colds, **Claude Verrocchi** is still doing well on the improve.

Melody Musgrove has a few problems (other than Ian!) and her GP is hard at work.

COMING EVENTS

COMBINED DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING DATE: Wednesday 19 July at RSL 2:00pm. NB: Agenda for the meeting emailed by Paul Smarrelli 7/7.

LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION: Darebin RSL is unavailable Wednesday 26. For that day, an alternative location for the meeting/meal is in the planning.

BARBIE NEWS: July 8 will be the first barbie at the new Bunnings Store. Sec. Geoff gave a lengthy explanation of the entrance track and the barbie site. Evidently the new site will meet with bigger numbers to be served. The Club will be on duty bi-weekly and the income is looking healthy for the club's service. Geoff's last advice was to wear very warm clothing.

COMBINED DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 19 July 2023 RSL 2:00pm

NB: Agenda emailed by Paul Smarrelli

HAVE YOU ANSWERED THE QUESTIONNAIRE? The following was used at last week's meeting. The list of questions is attached here for those unable to be present. Please email response to Paul.

Ways to increase total membership?

What are some suggestions for new programs and projects?

What are some suggestions about attracting younger members

What would you do differently?

Other suggestions?

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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 Forum will explore a range of topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Young people
- Family violence
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.



The Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel. It is an invitation for all who may be interested whether, groups, organizations etc, or members of the Community.

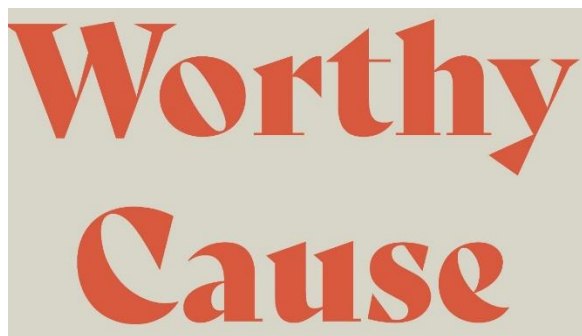
Questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event. Registration is a must. To register your interest, please send your details to:

DAREBIN-DI@police.vic.gov.au

Union Hall, La Trobe University, Moat Drive, Bundoora. Refreshments and food will be offered. If you have any dietary requirements, please include them in your registration.

CLUB NEWS

NAIDOC WEEK FLAG-RAISING: The ceremony was held at the Aborigines Advancement League in Thornbury. Ruth McCall was present amongst the large crowd. Many speakers presented including the very fit and athletic daughter of the late Doug Nicholls, Aunty Pam Pedersen. In all, a very impressive occasion.



WORTHY CAUSE: *“My name is Rick Cohen and our charity **Worthy Cause** is looking for vulnerable people to participate in our employment program.*

Worthy Cause is a program dedicated to employing vulnerable people who, due to their disability or disadvantage, have not been able to find long-term employment. Through our structured employment program, they can receive a stable income, financial literacy training, emotional counselling, soft-skills development and on-the-job skills building in an inclusive and safe environment. We just happen to bake amazing cookies too.

One of our board members is an active Rotarian in his local area and suggested we reach out to our local Rotary for community support. We operate out of the Darebin Arts Centre and we have 2 vacancies to fill in our kitchen”.

Contact Rick Cohen rick@worthy-cause.com.au

INTERPLAST: *“Everyone at Interplast deeply appreciates the Club’s renewed support for Interplast’s life-changing work across the Asia-Pacific region. Your fundraising will make a real and tangible difference to patients living with*

traumatic injuries, congenital defects, stigma and disability who have been waiting for 3 years for Interplast to resume mobilisations after the pandemic”.



Darby Wilkes

Mum Faye and Son

Asia Cirillo

ROTARY STUDENT EXCHANGE: Asia Cirillo has arrived from an Italian summer and Darby has left a Melbourne winter. A brief trip along the Great Ocean Road brought out the sunshine. Hopefully, Members will have the chance to meet and greet Asia some coming wintery Wednesday.

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