

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2021/2022

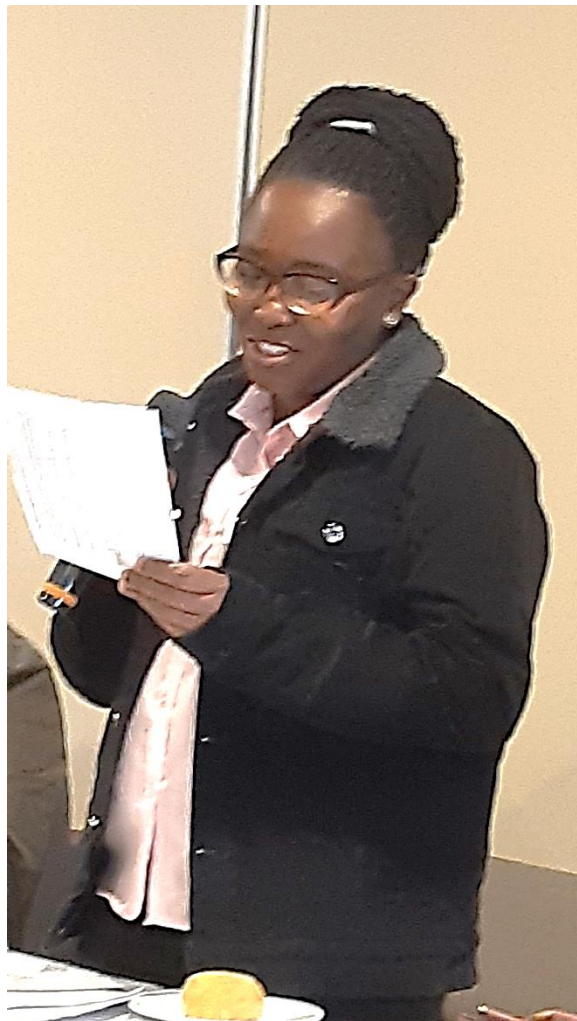
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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

Esther's Boateng's short address to the club last Wednesday was one of graceful greetings, abundant joy and sincere thanksgiving. From her early studies in regional Ghana to her accounting graduation and finally her Baccalaureate in Science, her early years were full of study and family caring.

Then came change. Her meeting with *"her caring and compassionate President Chris"* while he was working in Ghana was to be a major lifetime development. It all began and then highlighted with her marriage and eventual arrival with Chris and family in Melbourne May 7, 21 – Chris' birthday!



Esther is enjoying her membership of Preston Rotary because it is *"so welcoming and friendly"*. Her children have settled in well to the new year of education.

Noticeable was husband President Chris' attention and joy throughout Esther's entire club presentation.

COMING MEETINGS

- FEB. 9: ROMAC – ROTARY OCEANIA MEDICAL AID FOR CHILDREN: Bruce Walker and Ann Kimberly. Chair – Kannan Subramanian
- FEB. 16: POLICE AWARDS. Chair – Elaine Price
- FEB. 23: COUD INTERGRATORS – Jason Shico, Organizer Club Website. Chair – Lisa DeFazio
- MARCH 2: EVENING DINNER at RSL, 6.30 for 7pm. More info later.

THE ROTARY FAMILY



David De La Coeur
14/2/07



Debbie O'Neill
10/2

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Ivo Martin. Neil Platten. Natalie Au. Bernie Geary, former Commissioner For Children And Young People and a long time champion for the younger generations in Melbourne's northern suburbs.

CLUB NEWS

CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION VISIT: Once again this has been cancelled given present Covid conditions. Hopefully the arrival of spring/summer later this year will provide an opening date.

The newly installed CFF CEO, **Jessica Redwood**, has sent members her warmest greetings and has voiced her keenness to meet with the club and members. The demands are numerous and the times are challenging but Jessica is sure that ongoing co-operation will be the solution. All strength to Jessica!

In the meantime, tireless club member **Peter Lamers** is the backbone for the Kilmore farm maintenance, while **David De La Coeur** has been completing the farm's widespread reequipping and updating – all planned by the late **Bernie Lamers**.

Please refer to recent mail-outs from Secretary Geoff.

A second look could lead to valuable action.

FOODBANK LOADINGS: Next loading at Foodbank will be 15 Feb at 10.40 and the unloading at Reservoir Neighbourhood House at 11.45.

RORP - Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds began as a Rotary project collecting unwanted playgrounds from councils and schools and sending them to disadvantaged overseas communities. This is environmental sustainability in action! Starting with a single playground to a girls school in Sri Lanka, this project has now collected over 50 playgrounds from across Victoria and sent them to places as Timor Leste, the Philippines and Tanzania. The RORP story continues to grow and has now expanded across Victoria to encompass all Rotary Districts. It has seen 4 containers shipped to date



PROBLEM! RORP urgently needs storage area in the west and north of Melbourne, ideally within the vicinity of Footscray. Back yards cannot manage. Space required is to stack playgrounds until they are ready to fill a container for shipping. Any suggestions would bring much joy to Peter Peyton who has been one of many working in the field.

NEXT BARBIE will be the usual 2nd Saturday of the month – Feb. 12. Responses have been good. 10-12 noon and 3pm shut down still carry a few vacancies.

CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION AT KILMORE: Date for a club visit to the Retreat is still to be finalized but probably the last or second last Sunday in Feb. This is a chance for new members and partners to meet firsthand the community, walk the Farm and see its recent developments, all followed with a barbie.

WHITTLESEA GARDEN EXPO: Sat 5th March and Sunday 6th March. Consult Geoff's email.

EMBRACING CHANGE - DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022: The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville. **PEPPERS HOTEL**, 32-42 Murchison Street, 2 minutes from town centre, has been booked by Secretary Geoff.

The account details for the **Rotary Club of Preston:**

Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000, A/c 154 200 034

The account details for the **Australian Rotary Foundation Trust** for member donations

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



RSL CAR PARK 2-2-22 - “ARE WE THERE YET?”