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SPEAKER LAST WEEK

NETA KIRBY, DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Travelling on a 3-wheel Spyder motorcycle, last Wednesday Tatura's D.G. Neta made a colourful presentation to all present. Her story began with her childhood in Richmond, then the Diamond Creek region and currently Tatura. It has not finished for this onetime RYLA student about to be a great grandmother. Having taken up the teaching profession early in life, Neta moved into the field of specialist teaching then



spending time with the junior and elderly persons with disabilities. The Yorta Yorta people of her country have given her the title of "Auntie".

In her role as D.G. Neta made a large call-out

for the District Conference in Shepparton with her theme of Peace and Respect, all with a particular stress on domestic violence. She illustrated the point with the **NO TO VIOLENCE** shirt on sale at the Conference.

Throughout her talk Neta allowed her personal experience of children with serious illnesses and frailty take over. This was demonstrated by her nomination for Partner's Project of the **Life's Little Treasures Foundation**. Ringwood based, L.L.T.F. is one of Australia's leading charities dedicated to providing practical support, information and assistance to families of babies born prematurely or with serious sickness.

Neta concluded her talk by stressing that each Rotarian has special gifts and abilities, both of which must be enacted in Rotary life.

Pride of Workmanship Awards



D.G.Neta Kirby Annabelle Barrow Kaylah Karpel A.G.Pat Solibakke Pres. Kannan

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Damian Ryan, Annabelle Barrow, Grant Collis
Kaylah Karpel, Pat Solibakke (Assistant Area Gov.), Liz and Tania (MPT)

CLUB NEWS

APRIL - ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH

BUNNINGS BARBIE: The next barbie will be April 13.

REGIONALISATION: *I hope you are having a wonderful Easter break!*



We wanted to take a moment to address a recent development concerning our district and share our thoughts moving forward. As you may be aware, the District Leadership team received a letter from the Rotary International Secretary General. In the letter, there were implications of potential actions against various district leaders and our district as a whole. These implications stemmed from our district's decision to no longer participate in the regionalisation pilot.

Given the circumstances, the leadership team deliberated and decided that it would be in our best interest to approach this situation with a positive mindset. While there were challenges presented, we are committed to moving forward with determination and resilience.

Our primary focus remains on achieving the very best outcomes for District 9790. We are dedicated to representing each and every one of you to the best of our abilities. Together, we have the opportunity to make our district not only the most successful in our zone but also strive to be the best in the world.

Let's embrace this challenge as an opportunity to strengthen our district and demonstrate the incredible spirit and resilience of our Rotary community. Together, we can achieve much and leave a lasting impact on the world around us. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to Rotary's mission. Your commitment is what drives us forward, and together, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

- **from DG Neta, DGE Stephen, DGN Emma**

COMING SPEAKERS

April 03		
April 10	Paralympics	Ahmed Kelly

APPLICATIONS FOR THE ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP 25/26 are now open. Eligibility and criteria can be found on www.rotary.org.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday 17 April - RSL at 2:00pm.

WEEKLY ROSTER: APRIL – JUNE 2024

PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Apr-03	Chris Shields	Norbet Schaber & Elaine Price	David Sullivan	Ruth McCall
Apr-10	Norm Pinder	Peter Gilbert & Gary Mogford	Max Walsh	David De La Coeur
Apr-17	Peter Peyton	Peter Gilbert & Norbet Schaber	David Sullivan	Julie Morris
Apr-24	Carla Finocchiaro	Norbet Schaber & Paul Smarrelli	Ian Musgrove	Peter Byrne
May-01	Joe Morris	Peter Gilbert & Peter Peyton	David De La Coeur	Chris Shields
May-08	Chris Shields	Norbet Schaber & Peter Gilbert	David Sullivan	Joan Roose
May-15	Peter Byrne	Norbet Schaber & Gary Mogford	Julie Morris	Paul Smarrelli
May-22	Ruth McCall	Peter Gilbert & Chris Shields	Max Walsh	Norm Pinder
May-29	Ian Musgrove	Norbet Schaber & Paul Smarrelli	David Sullivan	Peter Byrne
Jun-05	Joan Roose	Peter Gilbert & Gary Mogford	David De La Coeur	Elaine Price
Jun-12	Wayne O'Neill	Norbet Schaber & Peter Peyton	Ian Musgrove	Gary Mogford
Jun-19	Joe Morris	Peter Gilbert & Norbet Schaber	Julie Morris	Ruth McCall
Jun-26			David Sullivan	David Sullivan

FYANSFORD TOUR from **A.G. Pat Solibakke**: Fyansford is an 'outer suburb' of Geelong. On April 14 we are booked to go on the Fyansford Paper Mill Heritage Tour at **100 Lower Paper Mills Rd Fyansford**. This is run by the Highton RC with the **\$10** cost per person; charge for the tour going to their fundraising. Please pay for the tour using the following link: www.trybooking.com/CBZSH

The tour begins at **11.00am** and finishes approximately 12.15. All participants should meet at the tour starting point in the middle of the paper mill complex by **10.45**. For insurance purposes I will need a list of those going one week before the 14th. **It is important that you have booked and paid and let me know who is going by the 7th April.** You could spend the whole day at the Fyansford Paper Mill complex. The Fyansford Paper Mill is now home to over 15

businesses, including one of Victoria's best wineries, (they have wine tasting with nibbles), and have an award winning restaurant. In addition to the winery and restaurant, there are two art galleries, a ceramic pottery studio, home-wares shop, a Jeweller, provincial platter makers, (using French Oak wine barrels), plus other small independent artisan businesses who have private studios across the site.

Rod Morrison of Highton RC has suggested the following:- "After the Tour finishes at about 12.15pm, I suggest that your group have lunch and then spend the rest of the afternoon visiting the various onsite artisan businesses. For those who wish to have a bit of activity there is a 3 metre wide gravel path that runs beside the 915 metre Fyansford Paper Mill water race down to Baums Weir. I walk along this path quite often viewing the birdlife and the odd Bush Wallaby.

Note: Dimora Designs, is located adjacent to the car park is an interesting business visit before or after the Tour. There are usually a couple of "locals" Tawny Frogmouths in the tree out the front of Dimora Designs.

For lunch AFTER the Tour, there are only two onsite choices:- 1. **Door Gallery Cafe** who provide a "light lunch", (toasties, bagels, fillos, pies, slices etc.), and I recommend booking beforehand - Mobile: 0422 644 281 2. **Provenance Winery & Restaurant** - Click here <https://provenancewines.com.au/pages/enjoy-our-food> If you wish to have lunch at Provenance you will need to book a week a head – Phone 5222 3422. There is a third alternative for the lunch - the Fyansford Hotel, which is located less than a 3 minute drive from the Fyansford Paper Mill. **The Fyansford Hotel** have a very good selection of meals. **67 Hyland st Fyansford.**

Also, check out our Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/FyansfordHeritageTours/> ALL welcome – friends, family and Rotarians

Club Website Addresses:

The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:

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INVITATION to The Rotary Club of Preston
2024 - 2025 Changeover Dinner: Wednesday 26 June 2024

- ✚ Celebration of President, Kannan Subramanian 2023 - 2024
- ✚ Induction of President Elect, Wayne O'Neill 2024 - 2025

Venue: MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC Preston Conference Centre
Building U 67 CRAMER Street Preston

- **Parking: - Street Parking available in Cramer or Jessie Street Preston**

TIME: 6:30 pm for 7:00pm RSVP: Tuesday 18 June 2024

Cost:

- Adult **\$75.00 pp**
- Clergy & Under 16 **\$30.00 pp**
- Dinner: Main & Dessert (Tea, Coffee & Soft Drinks)
- Two bottles of wine and soft drinks per table supplied
- Additional Alcohol Drinks at bar prices (payment by card)

Please Inform us of any Dietary Requirement

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