

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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## CLUB BULLETIN

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## SPEAKER LAST WEEK

The **Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)** is an intensive District 9790 programme that brings young adults together from ages 18-30 to develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary.

District 9790 RYLA is an experience-based conference consisting of 7 days and 6 nights. The RYLA Conference is organised by previous RYLARIANS, Rotaractors and Rotarians from across the District. The location is at Doxa Malmsbury Camp in central Victoria.



Pres. Kannan

Rosie Sun

Linda Gidlund

Speaker **Rosie Sun** gave a very detailed and emotional account of her pre and her post RYLA life. Her talk was totally honest and open. Prior to her RYLA experience Rosie, who has a slight mental shortcoming, had experienced feelings of much negativity and disconnectedness. This gave her a difficult road to personal understanding and maturity of life. This she explained in clear and moving reality. Then came RYLAH.

Her growth over the days at Malmsbury was brilliant. The support, the activities, the friendships and total acceptance brought her so much joy. Today she feels much better with her life style, the friendships that surround her, the support available and her personal self-development. Her gratitude to Rotary for the programme and Preston's patronage was very evident.

Rather than questions, a number of those present congratulated Rosie on her obvious ability to move forward and joyfully embrace her life ahead.

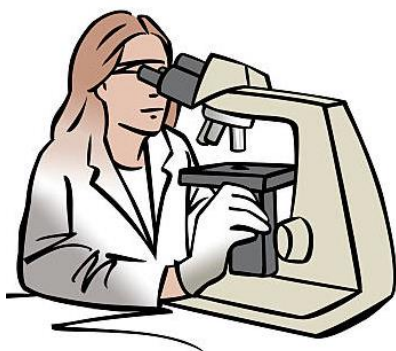
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**FROM LINDA GIDLUND, RYLA:** *"Thanks again for your and Rotary Preston's support of RYLA. It is a heartfelt thanks as finding support for 2023 was difficult. In kindness, Linda."*

**THE CLUB YOUTH COMMITTEE:** Director: G Mogford, E. Price, P. Conte, N. Lyons, W. O'Neil.

## THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

**VISITOR LAST WEEK: Linda Gidlund,** member of Rotary Club of Diamond Creek and RYLA Chair.



**Julie Morris** is to undergo medical investigations this Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. It involves maybe two nights in hospital for basic lung biopsy. Julie, members and partners are there with you.

**RESERVOIR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE** is *FAMILY*. Come along this Wednesday to meet **Craig Liddell**.

# CLUB NEWS

**FOOD BANK DELIVERY** to Neighbourhood House, 12 March @ 11 or 11.15.

**BUNNINGS BARBIE**: Next Barbie – 9<sup>th</sup> March. 10am and 2pm a bit short on. Any time for offers would see Geoff smiling.

## **COMING SPEAKERS**

Mar-06	Reservoir Neighbourhood House	Craig Liddell
Mar-13	Next Step	Rhiannon Tracey & Jake

## **CUBBY HOUSES - LOADING AND UNLOADING:**

It was not light work but four members put their shoulders and backs to it last week, Driver Geoff, Max Walsh, Gary Mogford and Peter Peyton.

The houses were in flat packs and Gary proved to be the best lifter! Two more cubbies have to be moved and Max has that organised.



## **RECYCLING FOR RIMERN:** There are two options

1. Bring the recyclables cans (not crushed), bottles, good used clothing and small household appliances to the meeting. Ruth McCall will transport them to the Rimern base OR
2. Drop them off at the Rimern recycling depot, 24 Quinn Street, Preston, just near Bunnings.

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY** for members of incoming boards in the coming Rotary Year 24/25. The date for the meet at Benalla is fast approaching - Sunday, 24 March. This is a day trip packed with learning, networking and preparation for the year ahead. Sec. Geoff is checking for numbers.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE**, Shepparton, **19-21 April 2024**.

**HELPING HOMELESS KIDS IN THE NORTH – COLLABORATIVE**

**WORKSHOP**: As has been publicised before, this is the elected programme for the Inner North Community Foundation in union with MOSS (Merri Outreach Support Services).

The workshop is for any community-minded person to collaborate and share their connections in the search for practical ways of supporting children experiencing homelessness. March 7, 12-3pm (light lunch) at the Front Hall of The Bridge, 318 High Street.

Funding has been allocated but specific recipients are yet to be decided upon.

RSVP NOW: [events@innernorthfoundation.org.au](mailto:events@innernorthfoundation.org.au)

**WEEKLY ROSTER: JANUARY-MARCH 2024**

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Mar-06	Chris Shields	Norbert Schaber & Peter Byrne	Norm Pinder	Peter Peyton
Mar-13	Joe Morris	Peter Gilbert & Gary Mogford	Julie Morris	Chris Shields
Mar-20	Max Walsh	Norbert Schaber & Paul Smarrelli	David De La Coeur	Norm Pinder
Mar-27	Gary Mogford	Elaine Price & Peter Gilbert	Peter Byrne	Carla Finocchiaro

**VICTORIAN OPEN LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS** – Paris Para Olympic Olympics. As a part of his build up and qualifying for Paris, Ahmed Kelly will be competing - 9-11 March, Melbourne Sports Centres Outdoor Pool, 30 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park.



**THAT CONTAINER!** The club's second container to Rejoice Public School is still tied up wharf side in India awaiting paper clearance. Hopefully it will land at the school in a short time.

Meanwhile, final exams are on in these Indian weeks. The senior students with high marks at the exams will gain

entrance into tertiary education. **Joan Roose** reports that the greatest challenge is to get the students to the exam locations and then back home or to the school. Joan has an old heavy jeep, which she drives along the mountain roads. It has no power steering, no hand brake, one screen wiper and only 3 gears. Joan says it is a big physical strain and, on returning home to Melbourne, her first rendezvous will be with the physiologist!

**CENTENARIANS LUNCH:** David De La Coeur and his committee have a plan for a Centenarians Lunch this year. He is in contact with the Darebin Council and, currently, an estimated date is during the Seniors Month of October. Any suggestions please contact David.



*"Breaking records! Saving lives 2022-2023 is our strongest year yet. Thanks to extraordinary partners and supporters, like you, we have provided a record number of surgeries for children. This year has seen a 57% increase in cases. This means more children than ever before can live their fullest lives, because of you. Thank you!"*

*Jessica Redwood C.E.O.*

**CHILDREN FIRST FARM @ KILMORE:** Early warning. Just to freshen up physical contact with the Farm, maybe in April a Sunday social get-together is being lined up for members and friends. A date is still in the planning.

**FIRST OPERATION AT 6 YEARS OF AGE** and, now at 16, she needs further major surgery. Originally a refugee from Gaza with her sister and mother, Carla is being accommodated by a medical practitioner in Sydney, The plan is to get her down to Melbourne for more necessary surgery.

Club Honorary Member and Children First Patron, **Margaret Smith**, is trying her best to get it all to happen. Ruth McCall is seeking whatever the club can do for the move.

## **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

### ***Rotary Around the world:***

**Rotarians** - 1,169,956\* in 32,627 clubs in 545 districts in 220 countries/geographic areas

**Rotaractors** - 229,826\* in 10,324 clubs in 532 districts in 184 countries/geographic areas

**Interactors** - 375,820\* in 16,340 clubs in 498 districts in 161 countries/geographic areas

**Rotary Community Corps members** - 200,615\* in 11,720 clubs in 235 districts in 90 countries/geographic areas.

### ***In Australia & New Zealand:***

**Australia** - 25,880 members in 1056 clubs in 19 districts

**New Zealand** - 7,132 members in 251 clubs in six districts

**THE MAGIC OF ROTARY:** That is the theme chosen by the incoming Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick. Why this theme? Read page 45 of the Rotary Magazine, Feb.2024.

## **Club Website addresses:**

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

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