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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2022/23

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Bulletin **J McCarthy** P Peyton P Gilbert	**Public Relations** **R. McCall** E Price E Higgins & any club members to assist	**Attendance** **G Mogford** G McIlvenna P Smarrelli	**Programs** **G.Mogford**	**House** **Joe Morris** P.Peyton D De La Coeur
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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

SAINAB SHEIKH is a mother, entrepreneur, charity founder, president of North Melbourne Rotary club. She has extensive experience in the not-for-profit business development and consultancy fields. Sainab was a candidate for the City of Melbourne council and is also a nominee for the 2023 Australian of the Year Awards.

Sainab's talk was centred on supplying humanitarian aid to the homeless and starving in Somalia while working with African Australians facing similar challenges in Victoria and Australia-wide.

The Zainab Sheikh Foundation (ZSF) is a non-profit registered Australian organisation raising much-needed funds for groups in Australia and Somalia bringing health-care, education, clean water, hygiene and sanitation and food security to the most vulnerable and marginalised people in Somalia. Sainab is Executive Director and secretary of ZSF. Part of its mission in summary include

- **For a Somalia free from poverty in which every person has access to quality education, healthcare, clean water, sanitation and hygiene, food security, and a life of dignity.**

- **Form conscious and healthy Somalians. Children are the key to a bright and successful future for Somali.**

- **To break the cycle of poverty in Somalia**

- **For a Somali Australian Community free from discrimination in which every person has access to employment opportunities, equal pay, equal rights, quality educational support, healthcare, and a life of dignity.**

- **For advocacy and support for victims of family violence (individuals, women and children) by offering support and safe women refuge.**

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Aparna Sainab Ruth Radesh

WELCOMES LAST WEEK: Amid the visitors last week were Aparna Sunku, President of the Indian Rotary Club of Coimbatore Smart City. Together with Aparna was her Rotarian husband Radesh Kumar Sunku. Aparna and Radesh visited the club also in September 2022.

Clover Beckford-Saunders. Carlas and Joanna Aristizabal (Rotoractor) from Colombia who have spent the past 7 months studying English.

Barbara and Peter Gilbert 29/5

Paul Smarrelli 29/5

Peter McCall 31/5

ANGIE DAVIDSON

Angie, Coordinator/Executive Officer for Reservoir Neighbourhood House has given the sad news that she will be finishing her service with the RNH within the next few months. Her going will be a great loss to the life of RNH.

In the words of Pres. Ruth *"She has been an absolute whiz . . . . a most compassionate person".*

CLUB NEWS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING # 8 2022 - 2023: HELD ON 19 APRIL 2023. Everyone has received a copy. Important statements have been made, giving vital information for new members and their Rotary education and involvement.
Please read with an active and urgent mind. This is the life of Rotary and Rotary membership.

EVENING MEETING CANCELLED.

The meeting next Wednesday, May 24,

will be at the usual time – 12.15 for 12.30pm.

WINTER REDS – CHRISTMAS 23 OR COMING CELEBRATIONS: RIMERN'S fundraising wine range, Van Rouge (for the red lovers), Van Blanc (for those who enjoy a crisp white) and the new kids in the range, Van Rose & the sparkling Van Prosecco & Sparkling Shiraz are ready to hit the road.

Aim is to raise funds to keep the RIMERN furniture van's wheels turning as it roams inner Melbourne's streets collecting donated furniture, appliances and homewares for the growing number of clients setting up their secure homes after doing it tough in so many ways.

Every dozen sold raises $40. Give it a try and enjoy the party. This offer is will close in Spring so please order soon! Every drop aids Rimern. Contact your Smiling Sommeliers from Rotary Club of Preston: **Ruth McCall 0488983621.**

BUNNINGS BARBIE: Next Bunnings Barbie will be Saturday May 27.

FOOD BANK DELIVERIES: Next delivery Tuesday May 23.

THE ZAINAB SHEIKH FOUNDATION is holding a charity fundraising dinner on Friday 2nd June from 7pm – 10pm at 12 Holland Court, Flemington. The event will be a 'Thank You' to the Foundation's supporters, a fundraiser and a good night's entertainment at $100.

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
May-24	Kannan Subramanian	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber		Julie Morris
May-31	Natalie Au	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	Peter Byrne	Peter Peyton
Jun-07	Claude Verrocchi	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	Peter Byrne	Ian Musgrove
Jun-14	Suzanne Still	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David Sullivan	Kannan Subramanian
Jun-21	Kannan Subramanian	Peter Gilbert Norbet Schaber	David De La Coeur	Natalie Au
Jun-28	Change Over		David Sullivan	

PRESTON CHANGEOVER NIGHT - 28th June

at Preston Polytechnic 6.30 for 7pm start. Pay Frank Smith beforehand.

INTERNATIONAL ROTARY CONFERENCE: For those not booked in, there is the offer to receive a three-day pass to the House of Friendship to view the various displays. This pass is available on the website.

MELBOURNE 2023

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2024 will be held at Shepparton, April 19, 20 and 21.

INTERPLAST sends teams of volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to provide life-changing surgery and medical training in 17 countries across the Asia Pacific region.

Preston Rotary has supported it over the past 40 years. Please read the current email from Sec. Geoff.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Topic	Speaker
May-24	NB: DAY Meeting Changes to the constitution and by-laws	Peter Gilbert
May-31	Aboriginal Legal Service	Narita Waight
Jun-07	*Pride of Workmanship and Convention Feedback?*	
Jun-14	End polio Now	Murray Verso
Jun-21	SES	Esther Toledano
Jun-28	Changeover	
Jul-05	Club Assembly	

Norbert Schaber having a quiet birthday in the back yard

PASCOE VALE ROTARY CHANGEOVER: June 29, 6.30 for 7pm, $60 @ Northern Golf Club: **RSVP Wednesday, May 31st, 2023** to Heather Harris – sadiechild@yahoo.co.uk

UPCOMING VOCATIONAL AWARDS:

- Pride of Workmanship (PP Paul Josephson) Hospitality Awards – 7th June at club meeting.
- Bernie Lamers Building Industry Award - 7th June at club meeting.

AGAIN N.B.

Meeting next week 24th May is daytime - 12.15 for 12.30

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