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LAST WEEK'S SPEAKER

BROADY BIKES is a social enterprise now operating in Broadmeadows. Coordinator of B.B. Nick Richardson spelled out with a warm heart. The programme involves the gathering and repair of bikes. Through this operation, its aim is to give disadvantaged youth an opportunity to hold down a job while gaining and practising the mechanical skills involved in fixing bicycles.

B.B. began through **Banksia Gardens Community Services** which in turn began as a Neighbourhood House over 40 years



ago. Banksia Gardens operates with numerous groups and in many locations. Given the idea is to entice out-of-school local youth the chance of gaining an education and workplace skills while furthering their education, the B.B. practice received a grant from the Jack Brockoff Foundation (biscuits). This grant has enabled B.B. to take on 20 new students. The level of education in the Broadmeadows area is 50% down the scale when compared with other suburbs. A large influence is from the percentage born overseas and arrived in Australia since 2011. The result is a lowered ability to engage socially as also making the



search for work a problem. Nick told of the level of community disengagement within the Broadmeadows area and how it necessitated such a plan as B.B. The use of bikes within the community is both necessary and high. The Brockoff grant also enabled B.B. to gather a lot of bike riding equipment which in turn was

distributed amongst the younger generation.

Now B.B. is at Stage 2 operating a store at a shed in the Kangan Tafe. Bikes have been donated and gathered from the streets. The volunteer young workers have to be at the Kangan Tafe workshop punctually. They have to dress presentably, They have to communicate socially. In short, they develop unknowingly both soft and hard skills.

Bikes are now being sold. Students are now entering fulltime employment. nick.r@banksiagardens.org.au

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY



Nadia and Gerry Lyons 22/6

Lyn and Gary Mogford

Norm Pinder 20/6/79

Paul Smarrelli 20/6/79

Chris Shields 24/6/2009



VISITORS LAST WEEK: Eileen Stevens, Robert Rhoderick

ASHITA is doing well. President Kannan is keeping members updated with his weekly news on the progress of baby Ashita. Of course Vandana leads the story but, in accord with the Indian custom, Ashita takes on the father's name – **Ashita Kannan**.

Speaker last
Wednesday

Nick Richardson

with

Chair Gary Mogford



CLUB NEWS



Preston Rotarians and Melbournians held high AHMED KELLY'S aim to secure a place in the Paris Para-Olympic Games.

He has qualified and all are thrilled.



Go Ahmed!



RESERVOIR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE FOODBANK UNLOADINGS:
June 18 (10.45-11am?).

VERY SENIOR'S LUNCH has been booked in at St George's Restaurant (NMIT), October 16, 12pm for 12.30. More information from David De La Coeur as the date advances.

THE LIFT THE LID WALK: Hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Australia, funds raised from the walks go into mental health research through **Australian Rotary Health**.

SIGN UP BRING ALONG A MATE TRY THE WHOLE FAMILY

- **When:** Sunday October 13th, 2024 from 10am
- **Where:** Commencing at The Stage, Coburg Lake Reserve
- **What:** A Walk NOT a race from Coburg Lake along the Merri Creek trail to Queen's Parade and back.
- **Distance:** Approximately 4 km or walk it twice for 8 km.
- **Who:** Everyone who has been impacted by or cares about Mental Health
- **ENTRY FEE:** \$30 - Early bird registrations prior receive an event t-shirt Kids under 15 walk FREE.

Moreland Rotary is excited to host its third annual LIFT THE LID WALK for Mental Health.

More info/donations: <https://www.liftthelidwalk.com.au/moreland>

INNER NORTH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Over many years the club has had an investment in the Foundation. Currently the investment has its annual return and Chris Shields has put the info to members asking for suggestions on its use.

Committees can discuss the matter and decisions may be made at the coming Board meeting.

UPCOMING SPEAKER

Date	Topic	Speaker
Jun-19	Access Health and Community	Angie Davidson
Jun-26	Change-Over Dinner	



STAMPS: a famed gatherer of otherwise throw-away items, Julie Morris is calling out for used stamps; not just two or three but whenever a member has collected a container-load. Some members have been saving medical foils but seemingly used stamps are bound for the bin.

Julie sends her collections to other clubs/centres who put them to good use.

CHANGE-OVER NIGHT: The Rotary Club of Preston 24/25 Changeover Dinner: Wed. 26 June 2024. \$75 per person \$30 per young person. No payments on the night.

All money must be paid before the night and numbers confirmed by 17th June 2024.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, 19th June.

THE ANNUAL FEAST AT PRESTON EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL was another great breakfast/lunch for children present. Members who set up the dinner did the children a great service messaging to the children that schooling is not so bad after all.

WEEKLY ROSTER: MAY – JUNE 2024

PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Weekly Roster April - June 2024				
DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Jun-19	Joe Morris	Peter Gilbert & Gary Mogford	Julie Morris	Ruth McCall
Jun-26			David Sullivan	David Sullivan

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Club Website addresses:

The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:

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

For member donations - Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

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

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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.