

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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**A very special welcome
to
Members of the Victoria Police**

LAST WEEK'S SPEAKER



ROTARIAN BEHIND THE BADGE:

Given this was Peter Peyton's second Behind the Badge talk, Peter spoke more of the early life and personalities of the club. As a land surveyor in Preston in 1973 he had many contacts with people of the development industry and it was engineer Keith Wood who invited him to join the club.

Rotary at that time was all male and, being lunch time, most arrived dressed in suit and tie. The founder of the club was Alf Bean who had branched off from Northcote Rotary. Peter named a few of his fellow

members in those early days: John Cain who later became premier, Perc and Ian Cleland, Roy Kilkenny, Laurie Jones, Hilary Ellis, David Warry and Ron Grierson. Numbers rose to 63 members.

Locations for meetings changed over the years – Preston Football Club rooms, Preston Club, Summerhill Hotel, the Olympic Hotel and the current Darebin R.S.L. Financial assistance was always a concern till the club was able to take on membership with a tax free programme which is currently represented by

President Elect Wayne O'Neill. This enabled the club to participate more actively with the needy and groups seeking club financial assistance. Peter thanked Wayne for such an excellent ongoing role. Peter ended his short talk with:

"Never take the matter of fund raising lightly. We have been very lucky and we need to ensure that fundraising by our club has to be dealt with carefully".

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

AS TIME FLIES, WE CELEBRATE:

Birthdays: Esther Boateng 1/2
Kapil Agarwal 1/2

Rotary Inductions: Geoff McIlvenna 8/2/89
Frank Smith 1/2/95



IN RECOVERY MODE: Claude Verrochi almost made it to the meeting. Maybe next week. Ian Musgrove and Melody are still on the repair list.

FOR YOUR EYES: On YouTube and recommended viewing by Elaine Price is the evacuation of almost 500,000 persons fleeing the 9/11 bombing of the Twin Towers on Manhattan Island.

Narrated by Tom Hanks: **BOATLIFT – An Untold Tale of 9/11 Resilience.**

A hero is a man who does what he can – Romain Rolland

VISITORS LAST WEEK: James Akerod (Rotary Club of Pembrey and Burry Port, UK). Jonathan Stone (Co-Principal) and Dr Anna Bortoli (Consultant) both of Yarra Me School.

CLUB NEWS

YARRA ME SCHOOL: Community Committee Chair Paul Smarrelli welcomed Dr Anna Bortoli and Jonathan Stone to the meeting. Paul spelt out the assistance



the club is giving to the school in its role for children with special needs. The support by the club is in the funding of \$3,000 to aid in the purchasing of various diagnostic assessment tools.

School counsellor **Dr. Anna Bortoli** described the school as a marriage between education and health. The school will be co-operating with the Children's Hospital. It will be able to provide immediate specialized assistance to children, parents and families whose needs involve immediate pediatric attention, psychologist or speech assessment. These works will begin on February 22.

Co-Principal **Jonathan Stone** paralleled the warmth he received both on his previous visit to the club and last Wednesday to the club's keen acceptance of his school and its needs. Both Jonathan and Anna expressed their gratitude for the club's assistance.

BUNNING's SAUSAGE SIZZLE, SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY. Volunteers required urgently for the 2 afternoon shifts: 12noon to 2.00pm (2 vacancies) and 2pm to 4.30pm (4 vacancies). If able to assist please let Sec. Geoff know via text, phone, or email.

WELCOMING AND HEARING R.I. PRESIDENT GORDON McINALLY:

District 9790 is collaborating with Districts 9810 and District 9820, and so have secured a visit with Rotary International President Gordon McInally for June 2024.

Sunday 2 June: Lunch at RACV Cape Schanck:

Monday 3 June: Full day symposium in Frankston.

WEEKLY ROSTER: JANUARY-MARCH 2024

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Feb-07	Chris Shields	Norbert Schaber & Peter Gilbert	David De La Coeur	Elaine Price
Feb-14	Suzanne Still	Norbert Schaber & Paul Smarrelli	David Sullivan	Norm Pinder
Feb-21	Carla Finocchiaro	Norbert Schaber & Elaine Price	Joan Roose	Julie Morris
Feb-28	Joan Roose	Peter Gilbert & Paul Smarrelli	Max Walsh	Gary Mogford
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

COMMUNITY POLICE AWARD: An important annual event and this year celebrated by the club and Victoria Police this coming Wednesday, February 7. Much sourcing has gone into discovering whom the senior police members of the district nominate for the position.

The Rotary Club of Preston “Community Police Award” canvasses the Darebin Area. This includes Northcote, Preston and Reservoir Police stations.

The award is to recognize police officers who go above and beyond supporting the Darebin community. The winner this year is **Sgt. Jakki Poustie** and highly commended is **D/Sgt Julie Gasparini**. Interestingly, both officer's work in the domestic violence space. As a Family Violence Liaison Officer at Northcote UNI, Jakki's tireless work sees her use her subject matter expertise in managing the Family Violence Portfolio to an exceptionally high standard.

This club event is major in the club calendar and members and partners are keenly invited to attend.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Shepparton, **19-21 April 2024**. Deposits of \$100 for rooms to Frank Smith.

NEXT B.B.Q. at BUNNINGS: Saturday 10th February 2024. The roster is now open. Vacancies still exist, especially the last shift.

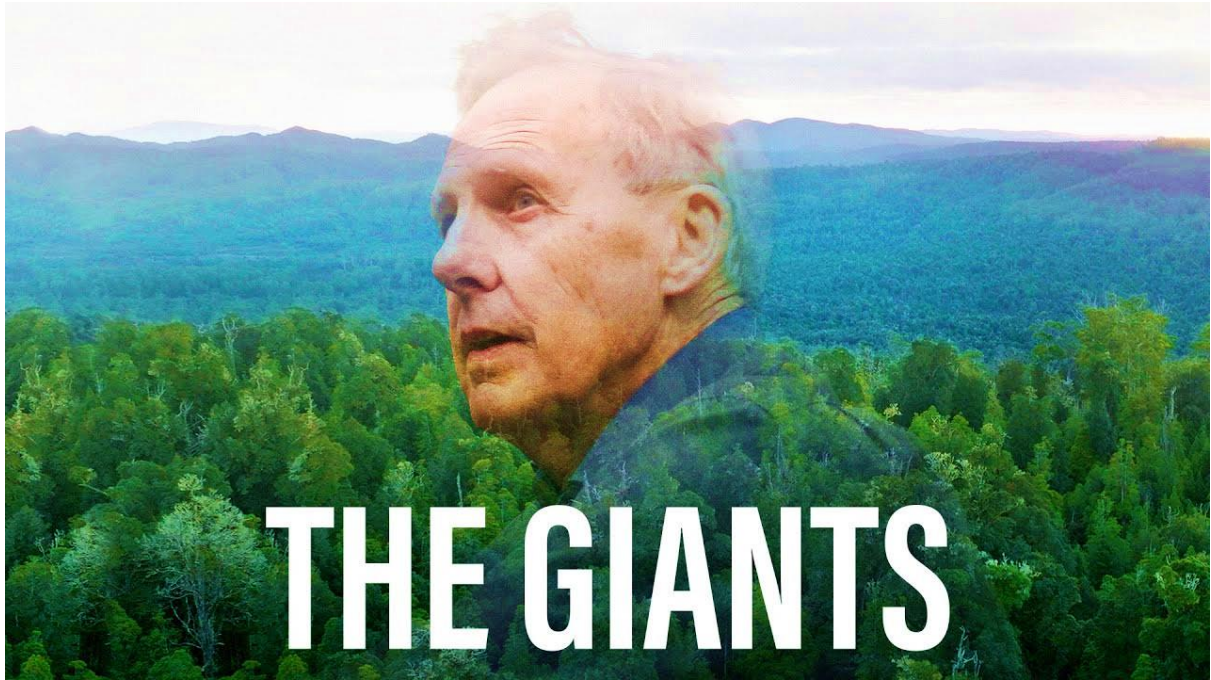
TAKAYNA TRAIL is a marathon run in Tasmania highlighting the Bob Brown Foundation which is highlighting the need to protect the Tasmanian natural environment. The Foundation is involved in many fields as forest protection, salmon farming and other fields of natural environment. **Dr Shervin Tosif**, an Austin Hospital anaesthetist and fellow staff member of Peter McCall, is running in the Takayna Trail this Feb. 23. To raise funds. If members wish to support the Foundation feel free to contribute directly or through Ruth or Peter.

Fundraising Event - Thornbury Picturehouse - Monday 12th Feb. 8 PM. Film: 'THE GIANTS'. All proceeds to the Bob Brown Foundation For Tickets to the Movie : <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-giants-takaynatarkine-movie-fundraiser-tickets-802762262537?affoddtcreator>

For more information, and to donate directly to Shervin's appeal go to:

<https://takaynatrail2024.raisly.com/shervin-tosif>

THE GIANTS: From a seedling to forest elder: the film is a masterclass that draws on Bob's 50 years of inspiring activism, from the Franklin campaign for Tasmania's last wild river, to today's battle for the Tarkine rain forest. Told in Bob's own words, his story is interwoven with the extraordinary life cycle of Australia's giant trees, brought to the screen with stunning cinematography and immersive animated forest landscapes.



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