

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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SPEAKER LAST WEEK



Members were delighted to hear an update on the development of the ongoing dream of Rhiannon Tracey, Founder and Executive Officer of **THE NEXT STEP SPINAL CORD INJURY RECOVERY AND WELLNESS CENTRE**.

The Next Step came into being when Rhiannon suffered her own spinal injury and, when no specialist recovery treatment was available for her in Australia, she searched overseas, was treated, and returned home to establish a centre offering similar treatments. That was in 2012. The location and the development of the centre and the number of athletes (clients) receiving attention have insured its ongoing success.

Rhiannon's talk at times was emotional both for herself and for her audience. Her reflections were not solely of buildings, athletes, services offered; rather they necessarily involved a retrospective contemplation of her own physical, mental and personal development over the years. As for all athletes and certainly for Rhiannon, everything, every event, every person, every daily effort has deep meaning in daily life.

For Rhiannon, The Next Step has been *"10 years of best practice"*. It has been showing people how to learn about self; taking control of their recovery; becoming resilient. Staff has increased considerably.

Through a multivariate range of specialist care and education, the whole process leads athletes to a much brighter future and the freedom of more independent living. Undoubtedly, Rhiannon's listeners were identifying themselves if ever suffering similar physical setbacks.



Rhiannon Tracey Carla Finocchiaro David De La Coeur

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Carla Finocchiaro 22/3/2000



WELCOME AGAIN this Wednesday to **Senior Sergeant Julie Gasparini**. Members will remember Julie receiving the “Highly Commended Award” at the club’s Community Police Awards on Feb. 7. Wednesday is the chance to hear what is being done in Darebin in combating the frantic field of domestic violence.

CLUB NEWS

The RIMERN website is very clear and a good resource for members to access to see more about RIMERN and volunteer roles: rimern.org.au or RIMERN's Facebook page.



Some of the roles include:

- *Truck Drivers/Jockeys: i.e. assisting with picking up donated goods from homes/venues & unloading in the warehouse*
- *Sorting Team: unpacking, sorting, stacking on shelves/repacking in kits:*
- *Helping clients to select their goods*
- *Electrical goods Tester: (requires a short training period)*
- *Donated Goods Team (working from home- responding to emails/phone/facebook/website) from offers to donate goods*
- *Grants Team: skills in Grant writing to gain funds from philanthropic sector*

It is very fulfilling to know that you are providing such a great service to people in desperate need. RIMERN is well run, and there is a great spirit of camaraderie. It is also great to meet other Rotarians and community volunteers, and an opportunity to flag Rotary Preston.

Ruth McCall (Club Member at Rimern zoom Meetings)

COMING SPEAKERS

Mar 20	Domestic Violence	Sen. Sgt. Julie Gasparini
Mar 27	District Governor Visit	
April 03	Rotarians Against Malaria	Hamish Jones
April 10	Paralympics	Ahmed Kelly

FOOD BANK DELIVERY TO NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE, 26th March
around 11 - 11.15.

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.



BUNNINGS BARBIE: The next is Sat. 13th April. Naming the ‘extras’ in the Bulletin who have **jumped in to serve** when Geoff was short on numbers means some volunteers can be overlooked. Recent extras included Barbara Gilbert, Debbie O’Neill and Rosie Nunn (an ex RYLA student).

WEEKLY ROSTER: JANUARY-MARCH 2024

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Mar-13	Joe Morris	Peter Gilbert & Gary Mogford	Max Walsh	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

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.

EMPTY MAILBOX! There is always the chance that a member’s name could have fallen off the Bulletin mail-out list. The editor is not entirely proficient in the area.

If any reader is aware of a missing person, please contact the editor at the address below ASAP.





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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**Payment: Banking Details: Rotary Club of Preston - Bendigo Bank,
BSB 633 000, AC 154 200 034**



NOMINATIONS FOR 2024 NOW OPEN UNTIL 30TH APRIL 2024

The Victorian Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards are designed to recognise our emergency service personnel whom have gone above and beyond their call of duty and reflected the Rotary motto of “Service above Self”.

RESCA is a community nominated Awards, therefore it is based on the reputation of the personnel from their local communities viewpoint.

www.vic.rescawards.org.au/

ROTARY DISTRICT 9790 TRIP TO CAMBODIA – Jan 19-26, 2025

Hosted by the inspirational Volunteer Experience members of the Rotaract Club of Siem Reap and supported by Rotary Passport Melbourne, you will spend your days joining empowered hands-on community projects and experience iconic Angkor Wat, local markets and the floating village – all with the Rotaractors who grew up there!

1. Experience the joy of distributing bicycles to rural students and supporting their education with the distribution of study materials
2. Join us as we distribute monthly food and essential supplies to supported rural families
3. Be warmly welcomed by the school communities where we have installed life-changing WASH infrastructure including clean drinking water and toilets
4. Distribute SolarBuddy study lights to students living in rural communities without electricity
5. Join our tree-planting project in Siem Reap City and disadvantage rural communities to improve the lives of communities living in hot and dusty environments

<https://fundsustainablecambodia.org/trip-registration>

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

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