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<p><u>World Conference</u> P Gilbert</p>	<p><u>District Conference</u> G Mcllvenna</p>	<p><u>Fellowship</u> E Price Julie Morris P Byrne G Mcllvenna</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u> R McCall E Price Julie Morris</p>	<p><u>Birthday Cards</u> G Smith</p>	<p><u>Welcome</u> Julie Morris Joe Morris E Price C Finocchiaro P Peyton</p>

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SPEAKER LAST WEEK

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA is described as *the opportunity of a lifetime*. **DARBY WILKES**, Preston's Rotary Exchange Student, has recently returned home after three months living in Italy with the participating exchange Cirillo family. The Cirillo's live in the popular holiday town on Lake Garda, a town within reach of Brescia, Venice, Milan, Trent and the Italian Alps.

In her time there the Cirillo family took Darby to Venice, Milan, Rome and along the Amalfi Coast. While challenged to adjusting to the Italian lifestyle she was able to witness numerous aspects of the country's antiquity and history.



Darby visited canyons, seas, rivers, piazzas, cathedrals, fountains and games of soccer. She admitted that, for a person her young age, her time there was challenging. Given her ability with English, she often stood in to 'teach' in the school's English programme. She was also able to continue her daily swim training schedule. Overall, Darby returned home with her conviction that she will always be happy to call Australia 'home'.

At the meeting's conclusion Faye, Darby's mother, rose to express her family's gratitude, above all to Elaine Price. Faye highlighted Elaine's tireless organisation and her trustworthy presence to Darby and her family during the entire project. Faye thanked the club and mentioned the worry it was to be without Darby over those months, but they were reassured by their confidence in Preston Rotary.



THE FAMILY OF ROTARY



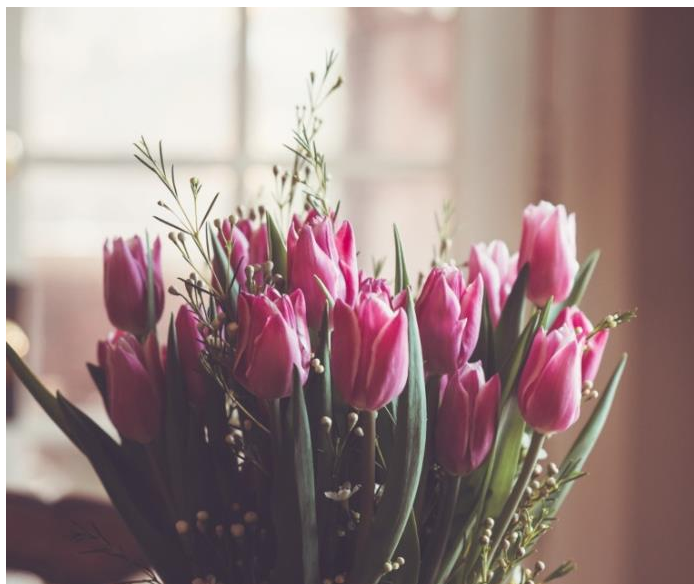
Birthday:

Mary Verrocchi 23/02

WELCOME BACK to a healthy **Peter Gilbert**. Peter was again at the finance desk with Norbert Schaber – very demanding and regular club role.

VISITORS LAST WEEK: **James Akeroyd** (Rotary Club of Pembrey and Burry Port, UK). Faye Wilkes

CONGRATULATORY BOUQUET: Elaine Price was overjoyed to receive the presentation of flowers from the club on the occasion of Exchange Student Darby’s address to those present last Wednesday. As mentioned by Darby’s



mother Faye, her family with all club members and partners are aware of the value of the programme as also the necessary effort made by Elaine ‘to get the show on the road’.

This presentation reminded all members of the need to be actively participate in future exchanges. Youth Exchange is under the direction of Elaine Price and Peter Gilbert.

CLUB NEWS

CLUB BOARD MEETING will be after the meeting next Wednesday, 21st February @ 2pm.

FOOD BANK DELIVERY to Neighbourhood House, 27th February @ 11.15.

BUNNINGS BARBIE: Last week’s barbie was very successful and Geoff McIlvenna thanked deeply all who gave a hand especially those who filled the gaps at the last minute. A great team! Next Barbie – 9th March.

COMING SPEAKERS

Feb-21	Dementia / Alzheimer Disease Awareness	Dr Rebecca Nesbit
Feb-28	RYLA	Rosie Sun
Mar-06	Reservoir Neighbourhood House	Craig Liddell
Mar-13	Next Step	Rhiannon Tracey & Jake

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

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY will be held at Benalla, 24th March. The Assembly is for incoming 24/25 Board Members and Executive Members

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 and Ruth McCall will transport them to Rimern base.



2. Drop them off at Rimern or at the recycling depot, 24 Quinn Street, Preston, just near Bunnings. On donating, make sure Rimern is registered.





MERRI CREEK

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Peter Byrne has been attending the MCMC meetings and last week gave a report on the current testing of Merri Creek waters. Water samples are being taken and sent for DNA analysis.

The search is based on the possible path to extinction of the platypus, a mammal, native to Australia.

ATTENDANCE REPORT: Chair of the Attendance Committee Gary Mogford records: *“In November the club achieved 68% attendance which, whist low, is an improvement on October! December saw the attendance jump to 87%, probably a combination of the Christmas break up and the number of makeup opportunities that Geoff organised!*

At the end of December we have 14 members sitting on 100%. Coincidentally we have 14 members who have attended less than 70% of weekly meetings. I know it is no longer a requirement but just an interesting observation”.

WEEKLY ROSTER: JANUARY-MARCH 2024

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
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