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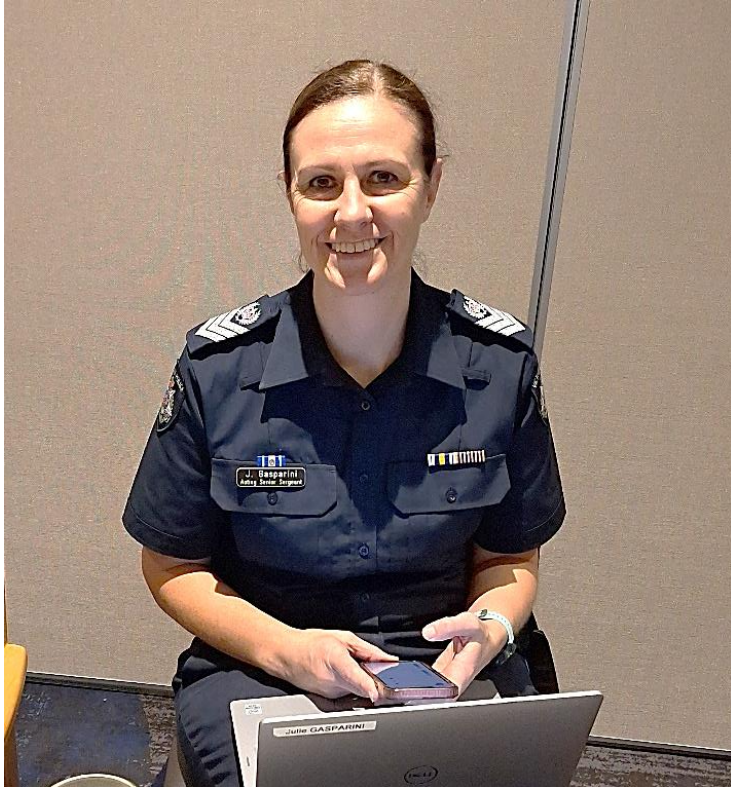
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SPEAKER LAST WEEK

It was a warm welcome to speaker Julie Gasparini, the recent “Highly Commended” awardee at the club’s Community Police Awards. Julie’s topic was **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**.



Julie took her audience through the complicated and well-planned method of responding to violence reports in the field

Above all, she described the extremes of recent forms of violence, from the obvious and publicly acknowledged cases to the concealed and clandestine. The more recent examples were the secret radio devices for tracking the movements of the partner, the suffering caused by overpowering control, to the control of a partner’s financial activities. For many, this broadened the meaning of domestic violence. It demonstrated the growth and the suffering often times hidden and unknown.

Julie has been in the force for over 24 years, 16 of which have been working against domestic violence. Today the public is more educated in the sector. Often a problem can be the evil perpetrations which are not being reported. Sadly violence against women and children is on the increase with the arrival of refugees and immigrants coming from countries where often the male is allowed to dominate. Prevention is the aim.

Julie’s role with Victoria Police is a most demanding one. Members support her role unreservedly.

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

**Welcome Today To District Governor
NETA KIRBY**

Veronica and David De La Coeur 29/3



John McCarthy 31/3/87



VISITORS LAST WEEK: Damian Ryan, Annabelle Barrow, Grant Collis

3KND IS STILL ON AIR WHILE GMAN LYONS has has been quietened down in these days. Gerry, all in the club are awaiting some good news.

CLUB NEWS

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

BUNNINGS BARBIE: The next barbie will be April 13.

COMING SPEAKERS

Mar 27	District Governor Visit	
April 03	Rotarians Against Malaria	Hamish Jones
April 10	Paralympics	Ahmed Kelly

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday 20 March 2024 - RSL at 2:00pm.

WEEKLY ROSTER: MARCH 2024

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Mar-27	Gary Mogford	Elaine Price & Peter Gilbert	Peter Byrne	Carla Finocchiaro

BOARD MEETING: Members are invited to study the circulated minutes of the recent board meeting as also the financial accounts for December/January.

WORLD WATER DAY, 22 MARCH: Water is something we all need to



survive however 2.2 billion people still live without safely managed drinking water. That is more than 1 in every 4 people.

Donations from members to The Rotary Foundation mean that together we can offer more resources to clubs and communities that plan and implement

crucial and sustainable projects aimed at providing safe water worldwide. A gift to our Foundation to honour World Water Day, 22 March will allow Rotary members to bring clean water to more people around the world.

PLAYGROUND DISMANTLING AND CONTAINERISING: Rotarians from across the state are working to reduce unnecessary landfill waste for the benefit of children. Nunawading Rotary has organised its own recycling of playgrounds. Preston's Peter Peyton recently offered a hand (see photo – third from right). It was a day of filling a 40-foot container at distant Kilsyth. The current container is bound for Papua New Guinea. This is a fantastic project with social, educational environmental and financial benefits across multiple countries. If you would like to get involved, have a yarn with Peter.



EXPECTANT TIMES: Members are looking forward to hearing news coming from the District Assembly held in Benalla this Sunday. D.G.E. Stephen O'Connell and the District Training Team had the tasks of refreshing, informing and moving forward Rotary life in the district.

It was an early start at 9.20am with up to 140 Rotarians attending. President Elect Wayne O'Neill, Sec. Geoff McIlvenna and Peter Peyton represented the club, making their own contributions.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2024 NOW OPEN UNTIL 30TH APRIL 2024

The Victorian Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards are designed to recognise our emergency service personnel who have gone above and beyond their call of duty and have 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 Solar Buddy 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

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

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