

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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RECENT CLUB SPEAKERS

The guest speaker at the Rotary meeting on 1st May was **Chris Ballard**, a section leader in Scouting at Northcote. He has been in that position for 18 years and, as well, he is a district commissioner overseeing twelve scouting groups.



SCOUTING AUSTRALIA

provides for young people 5 to 25 years of age. Cubs cater for children 5 to 7 years of age, Cub Scouts 8 to 10 years of age, Scouts 11 to 14 years, Venturers 15 to 18 years of age and Rovers cater for the group of 19 to 25 years of age. These have a similar aim to those of Rotary. The Scout group have been in operation for many years. The members in the older group are often away from home and become involved in boating, climbing and other adventures. The Cub Scouts are involved in outdoor

activities as often as possible and the opportunity to attend jamborees, which are like a small city, and these are most popular with the participants. The scout group has a lot of camping and outdoor activities The Venturer groups get involved in bike riding, rock climbing outdoor activities and provide support for the younger members of the scouting movement.

The scouting movement has an important role in educating the young people in achieving their full potential - as a full physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual individual and to become a responsible citizen and member of the local, national, and international community. This is the world-wide aim of scouting.

There are several parts of the scouting movement. Firstly, in outdoor activities, camping, water activities and other adventures. They also have a symbolic framework. The movement has a uniform, a woggle, and a structure to help the younger people in routine. Where possible they try to have the members working in small groups, with all within the group having a role to play. The older scouts, through experience, become leaders and gain experience from their leadership.



The scouting movement encourages the younger generation to be involved to increase their resilience. On their away camps the showers are cold not popular but necessary. The leaders do whatever they can to educate and help the scouts but are aware that mistakes will be made but the members will learn from those mistakes.

During the Covid months the cost of the Jamboree was \$2700, and leaders encouraged the members to find jobs that would help in the payment of the fee. To also assist, the groups need to find time to raise funds to support the trips to the Jamboree and this, in itself, is difficult work and sometimes beyond the ability of the members to carry out such tasks.

Scouting can be a great enjoyment for the young boys and girls, as the leaders go out of their way to try to make the meetings and the different tasks they undertake, as challenging and rewarding as they can, which gives the scout members a great thrill to find a way to get the best result.

- Peter Peyton

ROTARY DISTRICT 9790 TRIP TO CAMBODIA: Joan Roose chaired the meeting last Wednesday. Joan introduced speaker Robyn Angus, a member of Ivanhoe Rotary, and project manager of Partners in Education Project in Cambodia, January 2025. The project is currently being promoted to clubs in District 9790 to recruit able volunteers and donations to raise \$13,000 required to make a difference for those living in disadvantage in Cambodia

SUMMARY: The project seeks to support education for students in Siem Reap, Cambodia through the provision of educational resources with the co-operation of Cambodia Rural Students Trust (CRST). A Rotary Volunteer Team will travel in January 2025 to provide community needs such as bicycles, solar lighting and desks to support education for students in Siem Reap. The team will assist teachers and mentor students where needed, to build skills and self-determination.

CHALLENGE: By providing desks for school students, solar lighting for night study, and bicycles to travel to school, the 500 students in this very poor area will benefit. Also provision of a scholarship for university tuition for a bright and motivated student, who we hope to support in the future too.

SOLUTION: Expressions of interest to volunteer in the project in January 2025 are welcomed via emailing the Project Manager below. Also through donating to educational supplies such as desks, resources, solar lights and bicycles.

LONG TERM IMPACT:

1/ To provide tangible educational support and empowerment of teachers in a disadvantaged region.

2/ To increase awareness of Rotarians to the difficulties faced in Cambodia, and build an on-going partnership between D9790 and Rotaract Siem Reap.

The project is sponsored by District 9790 and endorsed by the Rotaract Club of Siem Reap, District 3350.



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THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Jillian and Norbert Schaber 18/05



Norbert Schaber 19/05

Barbara Gilbert 20/05

Peter Peyton 17/05/73



VISITOR LAST WEEK: Eileen Stevens.

CLUB NEWS

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

| Date | Topic | Speaker |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| May-15 | Planning Rotary Year 24/25 | |
| May-22 | Inner North Foundation | Ben Rodgers |
| May-29 | Platypus Project | Trevor Moyle |

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| Jun-05 | Edconnect | Linda Perugini |
| Jun-12 | | |
| Jun-19 | | |
| Jun-26 | Change-Over Dinner | |

MEETING MAY 15: At the coming Wednesday meeting President Elect **Wayne O'Neill** will inform Members of his Project for the Rotary Year 24/25.

The names of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs will be announced. Members suggestions for new programmes and projects will be sought, while any changes in club operations will be discussed.

Members are asked to make a special effort to be present at the meeting as also to air their thoughts.



WEEKLY ROSTER: MAY – JUNE 2024

PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

| DATE | WELCOMES | CASHIERS | SERGEANT | CHAIRPERSON |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| May-15 | Peter Byrne | Norbet Schaber & Gary Mogford | Julie Morris | Paul Smarrelli |
| May-22 | Ruth McCall | Peter Gilbert & Chris Shields | Max Walsh | Norm Pinder |
| May-29 | Ian Musgrove | Norbet Schaber & Paul Smarrelli | David Sullivan | Peter Byrne |
| Jun-05 | Joan Roose | Peter Gilbert & Gary Mogford | David De La Coeur | Elaine Price |
| Jun-12 | Wayne O'Neill | Norbet Schaber & Peter Peyton | Ian Musgrove | Gary Mogford |
| Jun-19 | Joe Morris | Peter Gilbert & Norbet Schaber | Julie Morris | Ruth McCall |
| Jun-26 | | | David Sullivan | David Sullivan |

INVITATION: The Rotary Club Of Preston 24-25 Changeover Dinner:
Wed. 26 June 2024. As of Wed. May 15, payable by card.

DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE: Both Preston Rotary and District 9790 have approved the application submitted by student Charlotte of Santa Maria College, Northcote. In order, Charlotte has in her sight France, Germany and Italy. Elaine Price, aided by Geoff McIlvenna, will be the visiting student's counsellors. All that Charlotte requires to go on an exchange is a successful student application from a Rotary District/Club overseas. The programme is short term, 6-8 weeks, and Charlotte's best time would be within July to December. A year of study overseas as a R.Y.E. is the *OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME*. It offers the chance to develop.

- personal self-confidence and maturity
- a lifetime of international friendships
- an understanding of many different cultures
- to develop new language skills
- a base for future education and career goals



NESSUN DORMA! “Let no-one sleep”!

Members are invited to take heed as Michael Lapina readies himself for the position as DG of District 9800. Michael's journey has been an amazing one; from being an international opera star to membership of the Rotary Club of Wyndham.

Reread the *Rotary Magazine*, May, Page 11.

Club Website addresses:

The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:

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