

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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| <p><u>Youth Exchange</u> - E Price P Gilbert</p> | <p><u>Bulletin</u> J McCarthy P Peyton P Gilbert</p> | <p><u>Fundraising & Circus QuirkuS</u> Chair: W O'Neill F Smith G McIlvenna P Smarrelli</p> | <p><u>Attendance</u> G Mogford G McIlvenna P Smarrelli</p> | <p><u>Cashiers</u> P Gilbert N Schaber G Mogford E Price P Conte M Walsh</p> | <p><u>Programmes</u> G Mogford R McCall P Smarrelli P Gilbert</p> |
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| <p><u>World Conference</u> P Gilbert</p> | <p><u>District Conference</u> G McIlvenna</p> | <p><u>Fellowship</u> E Price P Byrne G McIlvenna</p> | <p><u>RIMERN</u> R McCall E Price</p> | <p><u>Birthday Cards</u> G Smith</p> | <p><u>Welcome</u> P.Peyton Joe Morris E Price C Finocchiaro</p> |

SPEAKERS LAST WEEK

Last Wednesday saw the return of 2 ex-Preston Rotarians who now are members of Altona City Rotary Club – **Anne Morton** and **Lenore Thornton (President)**. Anne addressed those present on **EARLYACT**, a Rotary Programme for primary school students. It is sponsored by the local Rotary club and its aims are closely linked to Rotary's aims and it leads into Interact and then Rotoract.

EarlyAct is a school-wide service club for students from ages 5 to 13. It is sponsored by one of the local Rotary clubs in the area in which the school is located. Both the mission and operation of EarlyAct are closely linked to the ideals of Rotary.

EarlyAct provides young students the opportunity for gaining an increased awareness and knowledge of their community and the world. At a young age, all students can easily be

encouraged to be caring and helpful. Their minds are open to recognize the dignity and worth of each individual which builds respect for others. The agenda covers caring, compassion, tolerance, respect, citizenship, empathy, responsibility, friendship and leadership. EarlyAct also engages students in character-building activities and prepares them for leadership roles to identify and carry out projects which benefit their school, local and global communities



Using the Rotary 4 Way Test, meetings are programmed to seek practical outcomes and personal developments throughout the entire school life: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

No doubt Anne's talk will bring discussion within the club especially members of the Youth Committee.

MAKE THAT OLD MOBILE NEW AGAIN!

How many readers would admit to having an old unused mobile phone in the bottom drawer? Visitor last week from Altona City Rotary Club, **Lenore Thornton**, told those present of a great answer for its rebirth.



Persons suffering domestic violence often times have escaped home in a hurry, are homeless and phoneless. Other occasions see the abusive partner tracking the other in refuge and the violence continues. A local group has got together to collect those phones and put them to lifesaving use.



DV Safe Phone collects the unused phones, clears them of tracking devices, repairs damages and recirculates them to those in need, mostly those sheltering from domestic abuse.. Lenore invites all to double check . . . Maybe also add \$75 for the cost of professional cleaning, clearing and refitting each phone.

Post to: PO Box 1440, Mooloolaba, Qld. 4557
or

Drop in at: Centaur Wing (Repat.) 300
Waterdale Road, Heidelberg Heights or
Fernwood Fitness Centre: 1/70
Chifley Dr, Preston

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Peter Byrne 5/8/2009



VISITORS LAST WEEK: How great it was to welcome back to the Club past members Lenore Thornton and Anne Morton. Both Lenore and Anne are now giving their best in Altona City Rotary Club.

Members warmly welcomed Hussain who will shortly join membership in Preston Rotary.

CLUB NEWS

DONATIONS IN KIND: DIK will be holding an OPEN DAY at Shed 39/400 Somerville Rd, West Footscray. The club, Reservoir Neighbourhood House and Jacob's Swell school in Orissa, Northern India, have benefited much from the DIK programme and its base in West Footscray is worth a general visit. Such a visit could also offer fresh ideas for the services of club committees. Saturday, 10th August, 10am to 3pm, with guided tours by the hour.

MERRI CREEK LITTER CLEAN-UP

Saturday Aug 31st, 2-4pm
Meet: Bike/Pedestrian Bridge,
Connolly Ave, Coburg – across from DeChene Reserve

FOODBANK: Delivery 30th July at Neighbourhood House.

CIRCUS QUIRKUS: At the Ivanhoe Town Hall August Sat. 17 and Sun. 18th. President Wayne informed all that this year the Club members will have the duty to meet and seat the attendees. Three sessions each day: 11am, 1.30 and 4pm. Members should be there at least 30 minutes before the start. Sec. Geoff is arranging the roster for 4 members directing traffic at each presentation. Family members or other young contacts are most welcome to attend. No ticket is necessary.



BUNNINGS BARBIE: August 10. Great roll-up last week as also great takings.

RECENT MONTHLY MEETING OF RIMERN: Currently there are 21 Rotary Clubs affiliated with Rimern. This helps with the rental expenses for the warehouse. Again the need was highlighted for volunteers be they Rotarians or friends. Contact volunteers@rimern.org.au. Fields of need are: assistant to the Treasurer, testing and tagging goods, Saturday mornings unloading goods and assisting assisting clients in their selection of warehouse goods.

Rimern's finances are in good shape. 378 households have been provided with goods to set up their home; most are single parent families or singles..

AN EVENING WITH D.G. STEPHEN O'CONNELL, August 1st at Pascoe Vale RSL, 6.30 for 7pm.

Pat Solibakke writes: " It will be a good night learning about the DG's plans for the District and with a chance for club members to get to know each other and learn about your club's projects. Please go to Trybooking and type in August 1 to find the link to the meeting There is a \$30 charge for a 2 course dinner with drinks at bar prices".

PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

| Weekly Roster July - September 2024 | | | | |
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| | WELCOMES | CASHIERS | SERGEANT | CHAIRPERSON |
| Jul-31 | Gary Mogford | Peter Gilbert & Joan Roose | Max Walsh | Peter Peyton |
| Aug-07 | Suzanne Still | Norbet Schaber & Elaine Price | Peter Byrne | Chris Shields |
| Aug-14 | Peter Peyton | Paul Smarrelli & Ruth Mccall | David De La Coeur | Kannan Subramanian |
| Aug-21 | Ian Musgrove | Peter Gilbert & Peter Byrne | Chris Shields | Joan Roose |
| Aug-28 | Norm Pinder | Elaine Price & Norbet Schaber | Gerry Lyons | Gary Mogford |
| Sep-04 | Carla Finocchiaro | Peter Gilbert & Max Walsh | Kannan Subramanian | Chris Shields |
| Sep-11 | Suzanne Still | Norbet Schaber & Gary Mogford | Joan Roose | Peter Peyton |
| Sep-18 | Ian Musgrove | Peter Byrne & Elaine Price | David De La Coeur | Ruth McCall |
| Sep-25 | Kannan Subramanian | Peter Gilbert & Paul Smarrelli | Max Walsh | Peter Byrne |

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – ALBURY 2025

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th April

TIME TO FILL THAT GAP: Sec. Geoff has sent out a number of emails in recent days. Many are informative of Rotary Action and many are requests to fill up gaps in the club's regular service activities. Members have always been most generous in volunteering and this has not let-up. Let this be a reminder..

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

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| Jul-31 | International Needs Australia | Andrew Catford |
| Aug-07 | Compassionate Friends | Ann Smith |
| Aug-14 | Rotarian Behind The Badge | Joan Roose |
| Aug-21 | Grandmothers for Refugees | Janet Joss |
| Aug-28 | Darebin Hard Rubbish Here | Jo Press and Jackie Lewis |

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.