

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

**CHARTER GRANTED** 21-12-1960  
PO Box 299, Preston, 3072

**District Governor:** Neta Kirby

Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm  
Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

**Assistant Governor:** Pat Solibakke

## CLUB BULLETIN

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**in the WORLD**

### Office Bearers

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Treasurer: Frank Smith  
Past President: Ruth McCall  
President Elect: Wayne O'Neill

### Directors

Peter Peyton, Peter Gilbert, Max Walsh, Peter Byrne  
Gary Mogford, Chris Shields

## OFFICE BEARERS & BOARD DIRECTORS

<p><u>International</u>  <b>Director: P Peyton</b>                  J Roose                  S Still                  E Boateng                  P Gilbert                  K Agawal</p>	<p><u>Youth</u>  <b>Director: G Mogford</b>                  E Price                  P Conte                  N Lyons                  W O'Neil</p>	<p><u>Vocational</u>  <b>Director: Chris Shields</b>                  C Finocchiaro                  N Schaber                  C Verrocchi                  N Au                  Joe Morris</p>	<p><u>Community</u>  <b>Director: P Smarrelli</b>                  Julie Morris                  D De La Coeur                  D Sullivan                  G Lyons                  N Pinder                  E Price (Police Awards)</p>
<p><u>Environment &amp; Conservation</u>  <b>Director: Peter Byrne</b>                  D De La Coeur</p>	<p><u>Foundation</u>  <b>Director: M Walsh</b>                  E Price                  P Gilbert                  I Musgrove</p>	<p><u>Membership &amp; Retention</u>  <b>Director: P Gilbert</b>                  G Mcllvenna                  Julie Morris                  R McCall                  P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Secretary</u>  <b>G Mcllvenna</b></p> <p><u>Treasurer</u>  <b>F Smith</b></p> <p><u>Vice President &amp; Special Projects</u>  <b>P Smarrelli</b></p>

## CLUB ADMINISTRATION: Wayne O'Neill

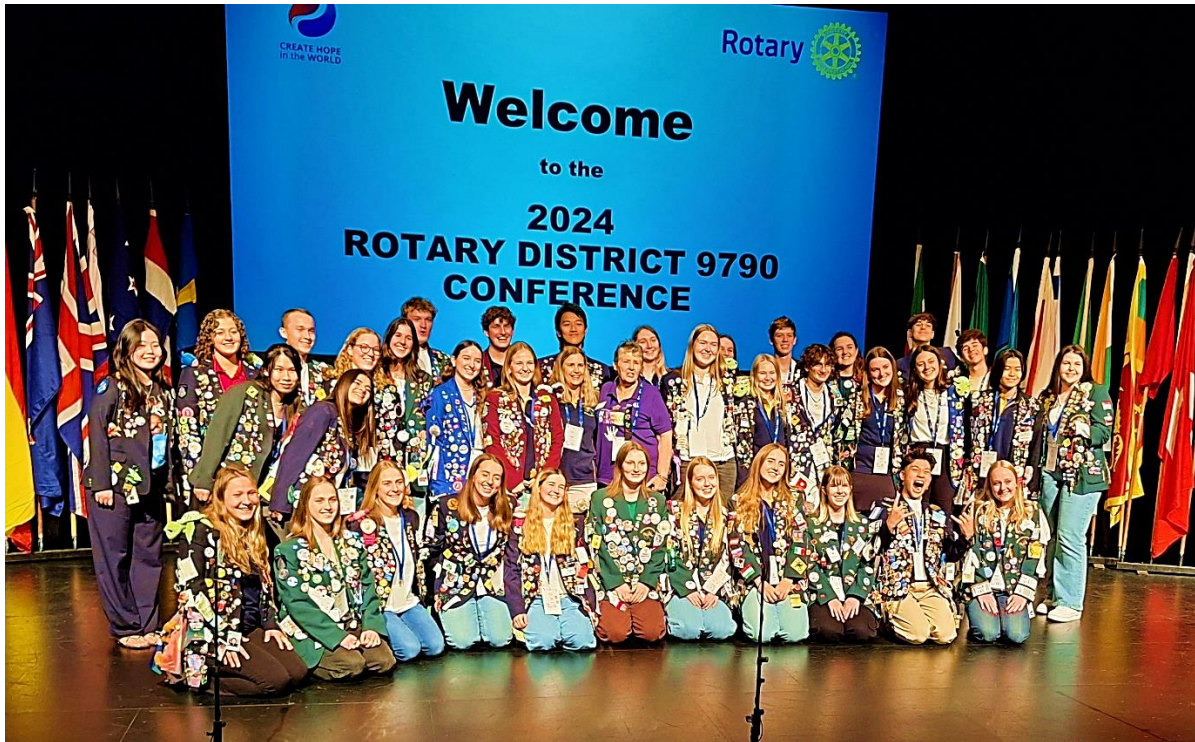
<p><u>Youth Exchange</u>  <b>E Price</b>                  P Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Bulletin</u>  <b>J McCarthy</b>                  P Peyton                  P Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Fundraising &amp; Circus Quirkus</u>  <b>Chair: W O'Neill</b>                  F Smith                  G Mcllvenna                  P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Attendance</u>  <b>G Mogford</b>                  G Mcllvenna                  P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Cashiers</u>  <b>P Gilbert</b>                  N Schaber                  G Mogford                  E Price                  P Conte                  Max Walsh</p>	<p><u>Programs</u>  <b>G Mogford</b>                  R McCall                  P Smarrelli                  P Gilbert</p>
<p><u>Family of Rotary &amp; Club History</u>  <b>P Peyton</b>                  P Gilbert                  G Mcllvenna                  P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>IT / Website / Facebook / Public Relation</u>  <b>R McCall</b>                  G Lyons                  N Lyons</p>	<p><u>Club History &amp; Information</u>  <b>P Peyton</b>                  P Gilbert                  G Mcllvenna                  P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Sergeants</u>  <b>D Sullivan</b>                  D De La Coeur                  Julie Morris                  P Byrne</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u>  <b>R McCall</b>                  E Price                  Julie Morris</p>	<p><u>House</u>                  Joe Morris                  N Pinder                  D De La Coeur                  G Mogford                  G Mcllvenna                  P Smarrelli</p>
<p><u>World Conference</u>  <b>P Gilbert</b></p>	<p><u>District Conference</u>  <b>G Mcllvenna</b></p>	<p><u>Fellowship</u>  <b>E Price</b>                  Julie Morris                  P Byrne                  G Mcllvenna</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u>  <b>R McCall</b>                  E Price                  Julie Morris</p>	<p><u>Birthday Cards</u>  <b>G Smith</b></p>	<p><u>Welcome</u>  <b>Julie Morris</b>                  Joe Morris                  E Price                  C Finocchiaro                  P Peyton</p>

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**Vice President.....** P Smarrelli  
**Special Projects.....** P Smarrelli  
**Past President.....** R McCall  
**President Elect.....** Wayne O'Neill  
**Secretary.....** G Mcllvenna  
**Treasurer.....** F Smith

### Board / Directors

**Director - International.....**P Peyton  
**Director - Community.....**P Smarrelli  
**Director - Youth.....**G Mogford  
**Director - Membership & Retention.....**P Gilbert  
**Director - Environment:& Conservation.....**P.Byrne  
**Director - Foundation.....**M Walsh  
**Director - Vocational.....**C Shields



On attending a District Conference one does not know what to expect. For Prestonians, living at the southern end of the District, it generally means a long road drive. Then, when not involved in its multiple organisational matters, they can manipulate those days so as to make it a festival.

Last week Preston did just that. Examples include: diversions off the highway, to wineries at Tabilk and Mitchelton; outdoor drinks at the motel before Wayne O'Neill's warm dinner night at the RSL; a traditional barbie at the motel under the skills of Debbie and Wayne O'Neill and his team; a partners exploration of Shepparton's attractions.

Of course the Conference was the theme of the weekend and hats off to **PDG Neta Kirby** and her team. The conference certainly exceeded the cold print of an agenda. Many subjects presented by speakers were already known and respected by those present, however the freshness and vitality of the information was both captivating and stimulating. Maybe unfair to judge without using a noise dosimeter but the best applause seemed to be given to Dorothy Gilmour, founder of Rotary SAFE Families and her theme of ***"We must break the silence on Violence"***.

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2024-2025

**STEPHEN O'CONNELL OAM (Albury Hume)**

**District 9790 Governor Nominee Designate 2026-2027**

**Paul Miegel (Corowa)**

## THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

**Melody and Ian Musgrove 1/5/1974**



**Chris Shields 8/5**

**SPEAKER                      LAST  
WEDNESDAY**

**THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
THORNBURY**, is not just a building on the corner of St. Georges Road and Smith St. Thornbury. It is a living community offering numerous lines of care, personal education, free food parcels, community meals, coffees, a vast community pantry



and of course various life-giving worship services.

When newly-appointed **Minister Sue Maric** arrived on scene with no welcome, that was a sign that things were very slow moving. That changed in no time. In her talk Sue listed the non-stop introductions or happenings that developed an open door and the development of the true meaning of community.

## CLUB NEWS

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Date	Topic	Speaker
May-01	Scouts	Chris Ballard
May-08	Project Lemur	Paul Lloyd
May-15	Ovarian Cancer Awareness	Community.....
May-22	Inner North Foundation	Ben Rodgers
May-29	Platypus Project	Trevor Moyle
Jun-05	Edconnect	Linda Perugini
Jun-12		
Jun-19		
Jun-26	Change-Over	

**JACOBS WELL TRIVIA NIGHT** at Melbourne Bowling Club; from **Joan Roose:** *Game begins at 7.30. May 3. There will be games between rounds, so please bring lots of gold coins to participate as well as a raffle and an auction. If you have any items, vouchers etc you may like to donate, or any questions please contact me on 0403280632 Please book your place through Event-Brite following this link -<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/jacobs-well-60240088373>*

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP 25/26** are now open. Eligibility and criteria can be found on [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**Charlotte** is a young lady who resides in Reservoir and attends Santa Maria College in Northcote. Charlotte applied on line to the D970 Youth Exchange Committee to make application for a **SHORT TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE** for 3 months.

The District have interviewed her and her parents and have accepted her for exchange later this year. She now has to find a Club to be her sponsor and has made application to Preston.

Having spoken to Charlotte and her mother Secretary Geoff brought it to the board last Wednesday and the board has agreed in principle to accept this application. The Club's Youth Service Committee under the leadership of Gary Mogford will be in charge of the project. More information as it comes to hand.



**GUNFIRE BREAKFAST - The DAWN SERVICE: 340+ in the queue. With a 4am start Not an easy task! Congrats and a national *Thank You* to all who so generously volunteered.**

**FOOD BANK DELIVERY - 7 May**

**NEXT BARBIE - 11am**

**Invitation The Rotary Club Of Preston  
24 - 25 Changeover Dinner: Wed. 26 June 2024**

**WEEKLY ROSTER: MAY – JUNE 2024**

**PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WELCOMES</b>	<b>CASHIERS</b>	<b>SERGEANT</b>	<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>
<b>May-01</b>	Joe Morris	Peter Gilbert & Peter Peyton	David De La Coeur	Chris Shields
<b>May-08</b>	Chris Shields	Norbet Schaber & Peter Gilbert	David Sullivan	Joan Roose
<b>May-15</b>	Peter Byrne	Norbet Schaber & Gary Mogford	Julie Morris	Paul Smarrelli
<b>May-22</b>	Ruth McCall	Peter Gilbert & Chris Shields	Max Walsh	Norm Pinder
<b>May-29</b>	Ian Musgrove	Norbet Schaber & Paul Smarrelli	David Sullivan	Peter Byrne
<b>Jun-05</b>	Joan Roose	Peter Gilbert & Gary Mogford	David De La Coeur	Elaine Price
<b>Jun-12</b>	Wayne O'Neill	Norbet Schaber & Peter Peyton	Ian Musgrove	Gary Mogford
<b>Jun-19</b>	Joe Morris	Peter Gilbert & Norbet Schaber	Julie Morris	Ruth McCall
<b>Jun-26</b>			David Sullivan	David Sullivan

**CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION – SPARKLING LUNCH!**

The lunch is on Friday, 03 May, at the prestigious Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club in Melbourne. A ticket includes a scrumptious 2-course meal and an exclusive drinks package. Most importantly, your presence and support will contribute to providing life-changing surgery to children who need it most. Book your tickets today! <https://bit.ly/SparklingLunch2024>

**NB: May 8 there will not be a Bulletin.**

**PAUL HARRIS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DINNER:**  
**Rotary Club of Broadmeadows** Wed. May 8 at Glenroy R.S.L.,  
6.30pm for 7.15 start. \$45 pp.  
Bookings: Margaret Partridge 0429 904 986 BSB633 000

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*IS Not OVER*

