

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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**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.**

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

SPEAKER LAST WEEK



Not only was **Joan Roose** the speaker last Wednesday but also it was her birthday! That was possibly a sign that her **Rotarian Behind the Badge** topic would have numerous and varied coincidences.

For Preston Rotary, the greatest coincidence occurred on a flight back from her base in India. Climbing over two passengers to reach her seat was an introduction to two Preston Rotarians Lenore Thornton and Anne Morton. 2017 saw the induction of Joan into Rotary in the Preston Rotary Club.

Another coincidence is that Joan spent her early days as an orphan until she was adopted – home, parents and an amazing future. Currently, for bush children unlikely to receive an education in India, Joan is offering boarding school lives which can lead them even to tertiary education.

Those early days on the banks of King River in Wangaratta gave Joan numberless future residential locations throughout Australia and New Zealand. She worked with so many monetary bank branches at every level of management. She started a number of business operations - with Tupperware, craft-shops and bank managing to mention a few.

There was little time to describe Joan's Indian life, her founding in 2007 of Jacob's Well seeking fresh water in the outback and then Rejoice Public School in Odisha state where less than 20% of children attend school. Preston club members are aware of the school's role and development and many have aided in the exportation of school stationary, bicycles, etc.

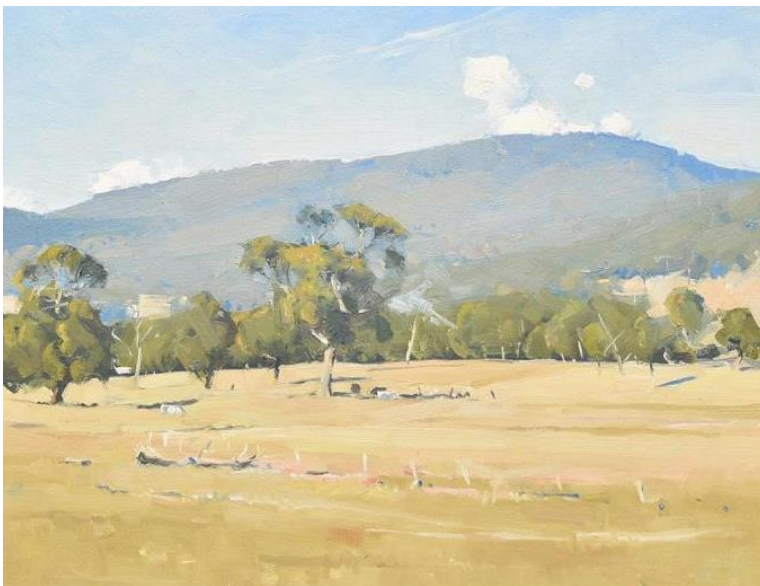
Joan's talk was so colourful and all the moves she described were accompanied with her free-spirited imagination. To prove her mobility and ongoing work involvement, shortly she leaves to offer on-site direction to Rejoice School's ongoing development.

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Joe Morris 26/8



VISITORS LAST WEEK: Members warmly welcomed **Abdulkadir Hassan** (known as Hassan), **Eileen Stevens**, **Tony D'Souza**, **Callum Wilkes** (Duke of Edinburgh International Awardee) and **Yvonne Tait**.



ARTISTIC ENVIRONS OF PRESTON ROTARY'S MEETING LAST WEDNESDAY:

Due to the unavailability of the Preston R.S.L. dining pace, last week's club meeting was speedily rehoused in the home of **Ruth** and **Peter McCall**. There was a good turnout of members and they enjoyed very much the hospitality of Ruth and Peter.

The captivating art works on display in the meeting/dining area did not distract members' attention to official business but the centuries old Chinese toga did show itself over the meeting space. In addition, the **Peter Smales'** oil painting was a standout (not as shown above). Peter Smales is a well-known Melbourne artist, art teacher and art competition judge. The panorama on display was so calming.

A special thanks to Ruth and Peter for their immediate hospitality.

CLUB NEWS

FOODBANK: Foodbank deliveries to the Reservoir East Neighborhood House. Truck will arrive between 10.30am and 11am; Tuesday the 27th August.



PRESTON GARDEN CLUB: The Club has been operating for 90 years in so many ways and, at times, with the assistance of local Rotary members. To celebrate the community and to get the message out to the public, the Club is having a birthday.

Wednesday 28th August at 286 Gower Street (Preston Shire Hall), arrive 7pm and start at 7.30pm. RSVP via email by August 16th: prestongardenclub@hotmail.com

PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Weekly Club Meeting Roster July - September 2024

	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
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



LIFT THE LID WALK: For Mental Health 2024. Sunday October 13th. Start from 10am onwards around Coburg Lake Reserve. Approx. 4kms. \$30 adults. Kids under 15 walk free. All funds go directly to Youth Mental Health Research.

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(Photo at left) Visitors last Wednesday
Eileen Stevens, Tony D'Souza

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – ALBURY 2025

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th April

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Aug-21	Grandmothers for Refugees	Janet Joss
Aug-28	Darebin Hard Rubbish Here	Jo Press and Jackie Lewis

MERRI CREEK LITTER CLEAN-UP

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

Booking essential: www.mcmc.org.au

Aim: To safely remove litter from creek banks and surrounding areas and collect important Citizen Science data aimed at reducing litter.

All clean-up equipment is supplied. Please wear long pants, sturdy shoes and BYO drink bottle if desired. Merri Paddle will also talk about their work supporting the eventual re-introduction of platypuses into Merri Creek and how YOU can be involved.

COMPETITION is **AHMED KELLY'S** favourite game with Preston Rotary supporting him all the way.

Other than World Championship swimming endeavours, his 32 years have seen his competing in the London 2012, Rio 2016 and Tokyo Paralympic Games. It was in Tokyo that he won his first medal, a silver in the Men's 150M Individual Medley.

Now Prestonians can see Ahmed in the Paris Paralympics. Ahmed and Preston's hope is for gold.

Ahmed starts his challenge August 30; more specific times in next week's Bulletin



ANDERSON WRITES:

*“Welcome to the first edition of **Rotary on the Move** for 2024-25 and with it comes a few changes to Rotary in our region and with this publication. What are they and how do they affect you?*

*On 1 July, the new Regional Council formally commenced its role to create and oversee a new Rotary direction in our region. And it comes with a new name, **Rotary Pacific** replacing the name Zone 8 for how we brand ourselves to a wider audience.*

The way we do Rotary in the Pacific is changing but one area where there is NO change is The Rotary Foundation. That includes continued reference to Zone/Region 8 in all the reports that are produced to support Clubs and Districts by The Rotary Foundation. This is explained in another article in this edition.

*When **Rotary on the Move** commenced publication online, its main purpose was to focus on membership, sharing and bringing ideas, strategies and best practices to readers and providing support to Clubs as they sought not just to arrest the decline in membership but to grow their numbers.*

Over the past three years, it expanded to include ideas and share stories not just about membership but public image strategies and stories focusing on The Rotary Foundation. Rotary’s three Regional leadership positions, the Rotary Coordinator, the Public Image Coordinator and The Rotary Foundation Coordinator worked closely and cooperatively to support one another and expand content in Rotary on the Move.

With the Regional Council assuming responsibility for their own communication with Rotarians, they won’t be using Rotary on the Move. Readers should have received their first Regional Council Newsletter, In Unison, on 11 July.

*Although there will be NO change to The Rotary Foundation, a couple of small changes are being implemented to how we communicate through this Newsletter. The first is a slight change to the name. In keeping with the content being solely Foundation news, Rotary on the Move will become **Rotary Foundation on the***



Move. It will also move to a bi-monthly publication, appearing on the 15th of the month in August, October, December, February, April and June”.

We hope you will *continue your readership of Rotary Foundation on the Move* and the stories we bring to you. Your Rotary Foundation leadership team hope your knowledge and understanding of The Rotary Foundation will grow and that you will feel inspired by the work of The Foundation and its motto to do good in the world. Let’s all create some magic”!



SPEAKER THIS WEDNESDAY

Executive Member Grandmothers for Refugees JANET JOSS

CIRCUS QUIRKUS: Sat. and Sun. 17 and 18 August at the Ivanhoe Town Hall: Tickets are not required and nobody will be turned away. Main duties will be assisting with wheelchair patrons, general security both inside and outside the hall and readjusting the seating after each show has finished. Club T-shirts and/or Visy vests will be available to wear for your identification.

If you are still able to help at any of the show times as ushers etc. then please come along and join in. Every member is invited to attend the show at any time with their family, friends and relatives.

President Wayne is In Charge on both days and any extra help would be greatly appreciated. Those who are rostered and any extras please meet Wayne in the Hall foyer at 10am, 1pm or 3.30pm before each show commences. Showtimes are...11am, 1.30pm and 4pm.