

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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CLUB ADMINISTRATION: Gerry Lyons

<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 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 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>Police Awards</u></p> <p>E Price G Mcllvenna K Subramanian P Smarrelli</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



Speaker was **Jake Lambert**, Senior Manager of Fundraising and Development at **Movember**. Claire Humphries, General Counsel, accompanied Jake. Their timing was just perfect given that November had 3 more days from conclusion.

Jake has had an extensive background, from high-grade sports both managing and playing, to journalism and now Movember. As for many males, he began growing the Movember moustache just for the fun of it. Jake was impressed with the Australia cricket eleven

growing moustaches. Then he discovered the basic meaning – men’s health. The local, national and international crisis of men’s health needed immediate attention. The Movember movement was one valuable answer.

The statistics regarding men’s health he found stunning especially as he heard stories as he moved through many men’s sporting communities. There is the stunning



figure that indigenous males die by suicide at twice the rate of non-indigenous males. Movember has sought to concentrate its funding and publicity around mental health, suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

A big step is the use of conversations. These subjects were rarely the talk at the club or the workplace. Hence the reluctance to see a doctor until weeks after the discovery of symptoms and the avoidance of regular health check-ups.

It is amazing that Movember is the invention of two men having a drink at a Melbourne pub. Now it is global. Jake spoke of the clubs and new organisations worldwide; game saving programmes and medical research. Jake's presentation was an example of Movember getting the word around regarding mens health

FAMILY OF ROTARY



ANTHONY D'SOUZA

received a great welcome last Wednesday as a member of the Preston Rotary Club.

Anthony was inducted by President Wayne and presented by Eileen Stevens.

VISITOR LAST WEEK: Members welcomed **David Land**. Within weeks David will be inducted into the Club

CLUB NEWS

Weekly Roster October - December 2024

PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Dec 4	Norm Pinder	Gary Mogford & Chris Shields	Gerry Lyon	Ruth McCall
Dec 11	Carla Finocchiaro	Peter Gilbert & Elaine Price	Ian Musgrove	Peter Byrne
Dec 18	Abdulkadir Hassan	Norbet Schaber & Peter Peyton	Peter Byrne	Chris Shields

CLUB CHRISTMAS BREAK UP will be an evening dinner on December 18, 6.30 for 7pm. Members are asked to bring a Kris Kindle present up to the value of \$10 and marked *Male* or *Female*.



The first Club meeting in the New Year will be **Wednesday, January 22**. This is a week later than previously stated.

The week prior will see some members enjoying an informal lunch at the R.S.L.

ANNUAL RAFFLE BY ROTARY CLUB OF MOOROOPNA: Sec. Geoff reminds all who have taken a book or two that the butts must be back with him by December 4. Failure to return butts means the Club has to pay.

Upcoming Speakers

Dec 4	Vinnies Soup Van	Community
Dec 11	Preston Garden Club	Bill Chamberlain
Dec 18	Christmas Break Up	R.S.L. evening

Support The Rotary Foundation on
GIVING TUESDAY
A GLOBAL DAY OF GENEROSITY

Tuesday, 3 December is the global day for Rotary International to raise awareness and funds for The Rotary Foundation. Prestonians are invited to be a part of this year's fund-raising. **\$1,956,240.40** was the total donated in one day in 2023 to Rotary Foundation. This global day of generosity is an opportunity for all members to make a big impact with a gift of any size.

More information on donating contact Foundation Director Kannan Subramannian.

AUSTRALIAN-ROTARY-HEALTH-INDIGENOUS-HEALTH-SCHOLARSHIPS:

December 26 saw the celebration of the students who received scholarships. The outcome of such scholarships are always amazing. Ruth McCall and Gerry Lyons attended the evening and Ruth gave a summary of the evening which she described as was "*most enlightening*".

Gerry gives this summary:

"How good is it to support the Indigenous Health Scholarships via Australia Rotary Health! Truly excellent and heard from Natalie Keaveney a Nurse from Rutherglen, Nathan Hawke a Paramedic, Kathryn O'Sullivan alumni Social Work and Sophie Heath a Doctor. All on the frontline in their inspiring it was to meet recently with current students and alumni at the Celebration Night together with representatives from a number of Rotary clubs. On the night, we professions. All acknowledged with thanks to ARH for their scholarships, and the financial assistance they received. Highly motivated, these professionals are all keen to "give back" to community their compassion and dedication. What a combination!"



CAROL O'CONNELL'S DG PARTNER PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF INTERPLAST

Great news from DG's partner Carol: during this Rotary Year her fundraising drive will be for INTERPLAST. Interplast has been an interest for Preston Rotary from many years back and Carol's central move for the year is quite heartening. Her walks around the District as DG Stephen visits clubs is a most energetic move. Carol explains:



"My partner project is in support of a wonderful organisation that makes a huge impact. That organisation is Interplast.

I evaluated a lot of organisations before deciding on Interplast, as it is very important to me to show respect to clubs for all the effort made in fundraising, and the care taken to make the difficult choices about which causes to support.

Interplast was originally formed by a Rotarian and a friend back in 1983 who saw the need for expert surgical teams to travel to countries in the Asia Pacific region to perform plastic and reconstructive surgeries for those most in need.

To demonstrate my investment in this Partner Project, I have set myself a personal challenge. I played around with the numbers of our district, D9790, and have started on a 987.0km walk culminating at the District Conference in Albury in April 2025. I will do the walk in about 10km bursts between our District commitments. My hope is to use the walk also for public image for Rotary and Interplast".

FOODBANK deliveries Tuesday, December 3 and Tuesday, December 17.

BUNNINGS will be on Sat. Dec 14.

Members are asked to note the Christmas Barbie will be at Bunnings on Monday 23rd Dec. (numbers short currently).

RESERVOIR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE will have their annual open dinner December 6th, 3-7pm. This is a Community Service project. Volunteers are needed to help in cooking for the festivities.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – ALBURY 2025: 11 - 13 April.



ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON WEBSITE <https://rotary-prestonaust.com/>