

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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PO Box 299, Preston, 3072

**Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm**  
Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

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## CLUB BULLETIN

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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.**

## OFFICE BEARERS & BOARD DIRECTORS

<p><u>International</u></p> <p><b>Director:</b>  <b>P Peyton</b>                  J Roose                  S Still                  E Boateng                  G Mogford                  K Agawal</p>	<p><u>Youth</u></p> <p><b>Director:</b>  <b>G Lyons</b>                  E Price                  P Conte                  N Lyons</p>	<p><u>Vocational</u></p> <p><b>Director: Chris Shields</b>                  C Finocchiaro                  N Schaber                  C Verrocchi                  Joe Morris                  J McCarthy</p>	<p><u>Community</u></p> <p><b>Dir: P Smarrelli</b>                  M Walsh                  Julie Morris                  D De La Coeur                  D Sullivan                  P Sambell                  N Pinder                  E Price (Police Awards)</p>
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## CLUB ADMINISTRATION: Wayne O'Neill

<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 &amp; Circus Quirkus</u></p> <p><b>Chair: W O'Neill</b> 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 Max Walsh</p>	<p><u>Programs</u></p> <p>G Mogford R McCall P Smarrelli P Gilbert</p>
<p><u>Family of Rotary &amp; 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 &amp; 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 Julie Morris P Byrne</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u></p> <p>R McCall E Price Julie Morris</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 Julie Morris P Byrne G Mcllvenna</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u></p> <p>R McCall E Price Julie Morris</p>	<p><u>Birthday Cards</u></p> <p>G Smith</p>	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>Julie Morris Joe Morris E Price C Finocchiaro P Peyton</p>

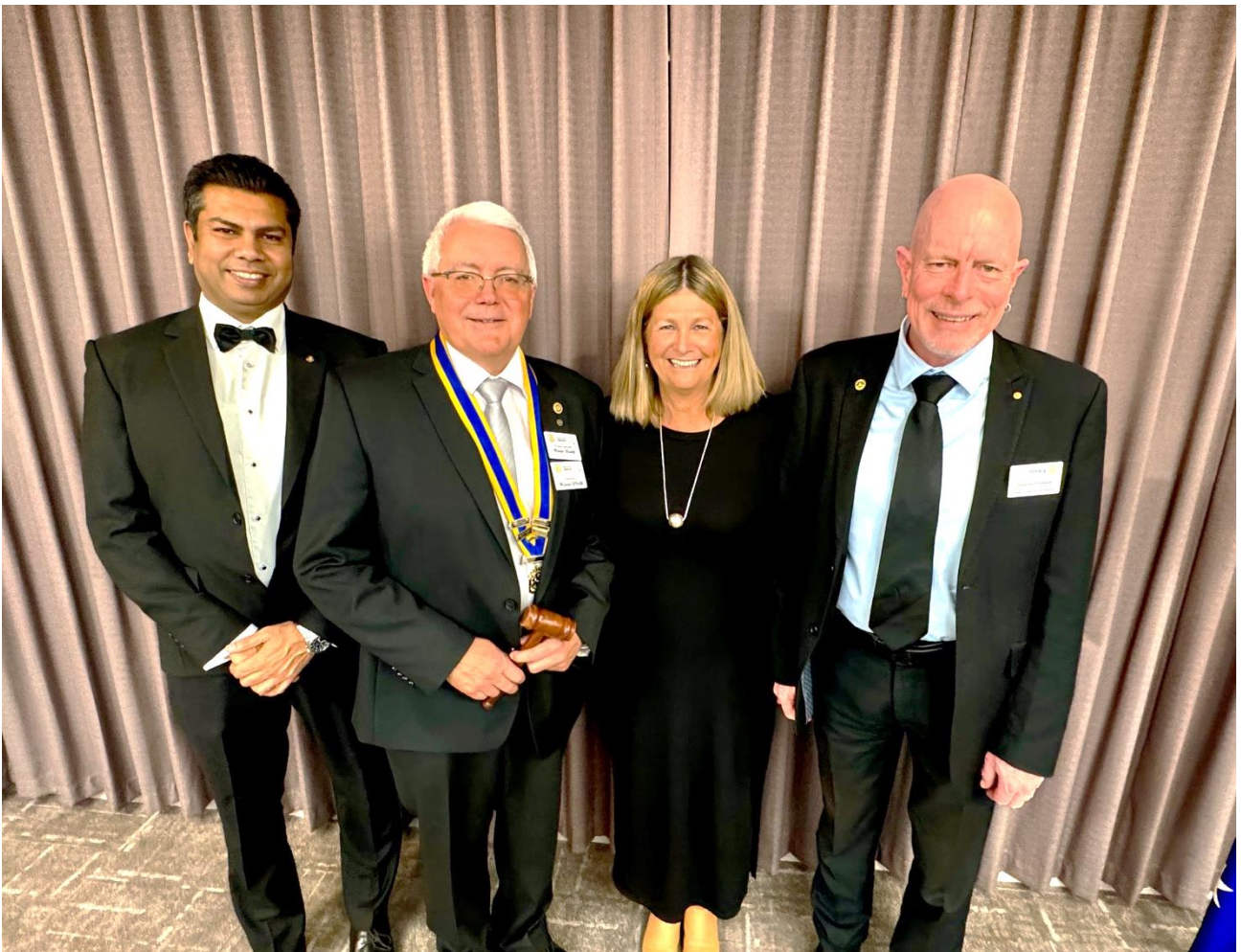
# Changeover – 2024-2525

## Subramanian to O'Neill

### The Magic of Rotary to Create Hope in the World

**Oh, what a night!** Yes it was. A night of friendship, celebration, gratitude and recognition. You name it! When one scans the most informative and easy to read Annual Reports circulated on the night, one could describe the night as recognising and re-energising service – Preston's Rotary role.

Incoming **District Governor Stephen O'Connell** opened the celebrations by playing on his saxophone George Gershwin's Summertime.



Kannan

Wayne

Debbie

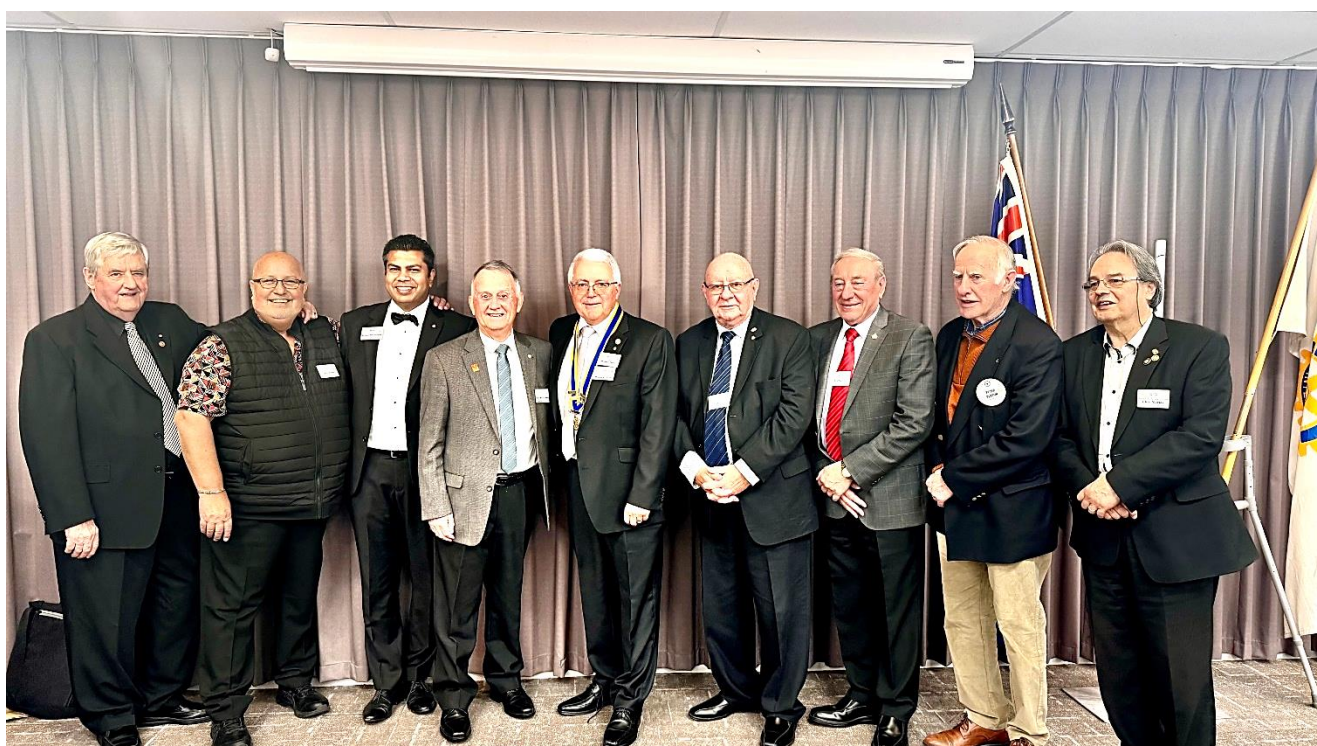
DG Stephen

**PHF Recognitions** for personal donations went to **Elaine Price**, **Max Walsh**, **Geoff McIlvenna** and **Frank Smith**. Then with her dog **Quiver**, **Jillian Morris** was recognised for her service to the training of Seeing Eye canines.

Retiring President **Kannan Subramanian** described the night as “*both sad and happy*”. Sad, because he was leaving such a privileged role, one of presiding over such a vast group of servers; see the Annual Report. Above all else, Kannan was moved by the Gunfire Breakfast in Thornbury. Having lived his early life in India, he discovered he had so much to learn of Anzac Day and ex-service personnel. For him it was the highlight of the year. He finished with “*Thanks all round to each and everyone. I have memories that will last forever*”.

President **Wayne O’Neill** was inducted by **Les Woodland**. Les and Marilyn Woodland had just flown in from Perth. This was Les keeping contact with the club, and in particular with Wayne with whom he had business contact in the early days. Wayne admits his new role will be a demanding one, however, he does not need proof of his abilities. So far, Wayne has 31 years of club membership and 27 years of negotiating Circus Quirkus: a magnificent wide-ranging entertainment for thousands of children and families in the northern suburbs while giving the club a vast financial ability. This year will see the event at the Ivanhoe Town Hall.

On the night bouquets were given to many. The list includes **Vandana Subramanian** at home nurturing her new baby, **Gerry Smith** and **Debbie O’Neill** to mention a few. Apologies to anyone who has been overlooked. In closing this report it should be noted that the Melbourne Polytechnic did an exemplary catering service. The tasty menu was complete with a 2023 Dal Farris Pinot Grigio and a 2020 Preece Heathcote Shiraz.



# THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Last Thursday, a number of members attended the farewell service to Carla Finocchiaro's friend **Ivo Martin**. Ivo was happy to attend some club meetings, always with a smile. His passing saddened all.

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**Geoff McIlvenna 3/7**

**Gerry and Frank Smith 9/7**



## CLUB NEWS

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

Weekly Roster July - September 2024				
	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Jul-03	Peter Peyton	Norbet Schaber & Paul Smarrelli	David De La Coeur	Ruth McCall
Jul-10	Max Walsh	Peter Gilbert & Elaine Price	Peter Byrne	Gerry Lyons
Jul-17	Norm Pinder	Norbet Schaber & Gary Mogford	Kannan Subramanian	Chris Shields
Jul-24	Ian Musgrove	Paul Smarrelli & Peter Byrne	Ruth McCall	David De La Coeur
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	Paul Smarrelli
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

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Changeover special guests

**BBQ at Bunnings:** a new Rotary year sees a new list of volunteers.

Sec. Geoff is urgently looking for volunteers in the three time slots – 10am, 12 midday and 2pm. Please contact Geoff ASAP.

***from Joan Roose's recent mailout:***

*Every cent donated by you goes to our work in India. All our team in Australia are volunteers, any costs incurred in Australia are borne from another source. Our Banking details are Jacobs Well Foundation – Westpac 033065 Account 370687*

*Or go to our website [www.jacobswell.org.au](http://www.jacobswell.org.au) and click on Donate.*

*If you donate to the bank account online or in a branch, please advise via email so we know who to issue a tax receipt to... [info@jacobswell.org.au](mailto:info@jacobswell.org.au)*

*Think about a trip to visit our Centre, see the work of Jacobs Well Foundation first hand as the people in the photo above did in March this year. We have guest rooms and no matter what your skills are (or aren't), you can make a difference – encouraging our teachers, ancillary staff and the children; whether they're the little ones or the seniors. Just ask and we can give you all the information you need.*

**Jacob'sWell** 



Ruth Gerry Margaret Gerry

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**The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:**

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**For member donations - Australian Rotary Foundation Trust**

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