

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

**CHARTER GRANTED** 21-12-1960  
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>  <b>Director:</b>  <b>P Peyton</b>                  J Roose                  S Still                  E Boateng                  G Mogford                  K Agawal</p>	<p><u>Youth</u>  <b>Director:</b>  <b>G Lyons</b>                  E Price                  P Conte                  N Lyons</p>	<p><u>Vocational</u>  <b>Director: Chris Shields</b>                  C Finocchiaro                  N Schaber                  C Verrocchi                  Joe Morris                  J McCarthy                  E. Stevens</p>	<p><u>Community</u>  <b>Dir: P Smarrelli</b>                  M Walsh                  D De La Coeur                  D Sullivan                  N Pinder                  E Price (Police Awards)                  Abdulkadir Hassan</p>
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### CLUB ADMINISTRATION: Gerry Lyons

<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                  M Walsh</p>	<p><u>Programmes</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                  P Byrne</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u>  <b>R McCall</b>                  E Price</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>                  P Byrne                  G Mcllvenna</p>	<p><u>Police Awards</u>  <b>E Price</b>                  G Mcllvenna                  K Subramanian                  P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Birthday Cards</u>  <b>G Smith</b></p>	<p><u>Welcome</u>  <b>P.Peyton</b>                  Joe Morris                  E Price                  C Finocchiaro</p>

**MEETING LOCATION THIS WEDNESDAY  
Nov. 6**

**NOT AT PRESTON**

**The Club will meet at**

**Church of Christ  
Cnr. of St Georges Road and Smith Street, Thornbury.**

**Nov. 6, 12.30 for 12.45.**

**Any dietary requirements please notify Peter Byrne.**

**The lunchtime meeting will include a visit to the nearby factory noted for its production of packaging from mushroom spawn.**



## SPEAKER LAST WEEK

**PROJECT LEMUR** is a venture initiated by speaker Frank Lloyd of the Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell. The Club meets track-side at the Kilmore Race course. The club project named Lemur is designed to support 1,500 Primary School children and their teachers at St. Vincent's Primary School in Ambovombe, Androy, Madagascar.



The area has suffered almost 5 successive years of drought in addition to the Covid-19 pandemic, which is forcing families in rural communities to resort to desperate measures to survive. The school Principal has requested rice water, milk, sugar, cooking oil, medicine and school equipment including English books to feed and educate the students. Also with the help of numerous Australian Rotary Clubs meeting the running costs the school the school has been enabled to remain open.

Frank has been visiting numerous Rotary Clubs giving information regarding local education in Madagascar while seeking donations to be used to source food, clean drinking water, medicine and school equipment. In the long term, these funds enable parents to keep their children fed while also remaining at school. If enough donations are obtained the project intends to build a water well on school property.



To donate –

<https://directory.rawcs.com.au/2-2022-2>

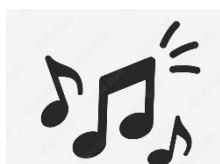
**Frank Lloyd**

# FAMILY OF ROTARY



**Peter Gilbert 1/11/77**

**Wayne O'Neill 7/11**

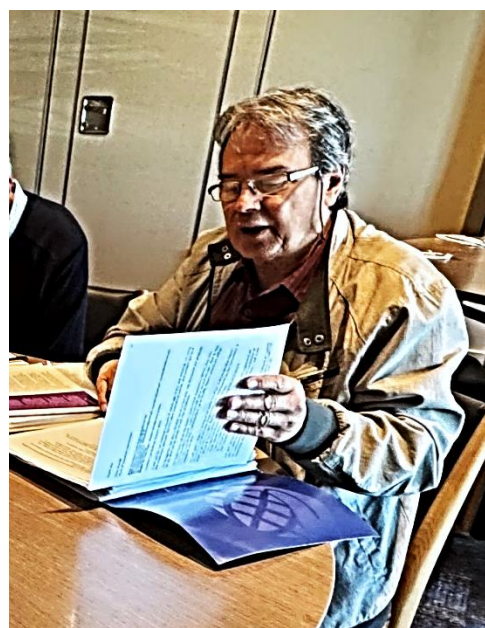


**Melody Musgrove** is currently recuperating from corrective surgery and before long she will be back on track.

## CLUB NEWS

**VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT** from Director Chris Shields: "Our budget for the year is \$4,000, same as last year. We discussed our program for the year will be similar to last year as follows;

Our main event will be the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) days with several secondary schools. These events will occur around October 2024 & May 2025. Our contribution is \$20/student, up to \$2,400. Rotary volunteers will be needed on the days.



We will again support 2 scholarships under the Pride of Workmanship banner. Nominees from Melbourne Polytechnic, with confirmation by our Committee. A \$500 scholarship for each. Named awards as follows;

1. Bernie & Peter Lamers Construction (Building Industry) Award.
2. Paul Josephson Hospitality Award.

These awards will be announced at a club meeting. It was suggested we request a tour of the 2 faculties and perhaps meet some candidates at the school to improve our relationship with the Polytechnic. I will make that request when I contact them soon by email.

Together with the International Committee last year, we supported the Assisi Centre for Social Justice and Peace in Uganda with a \$600 donation,. I suggested we continue this support with the International Committee, and I will commence discussion with them. More info to follow.

The project is very much a Vocation and International program for it provides for the most disadvantaged and overlooked children in Uganda giving them the chance to stay in school and learn and consequently create a better future for themselves and of course the nation at large. The Assisi Centre was founded by Ugandan Rotary Peace Fellow Emily Nabakooza who graduated from the University of Queensland’s Rotary Peace Centre in 2019 with a Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies. The Assisi project coordinator in Australia is Desmond Woods OAM of the Rotary Club of Canberra”.

## Weekly Roster October - December 2024

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

	<b>WELCOMES</b>	<b>CASHIERS</b>	<b>SERGEANT</b>	<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>
Nov 6	Carla Finocchiaro	Peter Gilbert & Gary Mogford	Peter Byrne	Chris Shields
Nov 13	Abdulkadir Hassan	Norbet Schaber & Peter Gilbert	Gerry Lyon	Elaine Price
Nov 20	Eileen Stevens	Norbet Schaber & Elaine Price	D De La Coeur	K Subramanian
Nov 27	Ian Musgrove	Peter Gilbert & Peter Peyton	Max Walsh	Paul Smarrelli
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

**FOODBANK** delivery Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**BUNNINGS** will be on Sat. Nov. 9. Members are asked to note the Christmas Barbie will be at Bunnings on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Nov 06	At Thornbury Church of Christ	
Nov 13	Police Awards	Community

**ANNUAL RAFFLE BY ROTARY CLUB OF MOOROOPNA**: A share in the profit goes to Preston Rotary. Sec. Geoff has a bundle of raffle books awaiting collection.



**SHOW UP MEANS READ UP!** On three occasions during last week's meeting, President Wayne requested members to study the **Weekly Roster** item published in the weekly club Bulletin.

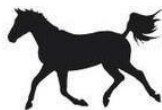
This is one of the essential guidelines for a successful Rotary gathering – fulfilling one of the simple meeting roles.

The duties are simple and the effect is a better-organized meeting.

**TO WALK AND TALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH:** 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 9.30am start. 5.8km. Meet at Kinglake Community Centre, 1 Exton Road, Kinglake Central. Entry Fee \$30. Guest Speaker – Warren Davies – “The Unbreakable Farmer”. Free BBQ lunch for all walkers.  
[www.liftthelidwalk.com.au](http://www.liftthelidwalk.com.au)

**TABLE TOP MOUNTAIN CHARITY WALK:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 9am. The walk commemorates the visit by Hamilton Hume and William Hovell on Sunday 14 November 1824. Place a stone on a cairn at the top. About 30mins from Albury. Turn right off the Olympic Highway at the Peregrines Reception Centre. \$35 per car. After the walk, barbie and raffle tickets available. Albury North supporting Regional Cancer Fund. [rouvrayw@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rouvrayw@bigpond.net.au)

## **DISTRICT CONFERENCE – ALBURY 2025**



**Friday 11th - Sunday 13th April**

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