

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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CLUB ADMINISTRATION: Wayne O'Neill

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

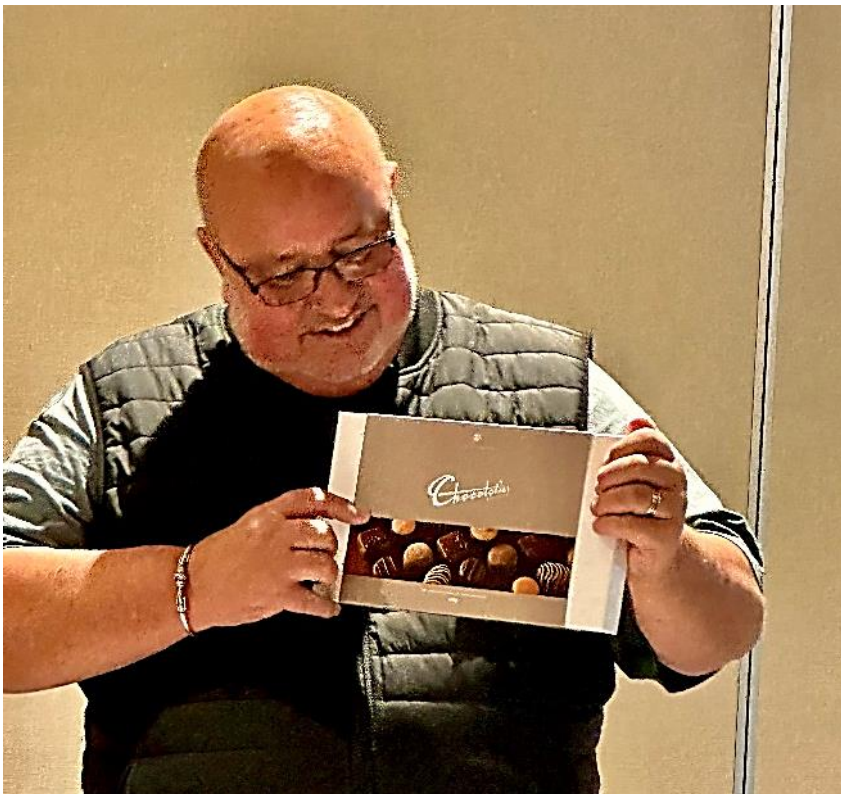
SPEAKER LAST WEEK

SPEAKER BEHIND THE BADGE: For Club Member Gerry Lyons, it was an effortless task taking his audience back to the day of his birth. Undoubtedly, his mother has told the story often as has Gerry relived it throughout his life. Entering a taxi one day in N.Z. his mother gave the order “*Get me quickly to the Maternity Hospital – I’m about to have my baby!*” The driver refused – “*I don’t want any brown person or any of your mess in here!*”. Too late! . . . The Maori, Gerry Lyons, was born in that taxi.

Born as his country entered the Vietnam War. Gerry never got to know his soldier father. His mother and her large family embedded in him with the Maori life style. In his talk, Gerry spoke of and illustrated many of the Maori customs and he gave so many examples of what is part of his own lifestyle.

For Gerry, tribal practices abounded – water cleansing, prayers of celebration, callings on the spirit to give super energy. All gathered and everyone took on the safe and happy life ahead. Gerry spoke of deaths, birthdays, feast times, burials, large gatherings; all having a lavish cultural ritual.

In one such ritual Gerry has to follow a “*big man*” uncle through a creek or dam. He also had to carry a long spear made from wood or maybe whalebone. It was very sharp.



Following behind his leader he accidentally stabbed his own foot. Fearful of telling anyone, he carried on walking. His foot bled and in no time dozens of eels swarmed around to get his blood. The story continued . .

All that he learned in those Kiwi days stay with him to this very day. Even though his country may now seem to be further away, Gerry carries with him those traditions as his days pass and, the telling of them, brings him much joy.

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Kate Austin 19/9/2017



Julie Morris 19/09

VISITOR LAST WEEK: Peter Harden



CLUB NEWS

BUNNINGS BARBIE : The next Barbie will be Saturday 12th October. Roster full as going to print.

FOODBANK: Foodbank deliveries to the Reservoir East Neighborhood House, Tuesday 8th October. Truck will arrive between 10.30am and 11am.

FRIENDS OF MERRI CREEK can always use counters/diggers/cleaners. Below are just a few of their coming activities – all working with one's environment.
Bookings essential: Phone:(03) 9380 8199 Email: admin@mcmc.org.au

Merri Paddle Platy Project Dusk Walk at Dights Falls

22 Sep. 2024: 05:00PM - 06:30PM

Merri Creek Wednesday Volunteers

25 Sep. 2024 09:50AM - 12:00PM

FOMC: Merri Park subgroup Working Bee

05 Oct. 2024 10:00AM - 12:00PM

MERRI CREEK



PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Weekly Club Meeting Roster

	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
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. All funds go directly to Youth Mental Health Research. Start from 10am onwards around Coburg Lake Reserve; commencing at The Stage, Coburg Lake Reserve. Approx. \$30 adults. Kids under 15 walk free.

A Walk NOT a race from Coburg Lake along the Merri Creek trail to Queen’s Pde and back. 4kms or walk it twice for 8kms.



SPEAKER NEXT WEDNESDAY, Andrew Catford is C.E.O. of International Needs Australia.

Andrew has extensive experience in the international development sector, having lived and worked for over 20 years in Asia, the Pacific, Africa, the Middle East, and South America. He has a proven track record of leading organizations to grow and tangibly impact the lives of vulnerable children, youth, men, and women

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

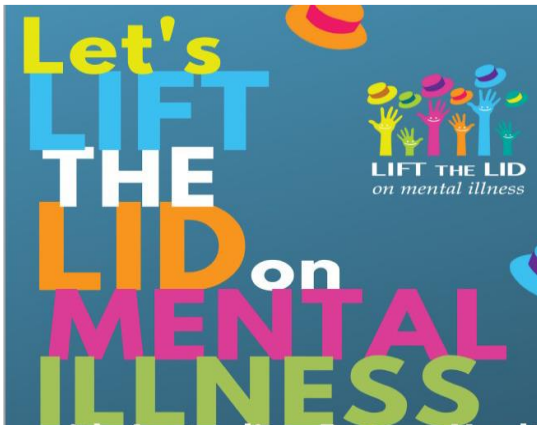
Sep-18	International Needs Australia	Andrew Catford
Sep-25		
Oct-02	Mental Health	Community
Oct-09	Lift the lid "Hat Day"	Community
Oct-16	Old folks lunch	
Oct-23		
Oct-30	Lemur	Paul Lloyd
Nov-06		
Nov-13	Police Awards	Community

R/C of ALTONA CITY, where Lenore Thornton is the current President, has invited Preston Rotarians and friends to their club to attend their night meeting on Tuesday, 1st OCTOBER.

The club is holding a fun/games night to raise funds for **'LIFT THE LID ON MENTAL**

HEALTH'. Preston members have the use of the RSL 12 SEATER BUS for the trip to ALTONA. The bus will leave the Darebin RSL AT ABOUT 4.45 to 5PM. The first 12 members to list their names for the bus can meet and leave their cars at the Darebin RSL.

Names have to be with Sec. Geoff a.s.a.p. Obviously, members can also travel in their own car if they wish.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE – ALBURY 2025

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th April

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**LIFT
THE
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ILLNESS**



with Australian Rotary Health

**Will you come to
the Party?
We're having a
Hat Party!**

Rotary
Altona City



Wear your favourite, silliest, most glamorous, or most treasured hat to our fundraiser for Mental Health research.

1st October 2024, at 6.00pm for 6.30 start,
Koorinal Golf Club, Wilga Avenue Altona 3018
Prizes for the most colourful hat, and the most unusual hat.

BLIND Auction and raffles,
bring some \$\$\$\$ and bring some friends!
Be a Hat Star!

\$40 pp 2-course Buffet Dinner
Pay in advance to Rotary Club of Altona City
BSB: 633000; Account: 145157368
RSVP and payment by 24 September 2024
Enquiries to info@altonacityrotary.org.au



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY:

Preston shares these sizzle profits with fellow workers in the fields of mental health, the malnourished, providing clean water and medical assistance, basic education, the elimination of polio