

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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PO Box 299, Preston, 3072

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

**District Governor:** Stephen O'Connell

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## CLUB BULLETIN

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

# THE D.G. MEETS WITH PRESTON

**MEETING WITH DG STEPHEN AND CAROL O'CONNELL:** held at the Darebin RSL  
Friday 2 August at 10:00am.

Present at the meeting: DG Stephen and Carol O'Connell, President Wayne O'Neill, Geoff McIlvenna, Peter Peyton, Gerry Lyons and Paul Smarrelli. DG Stephen and Carol O'Connell are committed in helping Clubs in District 9790 and to implement the D9790 Framework.

DG Stephen and Carol requested the following information of our Club:

- One success
- One recruitment or retention strategy
- Your club's most pressing challenge

**In Addition DG Stephen requested from our Club to submit these Templates:**

- Diversity Assessment Template
- Framework for Improvement Template
- Health Check Template
- Club Excellence Awards Framework
- Flexible- Meeting Ideas



(L to R) Paul Smarrelli, Peter Peyton, Wayne O'Neill, Carol O'Connell,  
Stephen O'Connell, Geoff McIlvenna

President Wayne will make an Announcement at our Club meeting to explain DG Stephen request and Member Involvement procedure.

**At the meeting our Club provided DG Stephen and Carol Three Documents of our Club Major Goals and Objectives for 2024/25:**

- Rotary Club of Preston Strategic Plan 24/25
- Budgets and Fund-raising targets for 24/25
- Health Check Assessment document

## THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

**Norm Pinder 7/08**



**VISITORS LAST WEEK:** Members warmly welcomed **Hussan, Eileen Stevens** who will shortly join membership in Preston Rotary. Also a welcome to **Abedin Jakupi**.

## CLUB NEWS

**DONATIONS IN KIND:** DIK will be holding an OPEN DAY at Shed 39/400 Somerville Rd, West Footscray. The club, Reservoir Neighbourhood House and Jacob's Well school in Orissa, Northern India, have benefited much from the DIK programme and its base in West Footscray is worth a general visit. Such a visit could also offer fresh ideas for the services of club committees. Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 10am to 3pm, with guided tours by the hour.

**FOODBANK:** Foodbank deliveries to the Reservoir East Neighbourhood House. Truck will arrive between 10.30am and 11am

Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> August and Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> August.



**“TAKEN FOR A RIDE”**

That’s how Pres. Wayne saw a one- day service with truckie Geoff. It included the Neighbourhood House, Rimern, Foodbank, D.I.K  
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**PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND**

**Weekly Club Meeting Roster July - September 2024**

	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
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	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

**CIRCUS QUIRKUS:** At the Ivanhoe Town Hall August Sat. 17 and Sun. 18<sup>th</sup>. President Wayne informed all that this year the Club members will have the duty to meet and seat the attendees. Three sessions each day: 11am, 1.30 and 4pm. Members should be there 30 minutes to an hour before the start. Sec. Geoff is arranging the roster for 4 members directing traffic at each presentation. Family members or other young contacts are most welcome to attend. No ticket is necessary.

## SETTING UP NEW OVERSEAS AID & DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAMS

- from **Marie Gerrard** International Service Chair – District 9790

*Dear Rotarians*

*I am organising a zoom meeting to discuss this year's Rotary International program. We will discuss issues that we all have in setting up new overseas aid & disaster relief programs. While I encourage you to consult RAWCS and Foundation about grants and financial issues there is a need for more discussion around the social issues in setting up international projects.*

*It is crucial to facilitate local ownership of projects including plans for long-term survival. This can include training in equipment & building maintenance. Where possible local labour should be encouraged. Support for the resilience of local economy is very important. Partnering with a local Rotary Club is also very beneficial.*

*There are many rotary members experienced in international projects who are willing to share their knowledge in working across different cultures. Rtn. Kerrie Kirk set up a comprehensive database as a resource for international chairs to connect with Rotarians with experience in development projects.*

**Visit:**

<https://www.rotaryclubsunbury.org.au/ResourceRegister/resourceRegister.php>

*If you feel you could help Club Directors who are developing new international programs or currently in the process of developing programs, please enter your details and experience. You need to be in the members area to log in. **Important fields include locations and types of projects.***

*Our ZOOM meeting will provide opportunity for those engaged in international programs to discuss their work, and for us all to find areas where we can potentially cooperate together.*

*To book & attend, click the link below and hit **YES** at the bottom of the invitation – **NOTE: if you are not able to attend, please hit NO - doing so lets organisers and members know you can/cannot attend:***

<https://calendar.app.google/Wn2VE6aDFFDvizCz6>

*We will also be discussing other programs included in International such as:*

- 1. Rotary Friendship Exchange**
- 2. Rotary Peace scholarships**
- 3. And various aid groups and disaster funds**

**BUNNINGS BARBIE**: August 10. Great roll-up last month as also great takings.

## **DISTRICT CONFERENCE – ALBURY 2025**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

Aug-07	Compassionate Friends	Ann Smith
Aug-14	Rotarian Behind The Badge	Joan Roose
Aug-21	Grandmothers for Refugees	Janet Joss
Aug-28	Darebin Hard Rubbish Here	Jo Press and Jackie Lewis

## **MERRI CREEK LITTER CLEAN-UP**

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

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**Booking essential: [www.mcmc.org.au](http://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 cleanup 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 platypus into Merri Creek and how YOU can be involved.

