

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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CLUB BULLETIN

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<p><u>Family of Rotary & Club History</u></p> <p>P Peyton P Gilbert G McIlvenna 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 McIlvenna 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 McIlvenna P Smarrelli</p>
<p><u>World Conference</u></p> <p>P Gilbert</p>	<p><u>District Conference</u></p> <p>G McIlvenna</p>	<p><u>Fellowship</u></p> <p>E Price P Byrne G McIlvenna</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u></p> <p>R McCall E Price</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



Over recent years, Preston Rotarians have been made aware of the steps individuals and organizations can take to lessen the dangers to human health caused by the use of unhealthy water. Member Joan Roose has highlighted the mission of Jacobs

Well, while Lien Trinh highlighted the work of the End Trachoma Project.

Speaker last Wednesday was Fleur Maidment. Fleur is an environmental scientist and Founder of **SAFE WATER FOR EVERY CHILD IN MYANMAR**. She spoke of the Rohingya and Karen refugees, and their urgent need for fresh drinking water.

By W.H.O. calculations over 95% of Myanmar refugees use water unfit for human consumption. Maternal and child mortality rates are extensive. Fleur and her team are working to offer safe water for all refugee families and also health and environmental education.



The operation strives to support refugee villages with clean water (\$1.20 per year) – **Safe Water For Every Child**. SkyHydrant pumps are being installed - lightweight (9Kg) pumps offering efficient means of water purification. Each pump costs around \$2,000 and connecting water tanks another \$2,000.

In all this was a great call out from Fleur and in the word of one Rotarian “*OUTSTANDING*”.

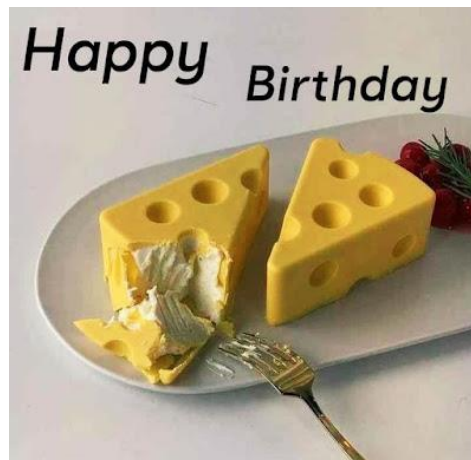
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Editor’s Note: Worthy of note is the Luv.aDuck factory in Nhill - Australia’s largest turkey dealer. Early Karen refugees from the border areas of Thailand and Myanmar first grouped in Werribee. With encouragement from Luv.aDuck management, many moved to settle in Nhill. Maybe Preston tourists when on a road trip, could spend an overnight in Nhill and enjoy a Luv.aDuck meal in the town.



THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Lyn Mogford 13/9



Carolyn Pinder 16/9

CLUB NEWS

RUTH Mc CALL REPORTS: *"It was heartening to have such a great turn-out for our clean-up of the Connelly Ave section of the **Merri Creek**. Workers included Rotarians from Preston, Pascoe Vale, & Moreland. Duke of Edinburgh Award Volunteer Callum Wilkes and his mate James from Marcellin College joined the Merri Paddle team and community volunteers in this great environmental task.*

Huge quantities of - mostly plastic were collected, collated, and bagged.

Peter Byrne, Peter Peyton & Ruth joined in the fun, and it was great to see how enthusiastically Callum & James approached the task. Let's build the Rotary Preston presence in future community events”.



BAGS OF APPRECIATION! Report from Julia Cirillo from the Merri Creek Management Committee

“The windy weather didn't put off this hardy crew. Last Saturday afternoon, close to 30 participants of all ages, joined Rotary and Merri Platypus members picking up litter at one of our monitoring sites on the Merri Creek in Coburg.

Over 2000 pieces of litter, totalling 31 kgs, in 10 large bags was removed from the area. That's 2000 less pieces of rubbish ending up in the Yarra and the ocean! Bags of appreciation to these



wonderful volunteers. The top 5 items of litter collected were: soft plastic pieces 1213, hard plastic pieces (e.g. broken lunch boxes) 208, polystyrene pieces, 153, aluminium cans- 30, plastic bottles 28. Nearly all items are made from plastic.

The tally from our event will be added to the LitterWatch Vic portal <https://www.litterwatchvictoria.org.au/> Keep in touch via the Merri Paddle Instagram page for our future events. Thanks to the Friends of Merri Creek for funding this event”.

BUNNINGS BARBIE : The next Barbie will be Saturday 14 September. Roster full as going to print.

FOODBANK: Foodbank deliveries to the Reservoir East Neighborhood House, Tuesday 10th September. Truck will arrive between 10.30am and 11am; Tuesday the 27th August.

A NEW PROBUS CLUB - INTEREST MEETING at CRAMERS Hotel in Preston on WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER AT 10.30AM It is an interest meeting to see if a new Club could be chartered as the Preston Probus Club.

Probus is for people over the age of 60 years. They are not a money-raising Club but mainly for social activities. Probus normally meets once or twice a month and mainly arrange social outings and functions for people to meet etc..... Preston Rotary Club has been asked to sponsor the club as the new entity PROBUS must have a Rotary club to sponsor it. There is no cost involved for our Club



PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Weekly Club Meeting Roster

	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Sep-11	Suzanne Still	Norbet Schaber & Gary Mogford	Joan Roose	Peter Byrne
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..



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 our club to attend their night meeting on 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.



INNER NORTH FOUNDATION of which the club is a member reports: In partnership with IntoWork and the Cities of Darebin, Yarra and Merri-bek, the Pathways to Employment program funds organisations with deep links to the inner north which are supporting community members on their journey to work.

This year's \$200,000 funding has been allocated to 10 organisations. - four of which will receive single year funding of \$20,000 and two will receive \$20,000 for each of the next three years. The remaining four organisations are in their second or third year of previously announced multi-year funding. ten organisations are:

- > Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre
- > Cultivating Community
- > Preston Neighbourhood House, trading as Bridge Darebin
- > CERES
- > Juno
- > Victorian association for the care and resettlement of offenders (Vacro)
- > Free to Feed
- > Inner North Local Learning and Employment Network (INLLEN)
- > Outer Urban Projects
- > The Social Studio

CONGRATULATIONS GO TO AHMED KELLY for his outstanding achievement at



the Paris Paralympic Games, winning a Silver medal in the 150m Individual Medley (SM3).

This marks Ahmed's second consecutive Silver medal in this event. He replicated his success in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, where he also finished ahead of fellow Australian Grant "Scooter" Patterson (QLD), who took Bronze in both years.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – ALBURY 2025

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th April

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