

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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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> Director: P Peyton J Roose S Still E Boateng G Mogford K Agawal</p>	<p><u>Youth</u> Director: G Lyons E Price P Conte N Lyons</p>	<p><u>Vocational</u> Director: Chris Shields C Finocchiaro N Schaber C Verrocchi Joe Morris J McCarthy E. Stevens</p>	<p><u>Community</u> Dir: P Smarrelli 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> - 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 Mcllvenna P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Attendance</u> G Mogford G Mcllvenna 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 Mcllvenna 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 Mcllvenna 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 Mcllvenna P Smarrelli</p>
<p><u>World Conference</u> P Gilbert</p>	<p><u>District Conference</u> G Mcllvenna</p>	<p><u>Fellowship</u> E Price P Byrne G Mcllvenna</p>	<p><u>Police Awards</u> E Price GMcllvenna K Subramanian P Smarrelli</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 last week was **Kailin Tompson** who has spent most of her adult years working within the community. Her last decade has seen her supporting parents through grief and mothers facing mental health challenges. She later pursued counselling studies and joined **WELLWAYS** where she now oversees the operation of **WELLWAYS HELPLINE**.

Kailin took her audience through the development and present day workings of both WELLWAYS and LISTENWELL. Within the works, their teams of wellbeing workers, clinical consultants, support workers, peer workers and counsellors are dedicated to ensuring all the people they serve have opportunities to participate fully in the community.

The staff connects people, strengthens families and transforms communities for individuals of all ages experiencing disabilities or challenges to their social and emotional wellbeing.

Another arm of Wellways is Listenwell. This is a free, confidential and non-judgmental service providing mental health information, wellbeing support and referral advice for people with a mental health issue.

Together, Wellways and ListenWell create an environment that focuses on hope rather than illness.



THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Daniel Smarrelli, Ryan Christie, Anne Morton, Lenore Thornton, Peter Harden,

Kate Austin 9/10

Erica Higgins 9/10



ALTONA CITY ROTARY RAISED THE LID last Tuesday night at Altona. Anne Morton and Lenore Thornton, 2 well known Altona members, attended Preston's meeting the following day to thank those Prestonians who attended the night.

Two Preston members won prizes on the night – Elaine Price (hat) and Peter Peyton (auction). President Wayne remarked it was a successful fundraiser for Mental Health.



PRESIDENT ELECT GERRY LYONS:

The task of a Rotary President is not a simple matter of sitting at the top table! Just ask any past president of Preston Rotary Club.

In listing the responsibilities of a Rotary President, the answer could take a good 15 minutes. All with exhausted eyebrows.

So it is with joy President Wayne announced the stepping up to the position by Gerry Lyons for the Rotary Year 2025/2026. Wayne and all connected with the Club are thrilled with the news of Gerry's offer and the Board's acceptance. All are grateful for his coming forward with his time, abilities and energy. Go Gerry!

THE LATEST FROM INDIA: Joan Roose writes: *"Hope you're well and enjoying Spring weather. It's been hot and humid here for the last few days, and with the end of the monsoon almost with us, we're getting huge dumps of rain with thunder storms. Its still cool at night, so that means I can sleep (except when the thunder's crashing overhead). Missing family & friends a lot, and the many aspects of wonderful, simple life in Australia but "enjoying" the challenges of my everyday life here - buying vegetables for 200 people: 50 kg potatoes per week, 25 kg onions, then an assortment in 10kg lots of cabbage, eggplant,*

marrow, green papaya, radishes and 5kg lots of tomato, cucumber, carrots and more, 7x30 trays of eggs twice a week, all loaded into my 28 year old jeep with no handbrake, no power steering, no shock absorbers, 3 forward gears, horn on the side of the steering wheel, one wiper (fortunately on driver's side)

There are always staffing issues; always teens pushing the limits and always little boys & girls getting into mischief".

CLUB NEWS

INVITATION: Do you have a friend or relative who is very senior (95+)? Join us for lunch 16th October.



The Rotary Club of Preston would like them to attend a complimentary celebratory lunch in their honour celebrating their life and longevity. We would like to read out a short story of their life as part of the invitation, this is welcomed but not compulsory, please submit before the date. A person attending with a senior also receives a complimentary lunch a two-course meal with tea or coffee provided. Any additional guests will be charged \$25.**St Georges Restaurant at NMIT 1 2.15 – 2pm** Contact immediately via **Facebook** Rotary Club of Preston (Melbourne) **Website**

www.rotary-prestonaust.com

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MEMBERS – NOTE LOCATION for Wednesday 16th October

Weekly Roster October - December 2024

PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Oct 9	Ian Musgrove	Norbet Schaber & Elaine Price	Peter Byrne	Paul Smarrelli
Oct 16	Eileen Stevens		Max Walsh	Ruth McCall
Oct 23	Chris Shields	Norbet Schaber & Paul Smarrelli	D De La Coeur	Gerry Lyon
Oct 30	Norm Pinder	Gary Mogford & Peter Peyton	Ruth McCall	Peter Peyton
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

BUNNINGS BARBIE : The next **Barbie** will be Saturday 12th October.

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



Hat Day
Mental Health

If possible do not wear your hat
till in Meeting Room

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Oct-09	Lift the lid "Hat Day"	Community
Oct-16	Old folks lunch	NB: Location
Oct-23	Koori court	
Oct-30	Lemur	Paul Lloyd
Nov-06		
Nov-13	Police Awards	Community

MEMBERS N.B.: Wednesday meeting October 16

St Georges Restaurant at NMIT

12.15 – 2pm



ROTARY COMMUNITY RAFFLE: The club is taking part in the raffle run by the rotary club of Mooroopna.

Secretary Geoff has a bag-full of books on offer with Preston receiving a share of the takings. Roll up! Roll up!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – ALBURY 2025

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th April



WALKS

TO WALK AND TALK FOR

MENTAL HEALTH: 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.

www.liftthelidwalk.com.au/au/moreland



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.

TO WALK AND TALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH: 17th 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



TABLE TOP MOUNTAIN CHARITY

WALK: Sunday 17th 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.

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