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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.**

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| <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> |
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SENIORS DAY

Joy echoed all around **St George's Restaurant** as club members dined with the guests most of whom were in their 90s. Carers present were happy also seeing their companions being celebrated in such welcoming surrounds. Below are three guests - two born in 1929, Ken and Giuseppe and 98-year-old Aunty Frances.

Ken spent his early years in Abbotsford where he met and married a fellow shoe factory worker. Then job descriptions changed. He went from service station attendant, to running service companies.

Then a house in Donvale where his wife died in 1999 and his present wife joined him 20 years ago. Sport included boxing and competitive running. Frequenting a hotel in William St, he helped form a golf club in which he has held all positions. Ken would say, *"Life is what you make it"*.

Giuseppe was on a small farm outside Naples. The war over, many individuals and families left for Australia from where were plentiful work and opportunity being reported. So it was that Giuseppe left his parents and siblings and sailed on the SS Sydney to Australia.

On arrival, Giuseppe found work in a carpet factory in Preston where he worked for 35 years before retirement. Retirement has seen Giuseppe playing bocce, dancing, playing cards and being part of an Italian social club. Of course his knowledge and passion for vegetable gardening has never left him. He is an advisor to many in the field and is an expert tree grafter.

Giuseppe is happy with his life in Australia and has never looked back

Gunditjama Elder Aunty Frances Gallagher, Victorian Senior of the Year 2021 was one of eight born in Bendigo and raised by an aunt in Framlingham, western Victoria, where she received little schooling. Then came a move to Collingwood for

factory work. It was the times of growing momentum to establish Aboriginal community-controlled services to improve health and welfare and advocate the rights of the Aboriginal community.

Frances devoted her life to the welfare of elders. The result was the Aboriginal Community Elders Service (ACES), which opened in Brunswick in 1991.

In her 80's she enrolled in an arts course at RMNMIT and took out a Diploma of Arts degree. Frances can boast of having 8 children and is a great-great-grandmother.



Auntie Frances' Table

David De La Koeur Lunch was the title on the great menu by Melbourne Polytechnic. Of course it was **Rotary Lunch**. The menu was very tasty while the service was 'professional'. Outstanding was the Chicken Roulade – perfect moisture. It should be noted that past Preston Rotarian Les Woodland, now a Sandgroper, successfully managed a similar but larger annual dinner for the local seniors. Congrats go to David De La Coeur and his helpers on this occasion.

WORDS FROM GMAN LYONS: *"The Rotary Club of Preston would like to thank you for attending the celebratory lunch honoring & celebrating your life & longevity". We loved celebrating & thanking some of our very senior SENIORS in our Darebin community today. We heard from 98-year-old Aunty Frances Gallagher, a Gunditjmara Elder. Aunty has a wavering commitment to social justice and has worked in many roles to make a difference in people's lives in whatever way she can.*

Joining Aunty Frances in the 95+ club were Ken Kendall, Don Cameron, Giuseppe Friguglietti, together with partners, Shirley Kendall and Yvonne Cameron. I was delighted also to welcome Uncle Craig Secombe who currently resides at the Aboriginal Community Elders Services, Brunswick East, where he values his connection with the Elders. A fabulous lunch @ St George's Melb Polytechnic Preston campus.

Thank you David De La Coeur for your Community service initiative and Lisa Defazio for graphic design talents”!

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

PICNIC FOR POLIO: October being the month for Rotary Foundation’s major project Polio, club members, families and friends are having a get-together with a picnic. The picnic will be held on **27th October SUNDAY between 12pm and 2 pm**. Stay as long as your group wants.

Location for the picnic is **COBURG LAKE**. Cars can be parked on Murray Road or in the carpark of Murray Rd/Gaffney St. There is also a car park off Newlands Road, but it will be easier to park on Murray Road.

Please bring along your family and friends. We request you to bring either a picnic mat or chairs. Everyone can bring their own food and drinks if any and we can all have a good time. It will be good to raise some funds for Polio as well, so my recommendation would be a donation of \$10 or \$20 per family towards the Foundation. Donations are not compulsory but just a recommendation. Please confirm to Kannan Subramanian or Sec. Geoff if attending.



CLUB NEWS

ROTARY COMMITS FUNDS TO POLIO OUTBREAK RESPONSE IN GAZA:

Variant poliovirus type-2 isolates were detected in environmental samples in Gaza, and a 10-month-old child was confirmed to have contracted polio there. A two-round polio vaccination campaign began in Gaza on 1 September. Rotary is committing US\$500,000 to bolster the initiative, channelling these funds through a dedicated Polio Outbreak Response Fund. This contribution represents Rotary’s sustained support to the World Health Organization in combating polio globally.



**HEADS DOWN
POSITIONS FILLED
SNAGS APLENTY
TEAM WORK
PUBLIC HAPPY
TAKINGS GREAT**

Weekly Roster October - December 2024

PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

| | WELCOMES | CASHIERS | SERGEANT | CHAIRPERSON |
|--------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Oct 23 | Chris Shields | Norbet Schaber & Paul Smarrelli | D De La Coeur | Gerry Lyon |
| Oct 30 | Norm Pinder | Gary Mogford & Chris Shields | 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 |

FOODBANK: Foodbank delivery to the Reservoir East Neighborhood House, Tuesday 22nd October. Truck will arrive between 10.30am and 11am.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

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| Oct-23 | Koori court | |
| Oct-30 | Lemur | Paul Lloyd |
| Nov-06 | | |
| Nov-13 | Police Awards | Community |

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – ALBURY 2025

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th April



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 by members or contacts. Why not send a ticket to someone overlooked or needing contact The raffle is drawn New Year's Eve.

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. rouvrayw@bigpond.net.au



**WORLD POLIO DAY
IS 24 OCTOBER**



DISTRICT POLIO CHAMPION MELISSA HEBBARD writes:

“During the week of World Polio Day, which is the 24th October, or anytime in the month of October, take advantage of the longer afternoons and gather amongst the spring blossoms, spread out a picnic rug, bring some yummy picnic goodies to share and have a picnic. Wear your End Polio Now t-shirts to raise awareness of our Major Project. Remember to take lots of photos to share on social media”.

Club member Ruth McCall has expressed her interest in the idea. Ruth has suggested getting together for a picnic maybe in the Darebin Parklands. She has suggested a ‘hands up’ next Wednesday to gauge members’ interest.

Since 1988 Bill and Melinda Gates (\$1 for every \$1) together with Rotary have reduced the number of polio cases worldwide by 99.9%.

