

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

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## CLUB BULLETIN

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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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## SPEAKER LAST WEEK



Chairperson Ruth McCall had her work cut out introducing the speaker **Andrew CATFORD**. Andrew, Melbourne bred, has volunteered his abilities with numerous NFP organizations in many countries around the world – Asia, the Pacific, the Middle East, Africa and South America. Early in his life he gained RMIT and university degrees, all leading into industrial development and project design. Currently he is C.E.O. of **INTERNATIONAL NEEDS AUSTRALIA**, a body which helps some of the world's most disadvantaged, marginalised and oppressed women and children grow with dignity. Rural women, single women, lower caste women, unemployed women, women with disabilities and geographically isolated women and girls are supported on a pathway out of extreme poverty.

When talking of INA, one has to include a number of other interconnected projects using other title/names – **OPERATION TOILET** and **EWASH** to mention two, which are closely bound to the works of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central. INA has been operating for 50 years. 40% of INA's funds are from the Australian Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Andrew spoke of the gradual decline in the numbers worldwide of persons living in extreme poverty, currently 700 million. Another figure is 26% of the world population do not have access to clean water. The population of Ethiopia is 130 million and, despite

its great coffee product, the poverty rate is 69%. Access to clean water and good sanitation barely exceeds double figures. Andrew outlined a current project of EWASH and its operation in the Ethiopian district of Ezha.

Because of the water/toilet factors, school attendance is very low particularly for girls and women. **EWASH** and INA work with the local mountain people of the Ezha. INA works with community leaders and helps with the basic principles of clean water and sanitised toilet accessibility. The benefits from these works now see immediate betterment in the community. Andrew spoke of training locals in the manufacture of reusable tampons – another cause for the rise in girls’ school attendance, their longer education and marrying at a more mature age.

Andrew concluded his talk with words of enthusiasm for the achievements so far and the co-operation with the local leaders and the support offered them in Australia.



Chair Ruth McCall      Andrew Catford

## THE FAMILY OF ROTARY



**Norbert Schaber 26/9/2007**

**Elaine Price 26/9/2007**



**Peter Gilbert 29/9**

**VISITOR LAST WEEK:** PDG **Terry Grant**, a member of Sunbury Rotary. Looking for a Saturday drive? The club runs the Community Market (formally the Sunbury Village Market) on the second Saturday of the Month, except January. The venue is at the Salvation Army, 27-37 Anderson Rd, Sunbury. Times are from 9am to 1pm.

## CLUB NEWS

**BUNNINGS BARBIE** : The next **Barbie** will be Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Roster full as going to print.

**FOODBANK:** Foodbank deliveries to the Reservoir East Neighborhood House, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@mcmc.org.au)

**[Merri Creek Wednesday Volunteers](#)**

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

**[FOMC: Merri Park subgroup Working Bee](#)**

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



### **FIRST NATION'S**

**PEOPLE:** It was at the Moreland Rotary Club meeting in Brunswick. The speaker was **Dr Kerry Mack**, a psychiatrist who works amongst the First Nation's

People in Central Australia and N.T.. The challenge is the overwhelming number of suicides, mental health issues and physical illnesses as diabetes. The 7.30am meeting was attended by Ruth McCall and GMan Lyons.

**MEN WANTED:** Researchers at Swinburne University are looking for men to take part in a study

**Who?** Adult men living in Australia, who have experienced prolonged **potentially traumatic experiences** at some time in their life such as:

- bullying
- growing up with someone with mental illness or drug/alcohol problems
- being exposed to violence
- emotional or physical abuse or neglect, or
- sexual abuse

**What?** Complete a survey (up to 60 minutes).

Opt in for a chance to win 1 of 8 \$50 eGiftcards

Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/men-trauma>

For further information contact Phillipa Huynh: [phuynh@swin.edu.au](mailto:phuynh@swin.edu.au)



**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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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-25	Hope in a Suitcase	Julie Armstrong
Oct-02	Wellways	Ryan Christie
Oct-09	Lift the lid "Hat Day"	Community
Oct-16	Old folks lunch	
Oct-23	Koori court	
Oct-30	Lemur	Paul Lloyd
Nov-06		
Nov-13	Police Awards	Community

The Rotary Club of Altona City has invited Preston Rotarians and friends to their club to attend their night meeting on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**ROTARY COMMUNITY RAFFLE:** As was last year the club is taking partaking in the raffle run by the Rotary Club of Mooroopna. Secretary Geoff has plenty of books on offer with Preston receiving a share of the takings. Roll up! Roll Up!

**FROM D.G.STEPHEN O'CONNELL:** *"We are thrilled to announce that **Past District Governor David McPherson** from the Rotary Club of Deniliquin has graciously accepted the role of **District Insurance Officer**. We are incredibly fortunate to have David in this important position, and we are confident he will do a fantastic job. Thank you, David!*

*In addition, David is one of the first to secure his tickets for next year's **District Conference**, which will take place in Albury from **11-13 April 2025**. We're looking forward to seeing you there and filling the house! Make sure to **get your tickets** from <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1269916> soon!"*

