

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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PO Box 299, Preston, 3072

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

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## CLUB BULLETIN

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# The Rotary Club Of Preston

Welcomes

2 New Members



**Abdulkadir Hassan    Eileen Stevens**

It was a great day for Preston last Wednesday. President Wayne inducted into Rotary International Abdul, who can also be called Hassan, and Eileen.

Both Hassan and Eileen are no strangers in the field of service; their experience and specific abilities add to the Club's expertise. Both Hassan and Eileen live locally. Born in Somalia, Hassan has been living in Australia for almost 30 years. He is an office bearer of the (NFP) International Organization Financial Charity Aid Group.

Hassan will serve through Community Committee while Eileen will serve in the Vocational Committee.

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## SPEAKERS LAST WEEK

### **DAREBIN HARD RUBBISH HEROES** (DHRH):

Jo Press and Jackie Lewis were the spokes-persons on a very serious matter in these current times. DHRH is a not-for-profit group promoting and supporting reuse, repair, repurposing (upcycling) and recycling of preloved items through education, publicity and events. Keeping things in use and out of landfill is the bottom line. Facebook groups enable free rehoming of preloved items through offers, moveable stalls/markets and requests.



Jo and Jackie gave a fulsome account of the origins and developments of DHRH since its inception as a Facebook entry in 2020. The first day saw 1,000 members; the first month

4,000 and, currently, they have 28,000 members, primarily from the Darebin and surrounding suburbs. Their up-front stores include Pop-Up shops, Markets, Trash and Treasure stalls and the list is growing.



Items are given to charities, sold online, donated to works as Rimern, repaired and then recirculated . . . In short, they will handle anything that can be saved from being sent to landfill.

REHOME and RELOVE are headline words they use to get the message across to the public. Their abilities are growing with time. Individual families can be set up with furnishings and local charities can be supplied where there is a particular demand.

**ADDENDUM:** Rotary Magazine, September issue page 12 – “If it’s

*broken, fix it: Dare To Repair exists to reprogram wasteful consumers like my husband and me . . . Since 2017, the roving monthly café has traversed Buffalo, New York and its environs, helping attendees repair broken electronics, household goods and small*

appliances. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, Americans throw away 40 million tons of such items each year. REPAIR CAFES – there are more than 3,000 across the world - offer an economical and environmentally friendly solution”.

## THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

Paul Conte 6/9



**VISITORS LAST WEEK:** Jill Morris, Tony D’Souza

## CLUB NEWS

**BUNNINGS BARBIE** : The next Barbie will be Saturday 14 September.

**FOODBANK:** Foodbank deliveries to the Reservoir East Neighborhood House. Truck will arrive between 10.30am and 11am; Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> August.

**PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND**

### Weekly Club Meeting Roster

	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
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

**LIFT THE LID WALK:** For Mental Health 2024. Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>. All funds go directly to Youth Mental Health Research.

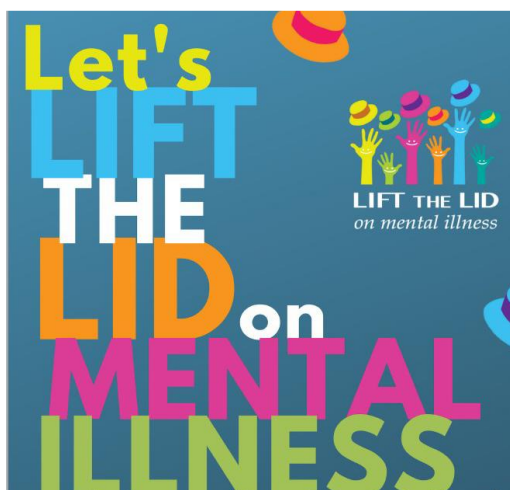


Start from 10am onwards around Coburg Lake Reserve; commencing at The Stage, Coburg Lake Reserve. Approx. \$30 adults. Kids under 15 walk free.

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-04	Myanmar	Fleur Maidment
Sep-11		
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



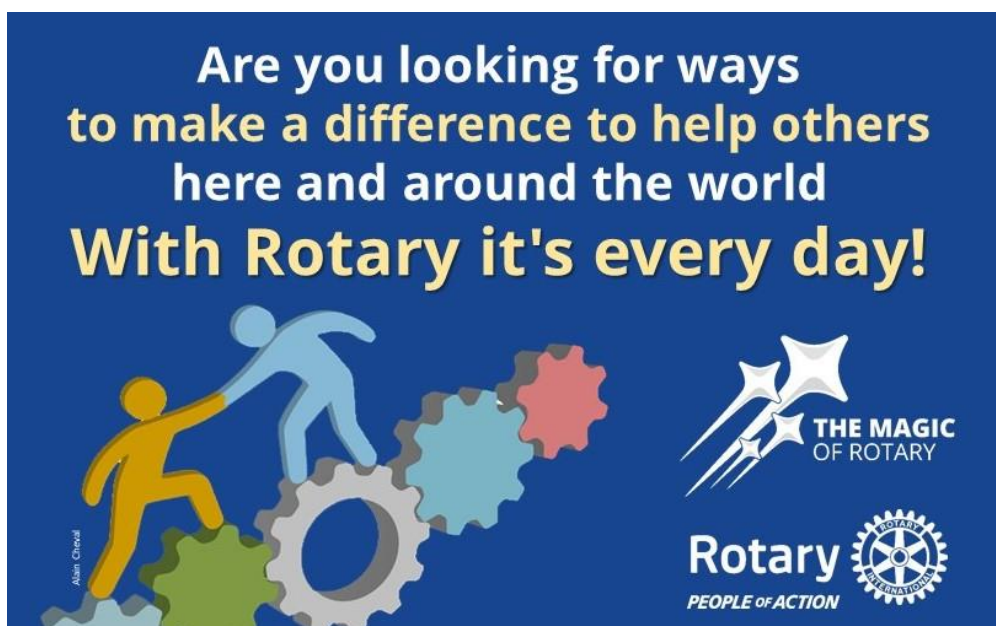
**AT KOORINGAL GOLF CLUB:** Bring your favourite, craziest or most attractive hat to the meeting on October 1, 6 for 6.30pm. This is to raise a few dollars for Mental Health research and have a bit of fun along the way. Order your meal from the Bistro menu. Prizes, raffles and laughter. Be prepared to talk about your hat!!

**Guest speaker** will be Dr.Lachlan Kent, Founder of Prevention United, providing mental health training programmes.

President Wayne is keen to have a group from Preston attend this night meeting and some 8 plus members have expressed an interest in attending.

Enquiries have been made with Darebin RSL and the club can use the Community Bus on the night free of charge. The bus carries 12 passengers, this includes the driver. Members will be given preference for seating on the bus. Depending on numbers, the odd car may also have to be used. The bus will leave from the Darebin RSL carpark and return there. Cars can be left at the RSL.

**Anyone interested in going to the event, please reply to Sec. Geoff a.s.a.p.** If you wish to go by bus, first in best dressed. Names will be listed as they are received. The first 12 will be on the bus if booked.



Preston Rotary Club has just inducted 2 new members.

There is space and service opportunities for 22 more new members.

Imagine what greater service this would mean . . . . .

Feel free to visit a Wednesday Club meeting at Darebin R.S.L.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE – ALBURY 2025**

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



## WHILE THE WORLD IS AT

### PLAY:

Through the Vocational and International Committees, last year Preston Rotary supported the **Assisi Centre for Social Justice and Peace in Uganda** with a \$600 donation.

The project is very much a Vocation and International programme as it provides for the most disadvantaged and overlooked children in Uganda. It is giving them the chance to stay in school continuing their education. Consequently, they create a better future for themselves and, of course, the nation at large.



Ugandan Rotary Peace Fellow Emily Nabakooza founded the Assisi Centre. Emily graduated from the University of Queensland's Rotary Peace Centre in 2019 with a Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies. The Assisi project coordinator in Australia is Desmond Woods OAM of the Rotary Club of Canberra.