

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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<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 Julie Morris P Byrne</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u> R McCall E Price Julie Morris</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 Julie Morris P Byrne G Mcllvenna</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u> R McCall E Price Julie Morris</p>	<p><u>Birthday Cards</u> G Smith</p>	<p><u>Welcome</u> Julie Morris Joe Morris E Price C Finocchiaro P Peyton</p>

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LAST WEEK'S SPEAKER

Merri Creek flows for about 60 kilometres from the Great Dividing Range north of Wallan, through Melbourne's northern suburbs to join the Yarra River in



Abbotsford. FRIENDS OF MERRI CREEK is a volunteer community group that has played an active and passionate role since 1988 in helping rehabilitate the Creek from a weed-infested drain to a bushland haven. A specialist group has

been set up to study the possibility of restoring the creek so as to make it more habitable for the platypus. Due to hostile pollution, the Merri Creek had lost its plant and animal life and has become an unliveable nature habitat for the platypus.



Peter Byrne

Trevor Moyle

Speaker Trevor Moyle, P.P. of Moreland Rotary, is the current leader in this field and his talk was both informative and environmentally challenging. The threats to success are numerous:

Bad sediments

Grassland loss

Bad stormwater

Pest plants

Climate change

Litter



Named **THE MERRI PADDLE**, the volunteer group aims to create conditions to encourage the platypus return to the Merri.

This will be history making. The platypus numbers in the Yarra River are lessening day by day as they seek more friendly waters. Hence the task of The Merri Paddle volunteers to make the Merri a successful home for the platypus.

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

David Sullivan 5/6/03



CLUB NEWS

RESERVOIR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE FOODBANK UNLOADINGS:
June 4 and June 18 (10.45-11am?).

FOR YOUR DIARY 2025 – District Conference!

Due to a large event clashing with the 2045 Conference, there has been a change of the Conference dates. District Governor Elect Stephen O’Connell has now set the dates for the Conference 2025 as 11th, 12th and 13th April

NEXT BARBIE: June 8th at Bunnings.

PRESIDENT ELECT: The position of President Elect 25/26 is vacant and members are invited to consider filling the role. President Kannan or Secretary Geoff are keen to discuss the task with anyone even faintly thinking of the role.

EAST PRESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE BARBIE: The Centre serves up to 9,000 persons north of Northland and a small barbie is being prepared for 100 'officials' working in the field. Maybe about 5 volunteers are being sought to run the barbie at the Centre, 7 Newton Street, Reservoir, June 6, 12-1.30pm. Contact is Sec Geoff.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Date	Topic	Speaker
Jun-05	Edconnect	Linda Perugini
Jun-12		
Jun-19		
Jun-26	Change-Over Dinner	

SPEAKER June 5 - from EdConnect. EdConnect connects volunteers who want to make a difference, with young people in school who need extra help and guidance, be it mentoring or learning support.

CHANGEOVER NIGHT: The Rotary Club of Preston 24/25 Changeover Dinner: Wed. 26 June 2024. \$75 per person \$30 per young person. No payments on the night. Please pay by card at our weekly meeting or transfer the money to our Club account and mark it "Changeover2024". All money must be paid before the night and numbers confirmed by 17th June 2024.

JADE PORTRAT is the name of the exchange student soon to arrive from France. Jade lives in a Paris suburb by the name of Saint-Denis, a commune in the northern suburbs of Paris, France. It is located 9.4 km from the centre of Paris. Saint-Denis is the second most populated suburb of Paris, with a population of 113,116 at the 2020 census.



The club’s student Charlotte is already in touch with her and maybe Charlotte will be attending the Changeover night.

WEEKLY ROSTER: MAY – JUNE 2024

PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Weekly Roster April - June 2024				
DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Jun-05	Joan Roose	Peter Gilbert & Gary Mogford	David De La Coeur	Chris Shields
Jun-12	Wayne O'Neill	Paul Smarrelli & Peter Peyton	Ian Musgrove	Gary Mogford
Jun-19	Joe Morris	Peter Gilbert & Gary Mogford	Julie Morris	Ruth McCall
Jun-26			David Sullivan	David Sullivan

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INVITATION

**Do you have a friend or relative who
is very senior (95+)?**

Join us for lunch 16th October 2024!

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 charges \$25.

October 16th 2024 : 12.15 pm – 2pm at the Darebin R.S.L Club, 402 Bell St, Preston VIC 3072

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[RSVP : 25th September 2024](#)

Club Website addresses:

The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:

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For member donations - Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

Bendigo Bank BSB 332 084, A/c 551 038 195

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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.**