

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.
District 9790

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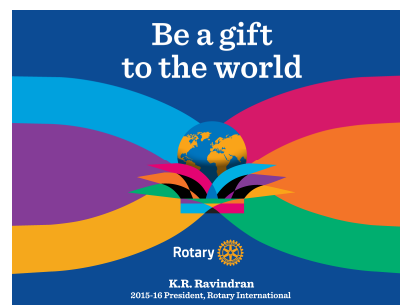
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Peter Peyton, Julie Morris, Peter Byrne, Frank Smith,
Carla Finocchiaro, Elaine Price, Wayne O'Neill

CLUB WEBSITE

<http://www.rotary-prestonaust.com/>

MARGARET SMITH P.H.F. *"A recommendation has been made by our Rotary Foundation committee to the club and we are delighted to show recognition to a member of the community for the marvelous work she has done with the Children First Foundation.*



Several members of the Rotary Club of Preston have been closely affiliated with Children First since its inception and have therefore been able to observe at first hand the contribution this lady has made to that organization.

It was back in 1999 when our guest Mrs. Margaret Smith OAM joined with Moira Kelly to help establish the now well known Children First Foundation which helps disabled or disfigured

children from the third world as well as supporting programs that assist disadvantaged Australian children. In those early years Margaret made a significant contribution by supporting Moira who was still working in Albania.

The rehabilitation farm at Kilmore was an early project in which Margaret played a major role and continued to manage that facility for many years as well as managing the Children First office that had been set up in North Melbourne.

The Children First Foundation has been instrumental or involved in assisting over 500 international children as well as delivering its Australian programmes.

I now ask Past President Elaine Price to bring Margaret forward to accept a Paul Harris pin with sapphire to be presented to you by our own PDG Peter Gilbert who is the current chair of district 9790 Rotary Foundation."

- P.P. Peter Peyton

THE FAMILY - THE ANNE HAMILTON-BYRNE CULT:



Speaker Lex De Man held his audience for the 20 allotted minutes and then was bombarded with another 20 minutes of questioning. Chair Bernie Lamers gave a fulsome introduction. Lex comes from a most varied 'life-so-far'. He served with the Victoria Police from 1978 while almost from birth as a volunteer with the CFA. He must be the most awarded officer and administrator with the CFA from which he recently retired. Lex completed his MBA in 2001 and has served as a councilor and two tours as

mayor with the Nillumbik council.

Lex explained how his subject was so topical. A film is being made which will be included in the Melbourne Film Festival this year. Simultaneously a 6 session serial will be released in the USA by CBS. Meanwhile a book is being written on the topic.

The cult was first discovered 20 years ago after his Arson Bomb Squad, investigating a mysterious fire in a school in Monbulk, discovered a link to a cult member. The cult was led by Anne Hamilton-Byrne who paraded herself as being Jesus Christ in female form. The cult still operates today at Ferny Creek.

How was the cult empowered? Newhaven Private Psychiatric Hospital in Kew was its base. They were the days when psychiatric illnesses were hush/hush. Professionals from various fields, when suffering mental illness, were admitted to the hospital where LSD and other drugs were introduced and minds were further upset. On release, these professionals supported the beliefs and practices of the cult.

What was the aim? It was to create a cult of followers and build a master race. A former Master of Queen's College (Melb.Uni.) had

property in the Dandenongs at Eildon Dam. Houses were bought up. A farm provided a boarding centre where babies were 'settled'. These babies of unmarried mothers were taken from hospitals through cult medical professionals and lawyers. Mothers never saw their own child believing they were going to good homes. The cult was creating its own Family and on two occasions the children won local Song Festivals.

Eventually foundress Anne Hamilton-Byrne was arrested in the USA brought home and she together with a disillusioned solicitor, pleaded guilty to falsifying legal papers. The punishment - \$5,000 fine.

FAMILY OF ROTARY



FAMILY DINNER 2015:

The Club's last meeting of the year. On arrival at the RSL Conference Room Rotarians and friends were welcomed by an elegant dinner setting. The agenda was fulsome, relaxed and comfortable. The award and the speakers were great stories and all was washed down with two W.A. wines branded *Copia*, (as in *Cornu*).



Brett Allchin gave a few timely insights into the meaning and relevance of Christmas. Brett chose to use the theme of 'Emmanuel' (God with us), a presence highlighted at Christmas with no power, no control, no wealth or social standing; rather a character of

service and love for one another. Brett finished with the Rotary Theme for the year - "Be a gift to the world".

<i>Birthdays!</i>	<p><i>No celebrations this coming week, so why not again acknowledge last week's champion festivities!</i></p> <p>Margaret Smarrelli & John McCarthy 14/1, Frank Smith 17/1</p>
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DIARY DATES

DATE		
Jan 20	Chair	Carla Finocchiaro
	Speaker	Victoria El-Hage
	Topic	U.N. Assembly, Rome
	Welcomes	Brett Allchin
	Sergeant	David Sullivan
	House	Norm Pinder
Jan 27	Chair	Chris Shields
	Speaker	Moo Gaykunoo
	Topic	RYLA
	Welcomes	Bernie Lamers
	Sergeant	Ian Musgrove
	House	Norbert Schaber
Feb 3	Chair	Elaine Price
	Speaker	Dave Vicary
	Topic	Children's Protection Society

NOTES AND NEWS

HEARTS IN MIND is a project that aims to enhance the wellbeing of parents caring for children and young people with a disability. The project operates out of Reservoir Neighborhood House in Cuthbert Street. Hearts in Mind is open for coffee, drop in, support referrals, and library. It organizes a series of one off workshops running throughout the year e.g. on carer well-being and stress management. The Club's Community Committee has been a supporter of the centre.

LIANGYU WEI - A WARM PRESTON WELCOME! Through the skills of Peter Peyton, Global Scholar Laingyu will be flying in from Taiwan to attend a 2 year course at the Latrobe University. Preston Rotary will host her while she studies for a Masters in Speech Pathology.

Pick-up at Tulla is on Jan 25 and, initially, Liangyu will be staying in West Heidelberg. At the outset she will attend an orientation course and, maybe, the Bendigo Conference. Her presence is at no expense to the Club, however, welcoming and hosting presents its own demands and Preston Rotary partners and members are well capable.



INCOMING BOARD 16/17: (Enter note in new diary). You are invited to the District Assembly at Benalla 10/4/16. Further info from Geoff.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN: Please pass on to Secretary Geoff your registration number.

NOW THAT'S WORTH HEARING...

Milos Raonic accepting the cup at the Brisbane International Final:

"I hope this year we can love each other a little bit more".

LOOKING FORWARD

January: Vocational Service Month

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST - Moreland Rotary's 11th: 26 Jan, Coburg Civic Centre. Moreland is keen to see once again a good presence from Preston. Revisit Secretary Geoff's recent email for particulars.

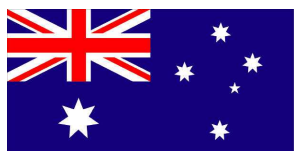
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF: Princess Theatre Thurs 11 Feb, 7.30pm.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE BENDIGO 2016: February 25-28.

Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2015/16

<u>International</u> Director Chair: P Byrne Dep K Agarwal B Lamers A Pahuja P Gilbert G McIlvenna	<u>Youth Services</u> Director Chair: E Price Dep P Josephson K Kirby P Donovan D Warry C Shields Joe Morris N Orchard	<u>Vocational</u> Director Chair: C Finocchiaro Dep D Sullivan L Woodland F Smith N Schaber N Pinder	<u>Community</u> Director Chair: Julie Morris Dep B Allchin R Wilcox P Josephson W O'Neill D De La Coeur C Verrocchi A Pahuja S Walsh	<u>Club Administration</u> Director Chair: G McIlvenna
<u>Foundation</u> Director Chair: P Peyton P Gilbert G McIlvenna R Wilcox C Shields E Price	<u>Membership & Classifications</u> Director Chair: D De La Coeur Deputy: I Musgrove L Woodland K Subramanian N Schaber B Allchin N Orchard	<u>Fundraising & Circus Quirkus</u> Director Chair: W O'Neill P Peyton P Gilbert	<u>Public Relations</u> Chair: K Subramanian E Price I Musgrove L Woodland	<u>Cashiers</u> J Crampton N Schaber R Wilcox P Josephson D Sullivan C Verrocchi Joe Morris S Walsh
<u>Bulletin</u> J McCarthy P Gilbert E Price D De La Coeur C Finocchiaro	<u>IT/Website</u> K Sabramanian D De La Coeur P Josephson K Kirby N Orchard	<u>Attendance</u> G Mogford P Peyton I Musgrove	<u>Programs</u> Ian Musgrove L Woodland E Price B Allchin C Shields N Orchard	<u>House</u> N Pinder N Schaber G McIlvenna P Josephson L Woodland C Verrocchi Joe Morris S Walsh
<u>Fellowship</u> P Josephson B Lamers P Gilbert	<u>Club History</u> P Gilbert P Peyton P Josephson G McIlvenna	<u>Family of Rotary</u> P Peyton E Price D Sullivan L Thornton	<u>Sergeants</u> D Sullivan I Musgrove L Woodland D De La Coeur Peter Byrne Julie Morris	<u>Welcome</u> B Lamers C Finocchiaro Julie Morris B Allchin J Morris S Walsh
<u>Christmas Lunch</u> L Woodland	<u>Conference</u> G McIlvenna	<u>Life Education</u> C Finocchiaro	<u>Exodus</u> P Josephson	<u>Birthday Cards</u> G Smith
<u>Rotary Information</u> P Gilbert G McIlvenna P Peyton I Musgrove				

Rotary Club Of Preston					
Paul Harris Fellows			Paul Harris Fellows		
		Year Awarded			Year Awarded
PP	Alf Bean	17/12/1976		Kevin Aylward	24/06/1998
♦PP	Ron Grierson	22/11/1978	PP	John McInnes	15/09/1999
♦PP	Perc Cleland	11/03/1981	PP	Rod Draper	15/09/1999
♦PP	Roy Kilkenny	07/04/1982	♦♦	John McCarthy	05/07/2000
♦PP	Mark Crampton	10/08/1983	♦PP	Les Woodland	05/07/2000
PP	Bill Wonder	01/05/1985		Rick Kirwan	26/06/2002
	Laurie Jones	01/03/1986	♦♦	Wayne O'Neill	26/06/2002
	Cliff Kendall	01/03/1986	♦♦	Frank Smith	26/06/2002
PP	Arthur Morgan	01/03/1986	♦PP	Ian Musgrove	25/06/2003
♦PP	Jack Morris	01/03/1986	♦PP	Rosemary Wilcox	25/06/2003
♦PP	Ian Cleland	24/07/1987	PP	Lindsay Gale	12/07/2006
♦PP	Ken Land	24/07/1987	♦PP	Carla Finocchiaro	12/07/2006
PP	Norm Griffiths	30/09/1987		Peter Lamers	12/07/2006
PP	Keith Porter	30/09/1987	♦♦ PP	Elaine Price	04/07/2007
PP	Bryan Steele	16/12/1987	PP	Richard Gozdzik	28/06/2008
PP	Reg Dick	26/04/1989		Pauline Josephson	16/06/2009
	Lyall Dexter	27/06/1990	♦PP	Les Price	05/08/2009
▲▲▲	Alf Osborne	26/06/1991	♦♦♦	Barbara Gilbert	15/09/2010
♦	Gladys Morris	13/05/1992	PP	David Warry	06/2012
♦PP	Vin Murphy	24/06/1992	PP	David Sullivan	06/2012
♦♦♦PP	Peter Peyton	24/06/1992	PP	Hillary Ellis	06/2012
♦PP	Max Kirwan	30/06/1993	PP	Eric Thornton	06/2012
♦PP	Paul Smarrelli	29/06/1994	PP	Vin Ross	06/2012
♦	Joy Crampton	29/06/1994	PP	Arthur Grubb	11/2012
	Jess Cleland	28/06/1995	▲	Alf Armstrong	11/2012
▲▲ PP	Peter Gilbert	28/06/1995	♦PP	David De La Coeur	17/04/2013
PP	Neil Grierson	28/06/1995		Gerry Smith	18/12/2013
♦♦♦PP	Paul Josephson	28/06/1995		Lenore Thornton	25/02/2015
♦♦♦PP	Geoff McIlvenna	26/06/1995		Kim West	24/06/2015
▲▲▲ PP	Bernie Lamers	08/05/1997	♦ PP	Peter Byrne	26/8/2015
▲▲▲	Gerry Lamers	08/05/1997	♦	Margaret Smith	16/12/15
	Norm Pinder	25/06/1997			
♦ Denotes Sapphire Pin			▲ Denotes Ruby Pin = 6 Sapphire Pins		



Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free;
 we've golden soil and wealth for toil; our home is girt by sea;
 our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare;
 in history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair.