

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

## District 9790

CHARTER GRANTED 21-12-1960  
PO Box 299, Preston, 3072

Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm  
Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

District Governor:  
Tony Bramley (Pamela)

Assistant Governor:  
Kay Feain

## BULLETIN

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Club President: 1994-95

District 9790 Governor: 1997-98



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### OFFICE BEARERS

Hon. Secretary: **Frank Smith**  
Hon. Treasurer: **Peter Gilbert**

Past President: **Paul Smarrelli**  
President Elect: **Julie Morris**

### BOARD

P. Josephson, P. Byrne, P. Peyton,  
D. De La Coeur, W. O'Neill, E. Price, F. Brass

## Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2016/17

<u><b>Community</b></u> <b>Director</b> <b>Chair:</b> <b>P. Josephson</b> S. Walsh B. Lamers C. Verrocchi J. Crampton L. Thornton F. Brass A. Morton  e-mail: M. Kirwan	<u><b>International</b></u> <b>Director</b> <b>Chair:</b> <b>P. Byrne</b> N. Schaber K. Agarwil A. Pahuja K. Subramanian B. Allchin  e-mail: N. Grierson	<u><b>Vocational</b></u> <b>Director</b> <b>Chair:</b> <b>P. Smarrelli</b> D. De La Coeur M. Riel L. Woodland W. O'Neill I. Musgrove L. DeFazio	<u><b>Youth Services</b></u> <b>Director</b> <b>Chair:</b> <b>E Price</b> Joe Morris D. Warry C. Finocchiaro D. Sullivan N. Pinder S. Bell	<u><b>Foundation</b></u> <b>Director</b> <b>Chair:</b> <b>P. Peyton</b> P. Gilbert J. McCarthy R. Wilcox G. Mogford C. Shields
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### **Club Service**

**Director: Julie Morris**

<u><b>Membership &amp; Classifications</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>D. De La Coeur</b> P. Smarrelli D. Sullivan M. Riel N. Pinder	<u><b>IT/Website</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>F Brass</b> K Subramanian D De La Coeur L Thornton	<u><b>Public Relations</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>F. Brass</b> K. Subramanian I. Musgrove Joe Morris J. McCarthy M. Riel	<u><b>Bulletin</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>J. McCarthy</b> Joe Morris P. Peyton B. Allchin P. Gilbert
<u><b>Programs</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>J. Morris</b> P. Smarrelli C. Shields G. Mogford A. Pahuja D. Warry	<u><b>House</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>N. Pinder</b> N. Schaber B. Lamers C. Verrocchi P. Byrne B. Allchin L. Woodland W. O'Neill	<u><b>Welcome</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>Julie Morris</b> B. Lamers C. Finocchiaro Joe Morris C. Verrocchi E. Price K. Subramanian A. Pahuja	<u><b>Cashiers</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>N. Schaber</b> J. Crampton R. Wilcox P. Josephson C. Shields P. Peyton
<u><b>Attendance</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>G. Mogford</b> N. Schaber J. Crampton R. Wilcox	<u><b>Sergeants</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>D. Sullivan</b> C. Verrocchi I. Musgrove L. Woodland D. De La Coeur S. Walsh	<u><b>Fellowship</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>P. Josephson</b> F. Smith C. Shields R. Wilcox B. Lamers	<u><b>Family of Rotary</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>L. Thornton</b> J. McCarthy B. Allchin A. Pahuja D. Warry E. Price
<u><b>Rotary Information:</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>L. Thornton</b> F. Brass S. Walsh M. Riel	<u><b>Club History</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>P. Peyton</b> F. Smith P. Gilbert N. Pinder	<u><b>Fund Raising</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>W. O'Neill</b> S. Walsh	<u><b>Life Education</b></u> <b>Chair:</b> <b>C. Finocchiaro</b> F. Smith D. Sullivan G. McIlvenna
<u><b>Christmas Luncheon</b></u> L. Woodland	<u><b>On to Conference</b></u> G. McIlvenna	<u><b>RI World Conference</b></u> P Gilbert	

## SPEAKER LAST WEEK

Major Karen Elkington opened her talk with a big thank you to those members working the stall at Bunnings on May 27. Karen manages the Salvation Army's **ASYLUM SEEKER AND REFUGEE SERVICE** (ASARS) in Brunswick. It is totally funded by such public support as the Bunnings Barbie and is serviced by a large band of volunteers.

ASARS services the northern and western suburbs and would be aiding around 500 clients a month. A visit to the centre's waiting room sees a large group in search of assistance.

ASARS provides one-on-one support particularly with

casework referrals, advocacy, assisting with formal appointments . . . Karen spoke of the difficulties in completing official applications (Centrelink, Dept. of Immigration, etc.) both for Australian citizens and more so for the recently arrived. One example she gave was the Newstart allowance for the out-of-work. In this the applicant has 14 days to complete the application, attend appointments and submit supporting documents. Many fall through the cracks. Maybe they have little English. Maybe they are living in emergency housing. Maybe they are having difficulties with their temporary/permanent visa. Maybe they have 2 or 3 young



children. On it goes. At this point, for the asylum seeker or the refugee, Karen's office and personnel are ready.

While the numerous entangling factors are being addressed ASARS can supply the clients with food, clothing, linen, blankets, children's toys and the like - all free of charge. ASARS organizes English language classes where students can also socialize. They provide chaplaincy services to help applicants with their spiritual lives. Numerous clients are totally stripped of any benefits and have absolutely no income for a number of years. It is a very complicated wall they face.

The above could be most depressing were it not for such dedicated and well directed giving as illustrated by Karen in her talk. A similar statement was made recently by DG Tony Bramley: *"Fortunately I belong to Rotary . . . an ethical*



*organization that is made up of people who care and who are dedicated to bringing hope to the community".*

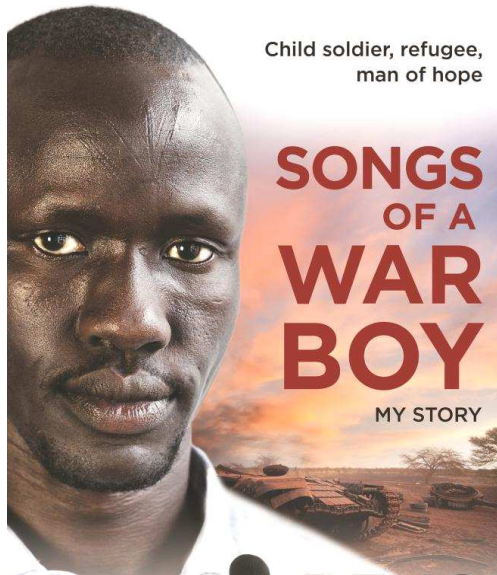
**Thank God for  
the Salvos!**

## CLUB NEWS

**REPORTS FOR CHANGEOVER BULLETIN:** Absolute closing date is Friday June 16. Then it goes to the Printer. Reports can be emailed any time. The date of arrival signifies the location in the Bulletin. Chairs are requested to email their reports in Word.

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After hearing Karen Elkington's talk a suggestion is to get a copy of South Sudanese Deng Adut's book. It could be a great backdrop to the meaning of titles as Asylum Seeker and Refugee.

Deng is now a Sydney lawyer and the 2017 NSW Australian of the Year.

This is a truly a gripping read.

**CLUB CHANGEOVER:** On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm for 7.00pm at Melbourne Polytechnic, St Georges Restaurant, 77 St Georges Road, Preston

**A NIGHT with R.I. PRESIDENT IAN RISELEY and JULIET** @ Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre, South Morang - Saturday 22nd July, 6.30pm for 7.00pm Start. \$75 per ticket includes two course dinner.

[www.diamondcreekrotary.org.au](http://www.diamondcreekrotary.org.au)

## **RESERVOIR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE -**

a reminder to bring along non-perishables to the meeting on

**May 31<sup>st</sup>.**



## **FAMILY OF ROTARY**

**VISITORS LAST WEEK:** Joan Roose (Jacob's Well), Yvonne Donegan, Bruce Matheson (incoming AG 17/18).

**PAUL HARRIS SAPPHIRE PIN:** David De La Coeur has donated in excess to the Rotary Foundation. Members are aware that, to celebrate the centenary of RF they have been invited to donate the equivalent of the amount donated back in those times. David's response was excellent and that merits him a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sapphire Pin, presented by Peter Peyton.



## DIARY DATES

DATE		
<b>May 31</b>	Chair	Elaine Price
	Speaker	Sandra Bell
	Topic	<b>Rotarian Behind The Badge</b>
	Welcomes	Anne Morton
	Sergeant	David De La Coeur
	House	Norm Pinder
<b>June 7</b>	Chair	Joe Morris
	Speaker	Robert Simmons
	Topic	<b>Travelling Conmen &amp; Scams</b>

	Welcomes	Peter Peyton
	Sergeant	Les Woodland
	House	Bernie Lamers
<b>June 14</b>	Chair	Paul Josephson
	Topic	<b>Major Donations</b>
	Welcomes	Paul Smarrelli
	Sergeant	Paul Josephson
	House	David Sullivan

### **CHANGEOVERS NEIGHBOURING CLUBS:**

- R. C. of Kinglake Ranges - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 6.30 for 7pm
- R.C. of Greensborough - Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July 6.30 for 7pm

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **MAY: Youth Service**

**MAJOR DONATIONS DAY**, 14th June. The Mayor of Darebin has accepted the Club invitation to attend on the day.

**CLUB CHANGEOVER**: An evening meeting, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**THE PRESENT D.G.E.** will visit the Club as D.G. September 13th.

### **DISTRICT CONFERENCE YARRAWONGA-MULWALA:**

22-25 March 2018. Preston booked in at Lake View Motel.

## **ROTARY GRACE**

O Lord and Giver of all good, we thank Thee  
for our daily food.

May Rotary friends and Rotary ways help us to serve Thee  
all our days.

# Rotary Club Of Preston

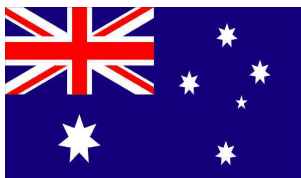
Paul Harris Fellows		Year Awarded	Paul Harris Fellows		Year Awarded
PP	Alf Bean	17/12/1975		Kevin Aylward	24/06/1998
♦ PP	Ron Grierson	22/11/1978	PP	John McInnes	15/09/1999
♦♦ PP	Perc Cleland	11/03/1981	PP	Rod Draper	15/09/1999
♦ PP	Roy Kilkenny	07/04/1982	♦♦♦	John McCarthy	05/07/2000
♦ PP	Mark Crampton	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	PP	David Warry	27/06/2012
♦	Gladys Morris	13/05/1992	PP	David Sullivan	27/06/2012
♦ PP	Vin Murphy	24/06/1992	PP	Hillary Ellis	27/06/2012
♦♦♦ PP	Peter Peyton	24/06/1992	PP	Eric Thornton	27/06/2012
♦ PP	Max Kirwan OAM	30/06/1993	PP	Vin Ross	27/06/2012
♦♦ PP	Paul Smarrelli	29/06/1994	PP	Arthur Grubb	7/11/2012
♦♦	Joy Crampton	29/06/1994	▲	Alf Armstrong	7/11/2012
♦	Jess Cleland	28/06/1995	♦♦♦ P	David De La Coeur	17/04/2013
♣	Peter Gilbert PDG	28/06/1995	♦	Gerry Smith	18/12/2013
♣	Barbara Gilbert	15/09/2010	♦	Lenore Thornton	25/02/2015
PP	Neil Grierson	28/06/1995	♦	Kim West	24/06/2015
♦♦♦ PP	Paul Josephson	28/06/1995	♦ PP	Peter Byrne	26/8/2015
♦♦♦	G. McIlvenna PDG	26/06/1996	♦	Margaret Smith OAM	16/12/15
♣ PP	Bernie Lamers AM	08/05/1997		Jack Wilcox	9/3/2016
♣	Gerry Lamers AM	08/05/1997		Norbert Schaber	6/7/2016
♦	Norm Pinder	25/06/1997			

♦ Denotes Sapphire Pin

▲ Denotes Ruby Pin = 6 Sapphire Pins

♣ Denotes Major Donor

## 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.