

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

CHARTER GRANTED 21-12-1960

PO Box 299, Preston, 3072

District Governor: Anne Reid
District 9790

Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm
Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

Assistant Governor: Emma Davis

BULLETIN

July 7, 2021, Vol. 61, No. 1



President Chris Shields

cmj-arch@nex.net.au

0411 246 353

Office Bearers

Hon. Secretary: PP Geoff McIlvenna

0418 500 031

geoff.mcilvenna@bigpond.com

Vice President: PP Paul Smarrelli

Treasurer: Frank Smith

Past President: PP Peter Gilbert

President Elect: Ruth McCall

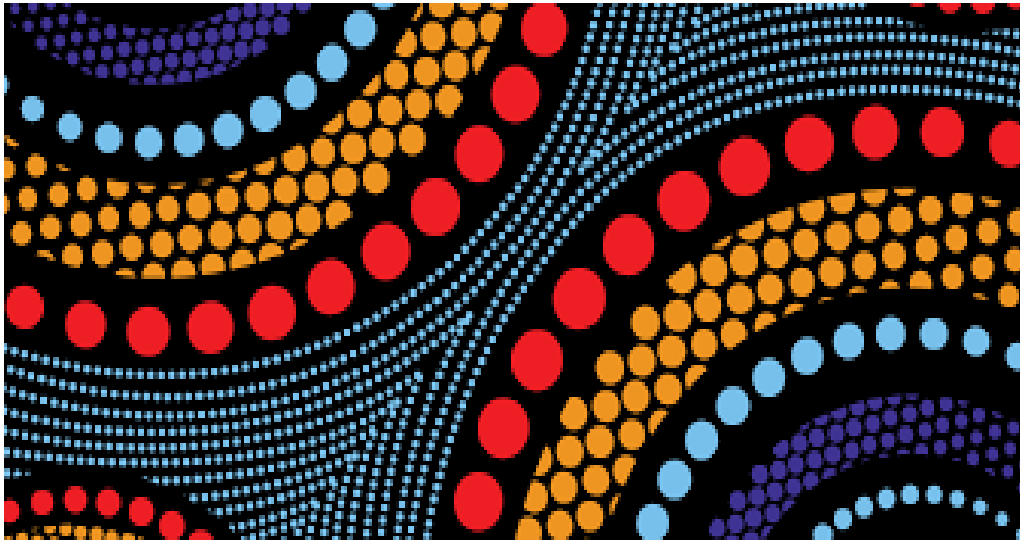
BOARD

PP Paul Smarrelli, Kannan Subramanian, Tim Weir, Mel Riel
Peter McGuigan, Ruth McCall, PP Peter Gilbert

Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2021/2022

<u>International</u> Chair: P Peyton I Musgrove J.Roose L Defazio P Byrne E Price	<u>Youth Services</u> Chair: M.Riel P Conte N Schaber N Pinder G Lyons Joe Morris	<u>Vocational</u> Chair: T Weir K Agarwal M.Alkanani C Finocchiaro	<u>Community</u> Chair: K Subramanian. G Mogford E Price M Walsh D Sullivan D De La Coeur C Verrocchi P Smarrelli	<u>Club Admin.</u> R McCall <u>On to Conference</u> G McIlvenna
<u>Foundation</u> Chair: M Walsh D De La Coeur Julie Morris E Price <u>Special projects</u> P Smarrelli	<u>Membership</u> Chair: Julie Morris G.McIlvenna P Peyton C Shields <u>Christmas Luncheon</u> Volunteer wanted	<u>Fundraising</u> Chair: W O'Neill F Smith P Smarrelli C Shields	<u>Sergeants</u> Chair: D Sullivan C Verrocchi Julie Morris I Musgrove D De La Coeur	<u>Cashiers</u> Chair: N Schaber P Peyton M.Riel N Pinder
<u>Environment & Conservation</u> Chair: P.McGuigan C Shields L.Defazio G Mogford	<u>PR, Website, IT</u> Chair: P Conte L Defazio G Lyons	<u>Attendance</u> Chair: G Mogford G McIlvenna	<u>Programmes</u> Chair: Joe Morris I Musgrove	<u>House</u> Chair: N Pinder D. De La Coeur P Peyton M Walsh
<u>Bulletin</u> Chair: J McCarthy P Peyton C Finocchiaro	<u>Club History</u> Chair: P Peyton	<u>Family of Rotary/ Fellowship</u> Chair: E Price Julie Morris	<u>On to World Conference</u> P Gilbert	<u>Welcomes</u> P McGuigan M Walsh Julie Morris M Riel M Alkanani K Agarwal

**We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and
we pay our respects to their forebears past and present.**



NAIDOC WEEK – July 4-11

CHANGEOVER 2021

Yet again another memorable evening at the Melbourne Polytechnic Preston Campus Conference Centre. Necessarily there were many formalities for the night but each one was relevant, personal and powerful; as the new theme proclaims **“Serve to Change Lives”**.

Initially the toast to Rotary International was proposed by Elaine Price and responded to by D.G. Bruce Anderson. Elaine took the moment to outline how members have responded strongly to the appeal for funds for Rotary Foundation which provides grants worldwide to alleviate poverty, provide education, water and urgent medical assistance to mention just a few fields.

In recognition for their financial assistance four members were granted Paul Harris recognitions. **Max Walsh**, through his generosity, has also become a Paul Harris Society Member. **Peter Peyton** has served as club member for more than 48 years. Elaine described the many aspects of his service over the years as “huge” and “massive”, more recently in codifying the events that make up the club’s recent achievement of 60 years service. Introduced by Geoff McIlvenna, the third PHF for the evening was the tireless **David De La Coeur** whose very active loadings have made history – Trundle during the drought, the Children’s First Retreat at Kilmore, bush fire relief this year in northern Victoria and currently as assistant trucker for the Foodbank loads to East Reservoir Neighbourhood House. Then a surprise 4th PHF was awarded by outgoing President Peter to **Elaine Price** for her tireless and successful work for Rotary Foundation.



David De La Coeur Peter Peyton Elaine Price Max Walsh

During the night both the fellowship and the dinner reigned supreme. The latter featured 2 main courses – Crispy skin barramundi with beetroot puree and Peppered minute steak with parsnip terrine and salsa verde. Accompanying

these dishes were 2019 Dal Zotto Pinot Grigio and 2017 Tahbilk Cab Sav. The Polytechnic definitely lived up to its past standards.



Peter Gilbert D.G. Bruce Anderson Chris and Ester Shields

In his final report for the year Peter Gilbert thanked PP Lisa DeFazio for her preparations for his year. Despite all the handicaps and no-goes due to Covid19 restrictions, ***"this was a remarkable year"***. Voluntary service hours by members were solid and, while lower in totals, fundraising for club operations continued. Peter thanked Peter Peyton for his ground work on club history. The club lost 5 members during the year - three through transfers to distant clubs and, sadly, two through their passing. Peter affirmed that the classical service questions were answered in the positive – making differences in people's lives, helping people, showing love in our hearts . . . He gave the club a 100% pass

both individually and collectively for the head-heart-hands test as also for the time-talent-treasure test.

Peter thanked personally those who led in their club service. He thanked all members of the club for giving him once again the opportunity of serving as Club President.

The freshly installed President Chris Shields opened his speech with thanks to Peter Gilbert for his year and to all members for their trust in his own abilities to lead the club 21-22. He praised the club's past and present capacity to be able to keep its heart open, to maintain positive attitudes, to be prepared to listen and to adopt new initiatives no matter from which direction they come.

Chris quoted from Federal Member Ged Kearney's address to Canberra parliament in which she named the club and other Darebin services ***"for wrapping the arms of the community around everyone"***. He stressed the desire that the club will remain ageless. His hope is that Preston Rotarians will always be aware that the club numbers 1.2 million members. He mentioned Joan Roose's school in Odessa, India. However, growth is essential and Chris' aim is that each member will bring along one new member during his year. That's the goal.

Flanked by his partner Ester, President Chris concluded his speech with an oft cited quote from Winston Churchill: ***"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give"***.



Preston Rotary Club Board 21-22

COMING MEETINGS

- July 7: Mary Carajias:
National Youth Science Forum Participant 2020
- July 14: John McCaskill: Rotarians for Bees
- July 21: Julie-Anne O'Brien & Christina Di Pierdomenico:
DIVRS

THE ROTARY FAMILY

Vandana Subramanian
11/7



Gerry and Frank Smith 9/7



BACK HOME IN ISOLATION are Gerry and Frank Smith after a 3,000+kms 5 day round trip almost to their Queensland destination. As can be seen from the above celebrations that also entails a novel wedding anniversary in lockdown!

Frank will be free by the club's meeting 7/7.

THANKS AND WELCOME: Preston Rotary's gratitude goes to outgoing District Governor **Bruce Anderson**, its welcome to District Governor **Anne Reid** and its greetings to the continuing in office Assistant Governor **Emma Davis**.

CLUB NEWS

BARBIES FOR THE DIARIES: Raising finances for club projects in these difficult times. Barbies are for the 2nd Saturday each month from August to December.

3-4 volunteers each block from 7.30am till 4.30pm (Covid - 5 per session).

[Aug. 14; Sept. 11; Oct. 9; Nov. 13; Dec. 11.](#)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT DENILQUIN 2023 - MARCH 17-19



Members and visitors were very generous in responding to David Sullivan's fundraising on the night – sale of table decorations (10) and traditional fines.

Observed walking the floor at Changeover!