

**ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.**  
**District 9790**

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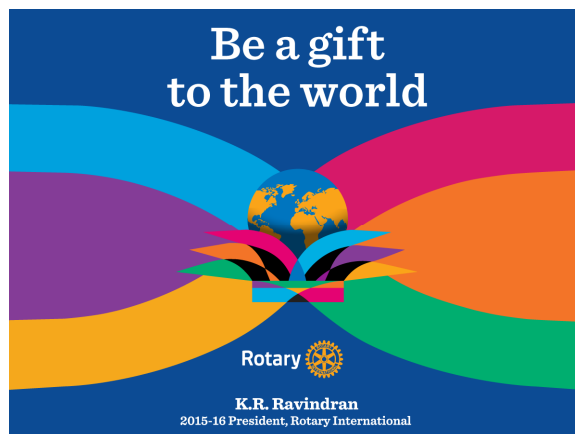
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Paul Smarrelli, Geoff McIlvenna, David De La Coeur,  
Peter Peyton, Julie Morris, Peter Byrne, Frank Smith,  
Carla Finocchiaro, Elaine Price, Wayne O'Neill

**CLUB WEBSITE**

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

## ROTARIAN BEHIND THE BADGE

**JOE MORRIS J.P.** was the speaker and, as usual, members were keen to hear the life-story of a relatively new member. Before Joe spoke, wife of 42 years, Julie, remarked she was on her seat's edge given that Joe had not run the story past Julie!

Born in 1941 in Bolton, he has vivid childhood memories of German bombers flying over on their way to bomb industrial Manchester 15kms away. In 1949 it was off to Australia where his dad had previously lived for 5 years.



Leaving school in 1957 there followed a chain of employments - ES&A Bank, Bureau of Meteorology, Taxation Department and Department of Immigration (Passports). Joe was involved in the Scouts and the Young Christian Workers and one day responded to a notice board info on a 2 year Diploma in Youth Leadership. His first job after that was 2 years managing the newly formed Try Youth and Community Services in West Heidelberg. Then in 1970 he was the Youth Liaison Officer at the Broadmeadows City council. This was an earth-shaking step as it was there that in his work capacity he met an official of the YWCA in Glenroy, partner Julie. They are now parents of three adult children.

Passing over a few short moves it was then to Good Shepherd Youth Services where he was a co-founder of No Interest Loans Scheme for low income people and a secondary school for those who do not fit into the normal education structure. Then it was to be CEO of the Victorian Association of Youth in Communities supporting 100 youth clubs throughout the state.

While the above are some of Joe's occupations the years have involved his setting up of new facilities and opportunities for youth. An example is seen during the 1990s when he was involved with youth painting graffiti. With government funds youth were shown legal sites where they could display their work. They were supplied with paint as against



stealing it. The result was that they did not get a criminal record and many have gone on to be professionals in the world of art and design - one being a finalist twice in the Archibald Competition. *(Photo - of Joe with artist, Rose Street, Fitzroy.)*

Joe still works 3 days a week - Aboriginal Support Network, Minus 18 (the young Gay and Lesbian group) and to Ygender (a young transgender group).

Too exhausting to read? Top it all off with Justice of the Peace!

## CONFERENCE 2016

**Rotary**  
District 9800



**Be a gift  
to the world**

**Magnificent blue skies**  
**Temperate weather**  
**Comfortable seating**  
**M.C. Greg Ross**

**Warm encounters**  
**Challenging themes**  
**Tasty tea breaks**  
**Guest Speakers**

**Marilyn Monroe**  
**Historical settings**  
**Good accommodation**  
**Good input**



**A LIST OF CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS/LOWLIGHTS** would be facile. Standouts are easy:

- To conclude a strenuous, globally projected, at times emotionally demanding and mentally wearing three days, something special would be needed. The **Bendigo Youth Choir!** Their melodious, dignified and reverent presentation was stunning. Their selection for the sendoff was both fitting and refreshing.
- The **Bendigo Gaol**, now named Ulumbarra Theatre, was all encompassing. While still in its first full operational year the theatre will be hosting opera, ballet, festivals and concerts. Maybe these events will soften the memories those walls hold.
- The programme saw a number of powerful enterprises and Rotary activities in which the **youth** were involved or one-time Rotary youth have now developed. The younger generations of today shone brightly throughout the Conference.



- Added to these were Rotary's **response to international disasters**, both physical and humanitarian.
  - Memorable again was the very **tasty Friday night Barbie** organized by Secretary Geoff and prepared by the Tea House management!

**H.M. PRISON BENDIGO** opened 1863 closed 2006

## FAMILY OF ROTARY



<b>Birthday</b>	Kathy Byrne 7/3 Claude Verrocchi 6/3
<b>Wedding Ann.</b>	Doris and David Warry 8/3
<b>Rotary Ann.</b>	Max Kirwan 2/3/77

**VISITOR LAST WEEK:** Frank Brass

## DIARY DATES

DATE		
<b>March 2</b>	Chair	Paul Josephson
	Speaker	Matt Goodwin
	Topic	<b>Solar Power</b>
	Welcomes	Carla Finocchiaro
	Sergeant	David De La Coeur
	House	Joe Morris
<b>March 9</b>	Chair	Geoff McIlvenna
	Speaker	Margaret Smith
	Topic	<b>Children's First Foundation</b>
	Welcomes	Peter Byrne
	Sergeant	Joe Morris
	House	Sean Walsh
<b>March 16</b>	Chair	David De La Coeur
	Speaker	Peter Wearne
	Topic	<b>YSAS - Young People and Drugs</b>
	Sergeant	David Sullivan
	Welcomes	Brett Allchin
	House	Norm Pinder



# BENDIGO WELCOMES ROTARIANS

## *LOOKING FORWARD*

### *February: Water and Sanitation Month*

**55<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY Rotary Club of Preston:** Wednesday, March 9.  
Dinner, 7 for 7.15pm at St.Georges Restaurant - Same venue as Seniors  
Christmas Dinner.

**INCOMING BOARD 16/17:** District Assembly at Benalla 10/4/16.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2017:** 16-19 March at Shepparton.

## ROTARY GRACE



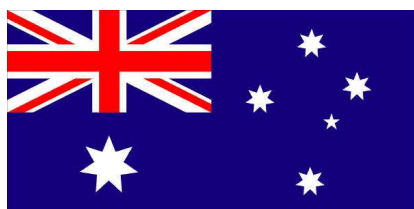
O Lord and Giver of all good  
we thank Thee for our daily food.  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways  
help us to serve Thee all our days.

## Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2015/16

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