

# **ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.**

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## **BULLETIN**

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## Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2022/23

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	<a href="#"><u>District Conference</u></a>  <b>G McIlvenna</b>	<a href="#"><u>RIMERN</u></a>  <b>R McCall</b> Julie Morris Joe Morris E Price L Defazio All members invited to assist in Volunteering		<b>Secretary</b> G McIlvenna  <b>Treasurer</b> F Smith  <b>Special Projects</b> P Smarrelli

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.

## SPEAKER LAST WEEK



Originally a youngster from the island nation of Malta, **Paul Lloyd** has spent his working life with Melbourne-based Ford Motor Co.. He is a recent member of the Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell and at the meeting was accompanied by his club president, Rose King. With service his passion, Paul has initiated and spread extensively the **PROJECT LEMUR**.



Started in July 22, the project is designed to support 1,500 Primary School children and their teachers at St. Vincent's Primary School in the small city of Ambovombe, the southern region of Androy, Madagascar. Madagascar is a French speaking nation and twice the size of Victoria.

The poverty-stricken area on the southern tip of Madagascar has suffered 4 years of successive drought in addition to the Covid-19 pandemic, which is forcing families in rural communities to resort to desperate measures to survive. Their basis food is rice, eaten three times a day. With the Ukrainian war, disaster is current and starvation looms. Donations will be used to source food, clean drinking water, medicines and school equipment. This will help parents unable to keep their children fed and attend school.

Paul has connected with the Rotary Club of North Boston which has previously run a project in the area. In a very short time numerous Rotary clubs in the District have joined in with donations while the wider community has been generous. Given that the school has no water, Paul is raising \$20,000 to dig a well for the school.

This is a venturesome service to needy Madagascans and Paul's enthusiasm is an inspiration to witness. Members can imagine the rope being thrown to people grasping for life's thread. Shortly Paul will have a hip replacement and all



wish him a quick recovery.

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## THE ROTARY FAMILY

### Alan Still

It is with deep sadness members learned of the sudden death of Suzanne Still's husband, Alan.

Each and every member of Suzanne and Alan's family has the spiritual presence of all Rotarians in these coming tough times.

**VISITORS LAST WEEK:** In fact two very important visitors -

**AG Pat Solibakke and Rose King,** President of Southern Mitchell Rotary Club



**Suzanne Still 10/11**

**SOME MEMBERS** after recuperation attended Wednesday's meeting, while treasurer Frank Smith's wife **Gerry** is home trying to disenfranchise Covid.

**BACK IN ODISHA:** **Joan Roose** would have enjoyed greatly the content and aims described in the LEMUR address last Wednesday. Joan missed the meeting by 1 day.

**CUP SWEEPS:** Any member needing a down payment on a new house would do well to have a yarn with **Max Walsh**. Max cleaned up in the big sweep with Gold Trip and Emissary, first and second. The two smaller sweep winners were Ada Morris and Casper Smarrelli. Thanks go to Paul Smarrelli for his skilful organizing of the process with no protests. Now for 2023!



## **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

- Nov 9:       **A.G.M.** - Election of nominees.     Club forum  
Nov 16:      **Paul Conte** – Recent impacts on Super Funds and the forward  
                  outlook on these funds             Chair Max Walsh  
Nov 23:      Police Awards             Chair Elaine Price  
Nov 30:      3KND visit and how to run a radio station     Chair Natalie Au

## **CLUB INFO**

**NEXT BARBIE** at Bunnings, Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November. Contact Sec. Geoff.



**NEXT FOODBANK UNLOAD R.N.HOUSE** will be Tuesday 15th. 11.45.

Please NB – **Tuesday** not Wednesday.

**A.G.M. PRESIDENT RUTH WRITES:** *On Nov 9- at our lunchtime meeting - election of Office Bearers for Rotary Year 2023-2024.*

*Along with our AGM we are holding a “**Brainstorming**” session for all Service Committees. Please support your Directors and come along with ideas for Speakers/Projects that we may look at for the future.*

*There are numerous resources we can all access to get some great ideas, eg. Rotary DownUnder, My Rotary, Rotary Club Facebook pages/Websites (have a look at what other clubs are doing!) AND Rotary Action Groups!*

*In many ways we are an active club, however, input into Service Committees seem to have somewhat waned.*

*Please, bring your ideas, and we will try and seat committee groups together.*



**Imagine their future**

**JESSIE HARMAN:** With World Polio Day on 24 October, there is an evening coming up at Sunbury with Jessie Harman the speaker. Jessie, a Director on the Board of International Rotary, will focus on how Rotarians can work in the programme END POLIO NOW. Sunbury Hume Global Learning Centre - 44 Macedon Street, Sunbury. 6.30pm, November 25. Canapes and wine will be served on the evening. Price: \$25 per person to cover costs, any profits to Rotary Foundation

**CUP SWEEP DRAW:** Serious business. Elaine Price and Max Walsh picked your horse out of the mugs while Paul Smarrelli (centre) took on the task of co-ordinating the whole process of the 3 sweeps.

Please arrange to swap with someone else if you can't make a duty date.  
The plan has been designed by Gary Mogford.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WELCOMES</b>	<b>CASHIERS</b>	<b>SERGEANT</b>	<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>
9th		Peter Lamers	David De	Carla
November	Paul Smarrelli	Peter Peyton	La Coeur	Finocchiaro
16th	Kannan	Norbert Schaber	Julie	
November	Subramanian	Peter Lamers	Morris	Max Walsh
23rd		Peter Lamers	Peter	
November	Natalie Au	Peter Byrne	Gilbert	Elaine Price
30th		Peter Lamer	Julie	
November	Lisa Defazio	Norbert Schaber	Morris	Natalie Au
7th		Carla Finocchiaro	David	
December	Peter Peyton	Peter Lamers	Sullivan	Paul Smarrelli
14th		Peter Lamers	Peter	
December	Max Walsh	Peter Peyton	Byrne	Lisa Defazio
21st		Max Walsh	David	
December	Gary Mogford	Norbert Schaber	Sullivan	

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – MELBOURNE 27-31 MAY 2023.** Last chance for good deal booking ends December 15.

**Club Website addresses:**

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Info to Ruth McCall or Lisa Defazio.

**The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:**

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