

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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**District** 9790

Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm  
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## BULLETIN

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## Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2021/2022

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<u><b>Bulletin</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>J McCarthy</b>  P Peyton C Finocchiaro	<u><b>Club History</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>P Peyton</b>	<u><b>Family of Rotary/ Fellowship</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>E Price</b> Julie Morris	<u><b>On to World Conference</b></u>  <b>P Gilbert</b>	<u><b>Welcomes</b></u>  P McGuigan M Walsh Julie Morris M Riel M Alkanani K Agarwal

**MEETING Wednesday August 18**

**On Zoom at 12.30pm**

**SPEAKER LAST WEEK**

**ROTARY OVERSEAS RECYCLING PROGRAMME:** Speaker **Bob Allardice** is a Nunawading Rotarian, a retired engineer and specialized problem solver and a leader in the RORP. Founded about 5 years it is now spread over 3 Rotary Districts, RORP is still evolving. Due to both ageing and regular updating of permit requirements the regular renewals of 15-20 year-old playgrounds ending up in the local tip or landfill. Enter RORP and its operation:

- RORP relocates Aussie playgrounds in third world countries
- It is cost neutral for Rotary and clubs
- In these recent years over 100 have been relocated overseas
- Countries include Sri Lanka 56, Nepal 10, Philippines 10, Tanzania 1, Timor 3, PNG 4 and Fiji 1.



The sources of the equipment include councils, education groups, clubs, private members and manufacturers. The involvement of Rotary clubs sees members identifying the playgrounds, inspecting and photographing, marking and labelling, contacting a contractor and attending and coordinating the harvesting. Contractors play a large part especially underground works.

Bob's presentation ended with an invitation to members or the club to be involved in whatever manner. Always there are other clubs with previous experience are willing to cooperate.

## **COMING MEETINGS**

**August 11 on Zoom @ 12.30pm**

**Thanks to Peter Byrne's expertise!**

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| <b>Aug 18:</b> | <b>Paul Conte:</b> | Financial Planning and Health needs<br>of Individuals<br>- Chair R McCall |
| <b>Aug 25:</b> | <b>Club Forum</b>  | – Chair Pres Chris Shields  |

## **THE ROTARY FAMILY**

**CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION:** C.E.O. Elizabeth Lodge has sent a moving letter recently circulated by Secretary Geoff. It contains the news of her retirement as CEO, the latest on new lives for the children returning home and the Covid battle hindering children coming to Australia for surgery.

The club is most grateful to Elizabeth for her dedicated service over these formative and ongoing years. All look forward to her continual presence and wisdom with the CFF.



Gary Mogford 21/8/02

Mel Riel 23/8



**SICILY'S MOUNT ETNA** has been blowing its top throughout 2021 – ashes, tremors, rocks and stones, flames and magma. This was not the reason for P.P. Carla Finocchiaro's arrival in Australia years ago. In fact, her brother even moved from the family home at the foot of the mountain to be a few metres closer and to get a better view from his kitchen window!

The locals call it **Muncibeddu** (Beautiful mountain)! Randazzo was Carla's town and she knows well both its beauty and its threats. Etna sports 2 ski resorts while one lava flow less than 100 years ago measured .057billion cubic metres. The present eruption began in 2013 and is still ongoing.

Now, Carla, for the Covid 19 lockdown!



**ALEJANDRO DEL CASTILLO**, whose Peace Fellowship is still undecided, in a recent letter to members wrote: *"I will always remember you guys with a feeling of warmth and joy"*.



Alternately, members will remember his words when addressing the club: *"If you have a story to tell, it is not just for the sake of telling the story. It is being told to inspire, educate and activate a group of people. What is the message at the end? Instruct."*

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **PINCHAPOO FUNDRAISING EVENT – SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2021, 9AM TO 12PM THE CAUFIELD RACECOURSE.**

The idea is that there are 15 slots available for 15 teams made up of 15 people per team to attempt to break 2 Guinness World Records. (age limit for participants 18yrs and Over)



**1<sup>ST</sup> RECORD...** is to form the longest word possible with 501 tables ..... and that word being HYGIENE POVERTY (no time limit) (Current world record is 500 tables.)

**2<sup>ND</sup> RECORD ...** is to pack the most personal hygiene packs in 1 hour. Target is 10,000 packs. (Current world record is 5000 packs – hoping for 10,000!)

**The entry fee is \$5000 per team or (\$334pp.tax deductible)** and all proceeds from the day will go towards funding for the next three years the very important Pinchapoo's **'SCHOOLS HYGIENE SUPPORT PROGRAM'**

There is also a further opportunity to raise funds by obtaining your own personal sponsor/s for you to complete the tasks. Please consider this event and let Kannan or Geoff know a.s.a.p. with a **yes** or **no** to get involved in this BIG one-off!. Pinchapoo needs numbers by 20<sup>th</sup> August to finalize entries.

### **SPRING INTO SPRING LUNCHEON – Children First Foundation:**

Sunday, August 21, 11.45am. Metropolitan Gold Club, Oakleigh. 2 course luncheon, drinks at bar prices, \$110 per person.

Children First Foundation is having its annual **Gala Ball** on Saturday 23rd October and are organizing for a **Digital Ball** on Sunday afternoon 24th October for those who can't make the previous evening.

**RYLA** – *Members and related committees – be informed. RYLarians always struggle to articulate what it was from the week long, self-discovery journey that managed to change their life and have such a profound impact on their lives in such a short time! Would you like to discover some of the RYLA secrets and get a taste of the course that has changed so many young lives for the better? This is not open to potential RYLA candidates only Rotarians and partners. Seats are limited so please book in early.*

**Linda Gidlund** Rotary Youth Leadership Award District 9790

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**When : Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 Time:** 10am to 3pm

**Where:** Watsonia Scout Hall, A K Line Reserve, 10 Peters St, Watsonia VIC 3087  
\$15 lunch and all materials provided.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2020:** The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville in the Yarra Valley. As usual the club has an early booking of accommodation for members already decided on their attendance; however, in the meantime the hotel was sold. Given the new ownership with Accor and the renovations of the now-named **Peppers Hotel**, Marysville, the club is awaiting confirmation of its bookings as made with the previous owners.

Hotel bookings with Sec. Geoff Site for Conference Bookings:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=741289&>

**MEMBERSHIP MINUTE** is a bimonthly newsletter that provides the latest membership trends, strategies, best practices, and resources to help strengthen membership in clubs.

Google Membership Minute or ClubRunner.

**BARBIES**: Barbies are for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month from September to December – Covid19 permitting. Masks worn at all times.

**Sept. 11; Oct. 9; Nov. 13; Dec. 11.**

**RYLA – ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD** - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021.

N.B. the recently circulated RYLA Conference invitation.

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Info to/from Ruth McCall or Lisa Defazio.

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

Bendigo Bank                      BSB 633 000,    A/c 154 200 034

The account details for the **Australian Rotary Foundation Trust** for member donations

Bendigo Bank                      BSB 332 084,    A/c 551 038 195

**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.**