

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

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**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2022/23

<p><u>International</u></p> <p>Director P. Peyton</p> <p>J Roose S Still E Boateng</p>	<p><u>Youth</u></p> <p>Director: E. Price</p> <p>Joe Morris P Conte N Schaber M Riel P Lamers</p>	<p><u>Vocational</u></p> <p>Director: C. Shields</p> <p>N Au T Weir C Finocchiaro</p>	<p><u>Community</u></p> <p>Director: Julie Morris</p> <p>D De La Coeur C Verrocchi N Pinder G Lyons E Higgins D Sullivan</p>	<p><u>Club Administration</u></p> <p>Director: K. Subramanian</p> <p>G. Mogford</p>
<p><u>Foundation</u></p> <p>Director: M. Walsh</p> <p>P Gilbert D De La Coeur I Musgrove K Argawal</p>	<p><u>Membership & Classifications</u></p> <p>Director Chair: P Gilbert</p> <p>P Smarrelli G Mclivenna Julie Morris</p>	<p><u>Fundraising & Circus Quirkus</u></p> <p>Chair: W O'Neill</p> <p>F Smith P Smarrelli G Mclivenna</p>	<p><u>Environment</u></p> <p>Director: L Defazio</p> <p>P Byrne G Mogford R McCall</p>	<p><u>Cashiers</u></p> <p>N Schaber</p> <p>P. Lamers & any club members as rostered to assist</p>
<p><u>Bulletin</u></p> <p>J McCarthy P Peyton P Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Public Relations</u></p> <p>R. McCall L. Defazio E Price E Higgins & any club members to assist</p>	<p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>G Mogford G Mclivenna P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Programs</u></p> <p>Joe Morris</p>	<p><u>House</u></p> <p>Joe Morris</p> <p>P Lamers P.Peyton D De La Coeur</p>
<p><u>Fellowship</u></p> <p>Elaine Price Julie Morris P Byrne G. Mclivenna</p>	<p><u>Family of Rotary and Club History</u></p> <p>P Peyton P Gilbert G Smith G Mclivenna P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>World Conference</u></p> <p>P Gilbert R McCall G Mclivenna E Higgins G Lyons</p>	<p><u>Sergeants</u></p> <p>D Sullivan D De La Coeur Julie Morris Peter Byrne Peter Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Rotary Information</u></p> <p>P Peyton P Gilbert G Mclivenna P Smarrelli</p>
	<p><u>District Conference</u></p> <p>G Mclivenna</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u></p> <p>R McCall Julie Morris Joe Morris E Price L Defazio All members invited to assist in Volunteering</p>		<p><u>Secretary</u> G Mclivenna</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> F Smith</p> <p><u>Special Projects</u> P Smarrelli</p>

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

It is a 3hr 30mins and 300kms road trip from Deniliquin down to Melbourne. Last Wednesday Deni resident **D.G. David McPherson** was attending meetings at Preston and Broadmeadows. Given his lifetime paraplegia following a childhood accident, this demonstrates the dedication of a District Governor while also highlighting the serving lives of the club's past D.G.s - Geoff McIlvenna and Peter Gilbert. In his travels visiting 63 Rotary clubs for his D.G. year, David will have numerous opportunities to PINCHAPOO. He is aware of the the founder of Pinchapoo and club's honorary member, Kate Austin, and brought with him a bag of toiletries he had already collected. Action, not words!

David opened his talk with a restatement of the R.I. President Jennifer Jones' theme for this year, IMAGINE; in her words *"Imagine, a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference"*. David listed past Rotary imaginations that now have been realised, the most outstanding being the eradication of polio. Emphasising the theme, he explained how the logo IMAGINE was designed by an Aussie indigenous artist Ricky Salam. Salam also has designed the logo for the Melbourne International Convention.



He listed some of Jennifer Jones' priorities amongst which were the development of a better welcoming and inclusive spirit in clubs, the need to spread factual info of Rotary's past successes and present international endeavours, the establishment of new-style clubs, embracing and encouraging any new ideas a new member may want to introduce

D.G. David McPherson A.D.G. Pat Solibakke

INCLUSION for David was in large print. In his junior years, there were no ramps for his wheelchair at the primary or secondary schools. Through the spread of the inclusion theme, they were built and so gave David an inclusive ongoing education. Studies took him to university then to Deniliquin where Apex and then Rotary included him.

David spoke of the Partner's Project for the Deni Conference. He invited his two children, Lily and Liam, to nominate a programme. In no time they came up with the WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS, a project started in Perth. After commencing in 1998, in September 2021 WFK saw the production of the 50,000th wheelchair. Coincidentally Barbara Gilbert chose that Partner's project back in 2008 when Peter was D.G..

THE ROTARY FAMILY

Paul Conte 6/9/17

Bruce West 6/9/17



David De La Coeur 2/9



President Ruth offered A BIG WARM WELCOME to visitors

D.G. David McPherson

A.D.G. Pat Solibakke

Bob Cross, President R.S.L., and his wife Shirley

Manager Preston R.S.L. Mark Russell

Many staff members of the R.S.L.

TWO PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITIONS were introduced last Wednesday by Gary Mogford. They were awarded to club member Joan Roose and the second to Preston R.S.L. President Bob Cross.

Founder of Jacob's Well, **JOAN ROOSE** has made and continues to make a substantial contribution to the education of children from outback districts in India where child education can be virtually impossible. 20 years since its foundation Joan returns for a month or more annually to keep a hand in management. Next visit is in November. Over 200 children live in the hostel and now there are ex-students achieving their masters' in the large cities.

BOB CROSS has offered his service to returned service personnel and their families through the Preston R.S.L for over 45 years. Sec Geoff listed off his life service from a start as a professional butcher to numerous positions with the R.S.L.. His achievements in the northern suburbs are ongoing while the hospitality given Preston Rotary has never been taken for granted. Co-operative actions with the club are many and a complete standout would be the funding of a graduate's study of the effect of PTSD specifically on children of ex-service sufferers. Ground breaking attention in a field previously somewhat overlooked.



In the photo Bob Cross is seated to the right of D.G. David and Shirley to the left

UPCOMING SCHEDULES

SPEAKERS:

August 31: **Club Forum**

Chair Elaine Price

Sept. 7: **Rotary Social Night** with partners at Pres. Ruth's residence

Speaker will be **President Apama Sunku**, Rotary Club of Coimbatore
Smart City India

Chair Kannan Subramanian

MEETING-DAY DUTIES:

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
31st August	Max Walsh	Peter Byrne Natalie Au	Peter Peyton	Elaine Price
7th September				Kannan Subramanian
14th September	Peter Peyton	Gary Mogford Elaine Price	Ian Musgrove	Julie Morris
21st September	Ian Musgrove	Paul Smarrelli Peter Lamers	Lisa Defazio	Carla Finocchiaro
28th September	Julie Morris	Max Walsh Natalie Au	Chris Shields	Ian Musgrove

CLUB INFO



The solid line above taken from this year's Rotary logo is what is referred to by some indigenous people as a digging stick. It is used when doing hard work.



PURPLE, WHITE, AND GREEN as shown in the IMAGE

logo: These were the colors used by the Women's Social and Political Union in England. They adopted these colors in 1908. Purple represented royalty and "the royal blood that flows in the veins of every suffragette, the instinct of freedom and dignity"; white represented purity; and green represented hope and "the emblem of spring."

PRESTON ROTARY SOCIAL EVENING: Sept 7, 6.30-9.30 at McCall Palace, 98 Union St. Northcote. Ruth or Peter will not be cooking – fabulous hot and cold wines/non-alcoholic drinks finger food from Eaglemont Dish Café. \$40 per person. RSVP Ruth McCall Mon 29 August. Payment in advance.

Guest Speaker Pres. Arpana Sunku visiting from Coimbatore Smartcity Rotary Club, Tamil Nadu, India.

TREE PLANTING WITH DAREBIN REWILDING PROJECT: This will be in the Ray Brabham Gardens area, behind the Darebin Arts Centre (opp. the R.S.L.). The date is yet to be finalised with Lisa Defazio working on it – maybe the first Sunday or second Sunday in September, around 10am.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, DENILQUIN, MARCH 2023: Secretary Geoff has booked a motel in Deni and is now taking bookings for nights and numbers.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN REGISTRATIONS: Some members' cards have expired and have not been renewed. Sec. Geoff is in expectancy.

BUNNINGS BARBIE: Saturday, Sept 10



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

MELBOURNE

27-31 May, 2023

YOUR next opportunity to be an early bird
and save:

• The deadline for the next early bird
registration is only 126 days away. Book now for \$475.00. Deadline 15th
December \$475 . So, be an early bird and save

Register at: convention.rotary.org

- Monday, May 29, 2023, is the night the club will be club hosting of a bus
load of Conventioneers in an evening of entertainment. Volunteers
please get your names to Sec. Geoff.

Club Website address:

www.rotary-prestonaust.com
Info to Ruth McCall or Lisa Defazio.

The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:

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

For member donations - the account details for
the **Australian Rotary Foundation Trust**

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