

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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## COMING MEETINGS

### **November 10 – Eye to Eye at Preston R.S.L. 12.30PM**

- Nov 10:** Club Forum & AGM @ R.S.L.  
Chair Chris Shields
- Nov 17:** Bridge Darebin  
Speaker: Prue Challis                      Chair: Max Walsh
- Nov 24:** Seniors Christmas Party                      Chair: Peter Gilbert
- Dec 1:** Social Night with Partners                      Chair: Peter McGuigan  
Speaker: Mark Goodie – Merri Outreach Support Service

NB: All present at the above must have vaccination proof

## SPEAKER LAST WEEK

**DONATE LIFE VICTORIA:** Speaker PHOEBE STOREY is the Community Engagement Organiser for Donate Life Victoria. Hers is a large role given that, as a government funded organisation, it coordinates all body organ and tissue donations across the state. Phoebe's presentation centred on the current rate of donations and the basis of urgency, the ease and need for potential donors to register now and the value of spreading the word now.

The current rate of donations leaves many patients in serious need awaiting a transplant. As soon as Phoebe offered a few examples of those in need of a transplant, her case was proven. These were persons suffering grievous pain, families with 100% involvement and in many cases handling imminent death. Other than Covid complications, many able and willing donors have not registered. This makes the possibility of a transplant much more tenuous.

When the availability of a transplantable organ eventuates, the giver must be in intensive care or emergency in a hospital. When this occurs outside of hospital care, it is generally the donor's tissue that is utilisable.

The major need in the whole process is for any willing individual to become registered as an organ donor immediately. It is essential that it be discussed with the donor's family and signed up immediately. Any delay can often result in interpersonal disagreements, family divisions or the impossibility of the patient's wishes being realised. Brain death or circulatory death become blurred in the minds of family spectators at such a moment.



Often Phoebe is called in when donation/transplantation is being discussed bedside. She stressed the need for prior discussion, years/months/weeks, to be had with family/friends/fellow workers. Where there has been no discussion 4 in 10 will give assent to a family member's gift. If they know the donor's wishes, it is 7 in 10 who will affirm. Fully registered 9 in 10.

Anyone over the age of 15 can donate. The current oldest is 104 years of age. The donor does not need a clean medical history. Phoebe is ready to offer her professional welcome.

<https://www.donatelife.gov.au/join-register>

## THE ROTARY FAMILY



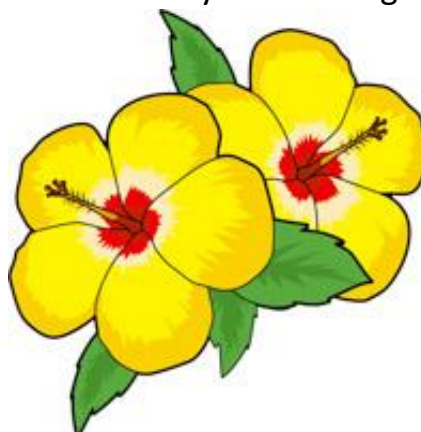
Christina and Peter Peyton 16/11/96

VISITORS LAST WEEK were Wendy Brooke and Peter McCall.

**“BOUND FOR GLORY”** was the large one-page headline of the Cup Day issue of the Herald Sun. Readers might have thought it was a story celebrating the much loved and recently deceased Bert Newton.

In fact, it was the opening page of the abundant horse racing pages relating to the Cup.

The club made many hundreds of dollars for mental health through Joe Morris’ three sweeps. It was no accident that the Bulletin editor had drawn the winner in two of them - *Very Elleegant*. Yes, a great fund-raiser!



**PART OF THE PRESTON ROTARY FAMILY:** David De La Coeur reported that the newly installed sprinkler system is now operating at the Children First base at Kilmore. This was the last of so many developments at the Farm overseen and worked on by the club’s much loved Bernie Lamers. Thanks go to David for his current management and finalisation of these works.

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **DIARY DATES TAKEN ZOOM MEETING 27/10:**

- Bunnings Sausage Sizzles – Nov. 13, Dec. 11 & double vaccinated
- Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner – Nov. 24 at R.S.L. (25 Seniors and 25 from Rotary and Guests)
- Police Awards – Feb. 2, 2022
- Merri Creek 2<sup>nd</sup> Planting Day – 2022
- Club Break-up Christmas evening celebration – Dec. 22 at R.S.L.

**DESPITE THESE TIMES!** Cleo has been found and is now back home with family. Meanwhile Joe Morris has gathered over \$2,511 for Rotary Mental Health through three sweeps, the auction of Les Woodland’s sporting souvenirs, the silent auction on Hat Day and donations. A.R.H. is one of the largest independent funders of **mental health** research within Australia. Well done Joe and all participants.

## URGENT – BARBIE VOLUNTEERS – SAT, 13 NOVEMBER

More needed. Contact Geof asap. Note times as emailed.

**COVID 19 VACCINATIONS:** Members are asked please to inform Sec. Geoff when double vaccinated. Dates are not needed only the fact. When attending R.S.L. either the print out or the QR phone copy are essential for entry.

**MERRI CREEK PLANTING:** On the advice coming from the Darebin Council, the second planting day has been moved to April 2022.

**FOODBANK - NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE:** Future deliveries are Nov 9, Nov 23 and Dec 7.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:** Members are asked to keep an eye on the expiry date. When renewed please inform Sec. Geoff

**CHILDREN FIRST VISIT AT KILMORE:** Covid and Christmas have put a club visit back to March/April. Despite the adverse conditions some children are looking good for arrival and extensive surgery in coming months.



**BOXES WITH LIDS – Please bring them along when face-to-face on Nov.10.**

**The aim is for over 1,000 boxes. Again, no eggs.**

**ROTARY POLICE RECOGNITION AWARD** was made last week. At the Preston police Station with three Rotarians present – Kannan Subramanian, Elaine Price and Julie Morris. A number of police personnel were also present.



**ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA:** RAM's Annual Conference will be virtual, live on Zoom. Dates: 11-12 Sat. 13 Nov. and 10-12.30. Sun 14 Nov. Book now: [Ram.rawcs.com.au/2021conference](http://Ram.rawcs.com.au/2021conference)

**EMBRACING CHANGE - DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022:** The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville in the Yarra Valley. Hotel bookings with Sec. Geoff. ASAP.

Also please send a copy of the original Conference receipt to Sec. Geoff. Site for Conference Bookings: **TRY BOOKINGS Marysville Rotary Conference**

Club Website address: [www.rotary-prestonaust.com](http://www.rotary-prestonaust.com)

Info to Ruth McCall or Lisa Defazio.

**NOT RECEIVING THE EMAIL EDITION OF THE CLUB BULLETIN?**

The Bulletin is emailed to every member. On occasion this aim has failed. If you become aware of such an event, please inform the Bulletin editor; [jmcpresto@netspace.net.au](mailto:jmcpresto@netspace.net.au)

## **Each One, Bring One**

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.**