

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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PO Box 299, Preston, 3072

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9790

Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm

Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

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## BULLETIN

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

<u><b>International</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>P Peyton</b>  I Musgrove J. Roose P Byrne E Price S Still	<u><b>Youth Services</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>J Morris</b>  P Conte N Schaber N Pinder G Lyons M Riel	<u><b>Vocational</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>T Weir</b>  K Agarwal M. Alkanani C Finocchiaro	<u><b>Community</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>K Subramanian.</b>  G Mogford M Walsh D Sullivan D De La Coeur C Verrocchi P Smarrelli  <u><b>Police Awards</b></u> E Price	<u><b>Club Admin.</b></u>  <b>R McCall</b>   <u><b>On to Conference</b></u>  <b>G McIlvenna</b>
<u><b>Foundation</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>M Walsh</b>  D De La Coeur Julie Morris P Gilbert N Au  <u><b>Special projects</b></u> <b>P Smarrelli</b>	<u><b>Membership</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Julie Morris</b>  G. McIlvenna P Peyton C Shields	<u><b>Fundraising</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>W O'Neill</b>  F Smith P Smarrelli C Shields	<u><b>Sergeants</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>D Sullivan</b>  C Verrocchi Julie Morris I Musgrove D De La Coeur	<u><b>Cashiers</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>N Schaber</b>  P Peyton M. Riel N Pinder
<u><b>Environment &amp; Conservation</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>L. Defazio</b>  C Shields G Mogford	<u><b>PR, Website, IT</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>P Conte</b>  L Defazio G Lyons R McCall E Price	<u><b>Attendance</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>G Mogford</b>  G McIlvenna	<u><b>Programmes</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Joe Morris</b>  I Musgrove	<u><b>House</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>N Pinder</b>  D. De La Coeur P Peyton M Walsh P Lamers
<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>  M Walsh Julie Morris M Riel M Alkanani K Agarwal

**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.**

## **CLUB FORUM**

Rita McCall distributed the Draft Agenda for last week's FORUM. This gave members much to share and discuss.

### **THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT:**

Initially Gerry Lyons spoke to the awareness and practical acknowledgement of the traditional ownership of land by such a mixed group of Rotarians in Preston. He remarked on the current conversation members are having regarding the voicing of this acknowledgement. He recommended that members take this conversation to other clubs/businesses and organizations in these suburbs. Gerry's words were full of emotion, especially when it came to the unanimous vote by all present to use the circulated document of ***"Recognition and Respect – First Nation People"***.

In response, Ruth McCall remarked that the club's base is of oneness and inclusiveness and that everyone should feel truly welcome. She was disappointed to hear from Gerry Lyons that indigenous leaders generally did not feel welcome at Rotary meetings. She remarked that anything that can be done to alter that impression was both necessary and urgent.

### **OTHER AGENDA MATTERS:**

Much discussion followed coming from many directions:

- One member remarked that the scrapping of grace etc. does not change Rotary nor take away from getting the jobs done.
- Another observed that the club board had agreed to send out a questionnaire to every member before any decision be made. The eventual decision will be made by the board based on member's response to the questionnaire.

- A few members were asking when anything would be decided/changed. The time-frame should be brief and much time and discussion has already been expended. The survey is out. Members are strongly encouraged to reply as soon as possible. The board then decides.
- Another aspect spoken of was that changing tradition was a danger especially for someone from a 'different' background. One responded that the tradition of Rotary is one of service, something also fundamental to most other not-for-profit organisations.

President Chris closed the meeting with the observation that the club is now looking towards its next 60 years of life. Over those past 60 years recently celebrated so much has changed; society is so much more diverse and service is becoming so much more aware and efficient. He remarked that Rotary has to attract these newer generations.

The questionnaire will be circulated ASAP and all are invited to respond ASAP so that the board can then make an informed decision.

## **BOARD MEETING 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY.**

### **COMING MEETINGS**

- May 11: THE LIFE OF WILLIAM RUTHVEN VC: Peter Sambell (great nephew)  
Chair: Ruth McCall
- May 18: DAREBIN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT PLANNING: Ben Smith  
Chair: Lisa Defazio

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Queen Elizabeth II – 15/1/1991

## **THE ROTARY FAMILY**



**Peter Peyton 5/5/73**



**Gerri Lamers**



**PLATINUM EUROS** went around the Eagle Farm track last Wednesday.

Trained by Natalie McCall and ridden by Tiffani Brooker, the 5-year-old chestnut came a distant 4<sup>th</sup> with a starting price of \$6.50.

## **CLUB NEWS**

**I.T. VOLUNTEERS/TRAINERS** wanted at Bridge Darebin. Please review Sec. Geoff's mail out.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2023**, Deniliquin, NSW, 17-19 March, 2023. Centre Point Motel all ready and booked.

**RIMERN** (Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network) are aiming to raise funds to buy their own Van to do deliveries and Pick- ups.

For sale: "Van Rouge, & Van Blanc"! Guaranteed to be a nice drop! To purchase go to <https://prospectwines.com.au/product/rotary-inner-melbourne-emergency-relief-network/>

## **40FT CONTAINERS BOUND FOR TONGA AND TIMOR TO BE FILLED WITH A VARIETY OF GOODS.**

Geoff is looking for volunteers on some or all of the Tuesdays and Thursdays **27/4** through to **12/5**.

Dates are slightly complicated due to the arrival of the containers at the **Donations In Kind Store**.

**ANNUAL REPORTS – CHANGEOVER BULLETIN:** May 20 is the current deadline for Committee Chairs to have in their concise reports with photos to President Chris. More info – President Chris.

**NEXT BUNNINGS BARBIE:** May 14.

**CLUB HOSTING NIGHT - ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** being held in Melbourne 27-31 May 2023. This club Hosting Night is for Rotarians and Partners from overseas attending the Conference. The club is discussing an evening of welcome displaying the indigenous aspect of Australian history and culture. The night would be programmed at the centre in Bell Street opposite RSL.

**Children First Foundation's Events Committee invites you to the "SPARKLING LUNCH 2022" – Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, Fri. May 20 11.45 for 12pm start and finishing at 2.30pm. \$98 per person. Book with Geoff.**

**Club Website address:** [www.rotary-prestonaust.com](http://www.rotary-prestonaust.com)  
Info to Ruth McCall or Lisa Defazio.

The account details for the **Rotary Club of Preston:**  
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For member donations - the account details for  
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