

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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**District** 9790

Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm  
Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

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## BULLETIN

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Kannan Subramanian, Tim Weir, Joe Morris  
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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  <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
<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.**

## COMING MEETINGS

- MARCH 2: DINNER MEETING at RSL, 6.30 for 7pm. Mark Goodie,  
Merri Outreach Support Services (MOSS Limited)  
Chair – Chris Shields
- MARCH 9: ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY IN DAREBIN  
Chair - Peter Peyton
- March 16: INTERNATIONAL NEEDS AUSTRALIA. CEO David Ensor & Amanda  
Southwell 0404 852 720 – Peter and Barbara Gilbert  
Chair - Joan Roose
- MARCH 23: CLUB ASSEMBLY AND POSSIBLE VOCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS  
Chair - Pres. Chris Shields
- APRIL 6: CLUB LUNCHTIME VISIT - to iceHQ Sports Stadium, Reservoir.  
Tour of the facility, Q&A and light lunch 12:30 – 1:30pm

## THE ROTARY FAMILY



Sad and breaking news is the death of much loved and Rotary connected Past President **Neil GRIERSON**.

Our immediate thoughts are with Neil's loving partner Margaret and family. Following in the footsteps of his father Ron, Preston businessman Neil

joined Preston Rotary in 1972 and was club president 1993/94.



Johnathan Alkanani 2/3  
Claude Verrocchi 6/3  
Lina Walsh 7/3



Max Kirwan inducted 2/3/77  
Malak Alkanani 4/3/20

Preston Rotarian and club president in 88/89, **MAX KIRWAN** has been enjoying retirement with Nicole in Surfers Paradise.

In recent times Max had an accident with his car and a few days back Max has seen a bad fall. By some fortune, Barbara and Peter Gilbert were visiting him when he fell and were able to be of great help during those days of emergency.



Peter reports that Max now is faced with a major health battle. Certainly all down here in Preston town send Max and Nicole our presence and wishes.

**Photo taken many years ago Bernie Lamers and Max Kirwan**

**VISITORS LAST WEEK:** Natalie Au and Snr. Sgt. Peter Sambell

**ONE FINE DAY:** The only place in the world one can receive a fine for having a birthday – Preston Rotary! In the photo Peter Lamers (seated) cops a fine from sergeant David Sullivan.



## **CLUB NEWS**

**UNLOADING FOODBANK TRUCK:** Some helpers found a few of the bulky boxes a tough lift at the Reservoir Neighbourhood House.

Let this be a call-out especially to members and friends who have strong backs



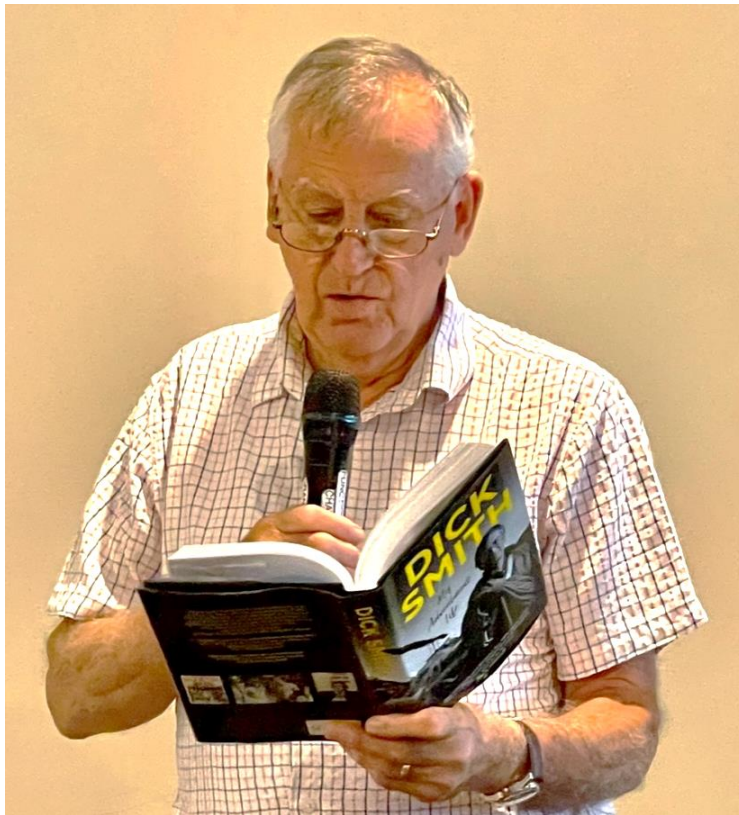
The Rotary World President has decided to hold the **2022/2023 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** in Melbourne - 27 to 31 MAY, 2023.

This would involve between 20,000 and 30,000 Rotarians visiting Melbourne. A variety of hosting strategies are being studied. Examples - a Melbourne club offering a dinner, local Rotarians treating the visitors as house guests, taking groups on trips outside Melbourne, airport movements . . . .

The Board will look into the club's abilities under the direction of Peter Gilbert. Peter is keen to hear from members.



**DICK SMITH – MY ADVENTUROUS LIFE:** In reading Dick Smith's autobiography, David De La Coeur came across an interesting reflection on the establishment of Life Education. For many years Preston Rotary basically



organized the financing etc. of the Melbourne North Eastern branch under the direction of P.P.Carla Finocchiaro.

Life Ed, begun by Ted Noffs in Sydney, saw **Dick Smith** join with valuable assistance especially in finance. Hence its successful establishment and then its Australia-wide development.

David quoted from the book that Life Ed now educates over 700,000 annually.

**ASSISTANCE SOUGHT – PLAYGROUND DEMOLITION:** (Excerpt from Peter Peyton's email to members 22/2) *"As chair of International Service, I am looking for any members with some time to spare, to assist in the packing of play equipment into a container or to help dismantle a playground. This is an International project but any club member or others willing to help, will be appreciated".*

**Peter: 0419 18 06 42**

## **WAR and PEACE**

Situated in different parts of the world, **ROTARY PEACE CENTRES** offer tailor-made curricula to train individuals devoted to peace-building and conflict resolution. The Centres are located in:

Bangkok-Thailand, Bradford-England, Queensland-Australia,  
Uppsala-Sweden, North Carolina-USA, Tokyo-Japan, Kampala-Uganda

JOE MORRIS was the emergency substitute for the programmed speaker who had Covid problems.

Joe served up a double sided page with 21 questions covering Australian geography, place names, historical dates, cinematographic history and on it went. Each question had three or four possible answers and the time allotted for completion by all present was 10 minutes!

Outstanding champion for the event was **Peter Byrne** with only 2 errors! Peter also took first prize at the Christmas questionnaire.



**N.B. EVENING DINNER MEETING, March 2. 6.30 for 7pm.**

**No daytime meeting.**

**EMBRACING CHANGE - DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022:** The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville. **PEPPERS HOTEL**, 32-42 Murchison Street, 2 minutes from town centre, has been booked by Secretary 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:**

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