

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2022/23

<u>International</u> Director P. Peyton J Roose S Still E Boateng	<u>Youth</u> Director: E. Price Joe Morris P Conte N Schaber M Riel	<u>Vocational</u> Director: C. Shields N Au T Weir C Finocchiaro	<u>Community</u> Director: P. Smarrelli Julie Morris D De La Coeur C Verrocchi N Pinder G Lyons E Higgins D Sullivan	<u>Club Administration</u> Director: K. Subramanian G. Mogford
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<u>Bulletin</u> J McCarthy P Peyton P Gilbert	<u>Public Relations</u> R. McCall E Price E Higgins & any club members to assist	<u>Attendance</u> G Mogford G Mcllivenna P Smarrelli	<u>Programs</u> Joe Morris	<u>House</u> Joe Morris P. Peyton D De La Coeur
<u>Fellowship</u> Elaine Price Julie Morris P Byrne G. Mcllivenna	<u>Family of Rotary and Club History</u> P Peyton P Gilbert G Smith G Mcllivenna P Smarrelli	<u>World Conference</u> P Gilbert R McCall G Mcllivenna E Higgins G Lyons	<u>Sergeants</u> D Sullivan D De La Coeur Julie Morris Peter Byrne Peter Gilbert	<u>Rotary Information</u> P Peyton P Gilbert G Mcllivenna P Smarrelli
	<u>District Conference</u> G Mcllivenna	<u>RIMERN</u> R McCall Julie Morris Joe Morris E Price All members invited to assist in Volunteering		Secretary G Mcllivenna Treasurer F Smith Special Projects P Smarrelli

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.



Peter Lamers

14.3.2023

Noel Baker (Kilmore): *"Basically Peter managed the Children First mowing and gardening. He had his way of doing things and always worked using his talents. He always used his talents and, despite our occasional differences, he was always good fun".*

David De La Coeur: *"Give him a job to be done and it was done. Learning from his Dad, he was capable with any tool even to driving equipment to repair a dam wall at Kilmore. He enjoyed his mates and was very loyal to them all". David added: "Our thoughts today should be with Gerri and Peter's niece, Natalie. Natalie did everything for him – accompanied him to the doctor's, did all his accounts"*

Claude Verrocchi: *"He was a great human being. He had his ways but he had a big heart".*

Margaret Smith (Hon. Member and recently retired founding CEO of Children First): Margaret passed on a few thoughts sent to her from Elaine Price currently in Japan.

Elaine wrote : *"What stands out is that he always had a community spirit, something he got from his Mum and Dad and which came from within. His*



Passion for Children First, Lions and Rotary Clubs showed his deep commitment to others....a truly active member of the Youth Committee".

Margaret gave some challenging and humorous examples of his antics and giving at Kilmore and his talents and interactions with Bernie and Sec.Geoff in those early days. Margaret spoke of his recent help in resettling Lovely, the mother of the conjoined twins – *"a wonderful spirit of generosity"*.

Noel Baker and Margaret Smith

President Ruth Mc Call: *"Some people come through your life and they touch you very deeply. We had a lovely friendship. He would give me a lot of stick and I would give it right back to him. He was always like a brother. Some people fly under the radar and they don't blow their own trumpet. That was Peter. I am going to really miss Peter".*

FROM THE CLUB BULLETIN – 20/10/21

PETER LAMERS has now been inducted as an active member of Preston Rotary. Over his years, Peter has been present with Gerri and Bernie in hardworking, much of it in Rotary service.

A large proportion of this has been with Children First Foundation from its very beginnings to this present day.

David De La Coeur described Peter as the perfect example of Service Above Self – volunteering his strengths wherever work was to be done. Mighty has been his volunteer service at the Kilmore Retreat - from its early works organized by Secretary Geoff to the present day - regularly working on such areas as garden/field maintenance and water tank controller. Another big **Welcome Peter!**

Peter's funeral will be held on TUESDAY MARCH 21ST, 11AM, at St Francis Xavier Church (86 Mayona Road Montmorency).

Burial will be at the Eltham Cemetery then followed by the wake with light lunch at Ballara Receptions 1435 Main Road Eltham.

The Rosary and viewing for anybody who may like to attend, will be held on Monday 20th March, 5.30pm, at the St Francis Xavier Church.

*Imagine, a world that deserves our best;
where we get up each day knowing that we
can make a difference.*

RI President Jennifer Jones

THE ROTARY FAMILY

THE EAGLE HAS LANDED: Yes Joan Roose is back home from India and members were able to welcome her at last Wednesday's meeting.

All wish her a great rejuvenation while back in Melbourne after a longish stint away.





INDUCTION:

Carla Finocchiaro 22/3/2000

CLUB NEWS

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

22 March	Anthony Peyton	Recycling
29 March	Andrew Atkinson	Police Veterans



JACOBS WELL TRIVIA NIGHT: Friday, March 24, Melbourne Bowls Club, Union Street, Windsor, 6.30 for 7.30PM. Pre book your burger or donate via Booking Tickets. <https://www.trybooking.com/CFWBO>

Weekly Roster February - March 2023

If unable to attend please find substitute

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Mar-22	Elaine Price	Gary Mogford Norbet Schaber	Julie Morris	Carla Finocchiaro
Mar-29	Peter Peyton	Peter Lamers Natalie Au	Peter Byrne	Claude Verrocchi

UKRAINE CRISIS CHARITY CONCERT: From soaring arias to intricate instrumental solos and a rich Ukrainian musical repertoire, this special event provides a powerful insight into the Ukraine's unique cultural identity and rich history while raising funds towards the current crisis in the Ukraine.



This is an event for Aussies to unite in their sorrow as scenes so upsetting are being viewed of a distant country's sufferings. Saturday March 25, 7.30-8.30pm. St Michael's Uniting Church, 120 Collins St. Melb. \$30. [- Try Booking](#)

SUNBURY ROTARY - 50: Celebrations Saturday April 1, 2023. Time: 7pm to 10pm. Donation: \$70 per person. Location: Roomba's Mt Aitkin, 33 Cadana Road, Gisborne South.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CFNBB>

BUNNINGS BARBIE: 8th April – Easter Saturday

NATHALIA ROTARY 60th: The club will celebrate with an evening at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve, Saturday 15th April at 6.30pm. A 2 course meal at \$35 per head. Prestonians and friends most welcome – RSVP 12th April by 6pm.

[Contact Loula Oliver – 0418 147 977.](#)

GALA BALL: The response has been great. Currently the club has a full table and can expand on that. Feel free to join in at the Children First Annual GALA BALL Friday, 28 April 2023. Just contact Sec. Geoff.

Standard tickets are available only until April 4! \$2750 for a table of 10 guests, \$275.00 per person single tickets. Corporate packages are available.

events@childrenfirstfoundation.org.au



PLEASE TAKE ON BOARD the recent mail outs from Sec. Geoff. Interesting and essential study matter for all, especially Committee directors and members.

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The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:

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