

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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**District** 9790

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## BULLETIN

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

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

**AFGHANISTAN:** In these extremely sad days a special thought goes to all those Aussie personnel – armed and civilian – who have laboured over many years to bring peaceful living to the people of Afghanistan.



The heroic services they have given merit both our sincerest recognition and deepest gratitude.

### **SPEAKER LAST WEEK**

**FINANCIAL PLANNING AND HEALTH NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS:** A large title and necessarily so as it covers a very wide field of financial intricacies and persons' mental and physical health needs. Club member **PAUL CONTE** is a specialty advisor with H&FI and his talk demonstrated the essential value of his work. The aims are to assist people in finding solutions best suited to their unique situations and to alleviate the anxiety of dealing with the financial, social welfare and social service systems.

Paul's sees his work vocation as *"We help clients live well by configuring their resources in an enduring way that harnesses their abilities to preserve their rights and wealth. Our objective is to make life less confusing, promote autonomy and provide the right to a dignified life".*



**Health & Finance**

**I N T E G R A T E D**

He took all through the challenges that persons with disabilities face, especially the under 35s. His clients present with needing guidance with income, housing and support while in independent living. His task is to select the appropriate structure. He has to balance taxation, insurance payout,

social/public housing, Centrelink connections – lodging the disability claim and directing the 'how to use'.

H&FI centres around claim rights between health and finance especially as the client progresses through the age range (parents, grandparents....). Referrals are by word of mouth and a few specialty law firms. As Paul described the demands deriving from various disabilities his audience grew in the understanding of the value of his professional skills and services

## **COMING MEETINGS**

**August 25 on Zoom @ 12.30pm**

**WEBINAR at August 25 meeting:** The Webinar is entitled "Steps to Success" and is run by Fiona Biedermann. Fiona is a Business Change Leadership Coach and is District Chairperson for District 9510 in S.A. Peter Byrne will "Share" the Webinar for all to view at the meeting next week.

President Chris notes *"We will be viewing this informative webinar at our Aug. 25th meeting. Fiona discusses the 3 "C's" of successful leadership: Collaboration, Communication and Commitment: hallmarks for dynamic Rotary clubs. It promises to be great viewing."*

## **THE ROTARY FAMILY**



**Joe Morris 26/8/15**



**Nicole Kirwan 31/8**

In these times **MARGARET AND NEIL GRIERSON** are both receiving substantial medical dosages. Neil was club president 93/94 and when possible has attempted to attend major club events with Margaret. Cheers from all to both in these challenging times.

**JOAN ROOSE** is still getting her Melbourne land-legs settled – Melbourne, vaccinations etc. Of course Joan still carries the burdens of the semi-locked down school back in India with the Covid threat, management and student wellbeing. Best wishes Joan and, as the lockdowns are teaching us, just take your time and breathe easy.

**ALL NATIONS PARK:** The beautiful outdoor space in Northcote has developed as part also of the club's history. This is mainly due to the late **PP Paul Josephson's** Anzac Day breakfasts run over many years by club members and friends. The breakfasts are a popular feature following the annual well-attended Anzac Day Dawn Service. Paul's name features on the Anzac memorial Wall in gratitude for his services.

Recently the gardens took a new step in the club's great history. This was after a dramatic performance by **PP Lisa Defazio**. While out walking Polar, the family dog, Lisa tripped and suffered a painful and badly broken ankle. Now in home confinement she is featuring a large fashionable leather boot. The repair will take 5/6 weeks and all join her and Paul with a nice shiraz as a toast to a less painful and speedier recovery.



## **CLUB NEWS**

**THE UPPER MURRAY GETAWAY PROGRAMME** was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Albury West to give an uplifting break to those who lost all in the 20/21 devastating bush fires. The Chair of the programme, Ken Davenport, has sent Preston Rotary a thanks for the small part it played.



50 family applications were received and all were given a 2 night family stay at



the Quest Apartment in Albury. Add on meal vouchers for La Maison Restaurant, gift cards, Bunnings and fuel vouchers . . .

In all, a brilliant lift for those fire effected families. Over \$34,000 was raised in the District while the District Bushfire Recovery Committee also did its part.

**ROTARY OVERSEAS RECYCLING PROGRAMME:** In connection with this recently publicised programme, Rotarian Peter Peyton and the International Committee are currently inspecting, sizing up and assessing three Melbourne playgrounds. Peter reports and asks:

*“The International committee has investigated the opportunity to become involved in the recycling of playgrounds. At this point one site has been inspected and photographed ready for the preparation of a plan. A second site has taken the process further with the playground item being coloured coded and marked to identify how the playground can be reassembled at a later date.*

*The process from this last visit is to have the playground dismantled and transported to a point of safe keeping. When our club reaches this point in the process a safe storage place will be required and we are asking if anyone would have such a place to use.*

*It is planned that 5 playgrounds could be stored in a container ready to be shipped overseas. I therefore ask if anyone might be aware of such storage space that could be used for this purpose”.*



**CHILDREN FIRST VIRTUAL EVENT – SUN. 19 SEPT. 11.45AM:**

**Host:** Marianne Van Dorslar –Television & Radio Personality

**Speaker:** Professor Ton Trang, MBBS, FRACS– Orthopaedic Surgeon

**Entertainment:** Josh Batten - Musician **Food:** A gourmet lunch hamper

from **acclaimed French chef Romu Oudeyer**, including canapés and 2 delicious courses. We will also pop in a piccolo of Champagne to start the party.

**All for just \$115 per person.**

Our amazing raffle and auction will be held via an online platform. We will send a link about a week before the event. This will allow you to jump online, buy raffle tickets and even get in an early bid on any item that catches your eye!

Hamper pick-ups will be on 18th September from a range of Metro Melbourne and Mornington hubs to suit you - hub locations will be added to, based on ticket sale locations.

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**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022:** The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville in the Yarra Valley.

Hotel bookings with Sec. Geoff Site for Conference Bookings:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=741289&>

**BARBIES:** Barbies are for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month from September to December – Covid19 permitting. Masks worn at all times.

**Sept. 11; Oct. 9; Nov. 13; Dec. 11.**

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Info to/from Ruth McCall or Lisa Defazio.

**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.**