

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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**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.**

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CLUB ADMINISTRATION: Gerry Lyons

<p><u>Youth Exchange</u> E Price P Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Bulletin</u> J McCarthy P Peyton P Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Fundraising & Circus QuirkuS</u> Chair: W O'Neill F Smith G Mcllvenna P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Attendance</u> G Mogford G Mcllvenna P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Cashiers</u> P Gilbert N Schaber G Mogford E Price P Conte M Walsh</p>	<p><u>Programmes</u> G Mogford R McCall P Smarrelli P Gilbert</p>
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SPEAKERS LAST WEEK

BOLOGNA BOUND: At last week's dinner meeting, Members were fortunate to meet up with 4 students and one staff member from Thornbury High School. Students Leo, Mathilda, Greta and Jaspar are off to Bologna, Italy, as one side of a 5 week Exchange programme. Students from Bologna will be arriving shortly from Bologna.

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Teacher Paul has been with Thornbury High for 10 years after a previous appointment at Northcote High over 11 years. Paul and each of the students addressed those present. Thornbury High has been active in the Exchange programme over the past 10 years.

All 4 students spoke of their hopes both to develop their specific interests and to meet up with and make long term friends.

Paul was full of praise for the programme and the assistance in both local and foreign arrangements given by Rotary.



FAMILY OF ROTARY

Wayne O'Neill 21/4/93



Carla Finocchiaro 17/04

CLUB NEWS



RIMERN: The Club luncheon for April 16 will be at RIMERN. Rimern has a factory site corner of Lincoln St. (32) and Moreland Road, East Brunswick. Parking probably the best in Moreland Road . Time is 12 for 12.30. Anyone wishing to give a hand with loading after the meeting is welcome. Speaker will be Susie Cole.

Upcoming Speakers

April 16	Rimern N.B. Location at Rimern not RSL	Susie Cole
April 23	Wheelchairs for Kids	Russell Hayes

District Governor Elect 9790 Emma Davis, has kindly accepted an invitation to attend the Club for lunch on May 28th, 2025, to hear the presentation for **“AMBER’S WHITE LIGHT”**.

A young lady, Amber Wraith, committed suicide. Her parents have set up a foundation to help our youth get early intervention re Mental Health support. Present at the club luncheon will be D.G.E. Emma and Amber’s parents Tamara and Richard Wraith.

BUNNINGS BARBIE: No barbies at Bunnings during April.

RESERVOIR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE: Foodbank delivery 9.15am Tuesday, 15th April.

Rotary Presidents, the Rotary Club of Rutherglen is once again organising a **“VINTAGE BIKE RIDE”**, on Saturday 26th April 2025, to which we hope to attract many Rotarians. The ride (which is not onerous) provides an opportunity to visit the North-East Victoria Wine Country and support fund raising for good causes including the Australian Paralympic Cycling Team and the Country Fire Authority.

BLISTER PACKS – Chemist Warehouse has taken over the collecting of those packs members were bringing to meetings. Julie and Jack Morris thank all those who were saving the packs and bringing them to the Wednesday meetings. Now Julie asks all collectors to use the facilities at any Chemist Warehouse store.



Julie advises all that she is still accepting used stamps which she sells to pass on finance to Wheelchairs For Kids.

BOLOGNA is the lively, historic capital of the Emilia-Romagna region, in northern Italy. Its Piazza Maggiore is a sprawling plaza lined with arched colonnades, cafes and medieval and Renaissance structures such as City Hall, the Fountain of Neptune and the Basilica di San Petronio. Among the city’s many medieval towers are the Two Towers, leaning Asinelli and Garisenda. Bologna is the largest city of the Emilia-Romagna region in northern Italy. It is the seventh most populous city in Italy, with about 400,000.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: from John Dowling, President – Camberwell Regional Council.

“I am writing to thank you for the generosity of providing a large quantity of Lego that we were able to distribute to needy children in the Camberwell Region as well as to those in South Melbourne during the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, 2024.

Please find enclosed a Certificate of Appreciation as a gesture of pour gratitude. Best wishes for the year ahead for your Club.”

Weekly Roster April - June 2025

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Apr-16		Meeting @ Rimern		
Apr-23	Eileen Stevens	Norbet Schaber & Kannan Subramanian	Gerry Lyons	Paul Smarrelli
Apr-30	Chris Shields	Peter Gilbert & Peter Peyton	David De La Coeur	Joan Roose
May-07	Hassan Abdulkadir	Kannan Subramanian & Peter Gilbert	David Sullivan	Joan Roose
May-14	Carla Finocchiaro	Norbet Schaber & Gary Mogford	Max Walsh	Chris Shields
May-21	Suzanne Still	Peter Gilbert & Joan Roose	Gerry Lyons	Kannan Subramanian
May-28	Chris Shields	Norbet Schaber & Paul Smarrelli	David De La Coeur	Elaine Price
Jun-04	Peter Peyton	Norbet Schaber & Gary Mogford	Max Walsh	Chris Shields
Jun-11	Eileen Stevens	Kannan Subramanian & Gary Mogford	Gerry Lyons	Paul Smarrelli
Jun-18	Hassan Abdulkadir	Paul Smarrelli & Gary Mogford	David De La Coeur	Elaine Price

PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Pride OF WORKMANSHIP AWARD has been finalized and Chris Shields is aiming to have the presentation at the club meeting June 11. Also, there is in the planning a tour of the Hospitality facilities at the Polytechnic late in April or early May.

RIMERN: The Club luncheon for April 16 will be at RIMERN.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – ALBURY 2025 – April 11-13

Secretary Geoff has booked 14 rooms for Club attendees. The location is in Kiewa Street, Albury, and the name is **Meramie Motor Inn**. Please note there is a change in payment for rooms: Full payment is required when checking in.



ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE:- The morning breakfast was introduced to the Northcote service at All Nations Park, Northcote (Separation Street), by Rotarian Paul Josephson somewhere around 2013. Paul is now with God but often times members can happily welcome Pauline at Preston gatherings.

On the 25th of April 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula. These became known as Anzacs. The pride they took in that name continues to this day. The Anzacs landed on Gallipoli and met fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders.

Their plan was to knock Turkey out of the war. This quickly became a stalemate and the campaign dragged on for eight months.

For those who have volunteered on April 25, setting up begins at 4am. The service at 6am and the serving at the barbie after that. The 4 Exchange students present at last week's meeting will be handing out poppies to the public.

Club Website addresses:

The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000, A/c 154 200 034

For member donations - Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

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