

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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## BULLETIN

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## SPEAKER LAST WEEK



This was a replay of a webinar entitled "**STEPS TO SUCCESS**". It was run by Fiona Biedermann, a Rotarian of St. Peters Club in South Australia. Members viewed the webinar and followed it with numerous observations. The webinar was easy to follow and members found it both challenging

and also most analytic of Preston's current functioning. Fiona kept to her presentation plan.

Her address was based on the 3 C's for successful leadership and then an examination of a critical alignment model. Firstly, the 3 C's:

1. **Communication**. It is essential that all actions and decisions within the club be clearly explained as to what and why. A new member enters a meeting. Are they greeted as someone special? Are they well settled? With the passage of time are they included in club decisions, club needs and club actions? Are matters being dealt with clearly exposed to all members in a clear and educational manner? Is there a structure for choosing new ideas/projects?
2. **Collaboration** – bringing people together within the club, other clubs, service groups and with other communities and businesses.
3. **Commitment** – *"walking our own talk"*. The club must live its' own beliefs and behaviours; actually doing what is being talked about. At times it may mean getting out of a comfort zone and doing things a bit differently.

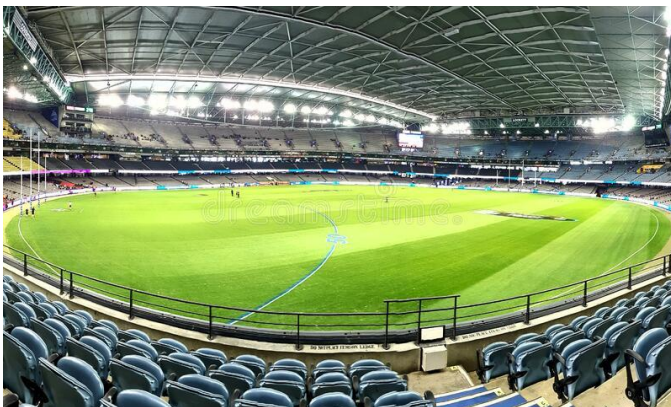
Then using the critical alignment model Fiona gave 4 headings:

1. **Environment** – a visitor or a new member walks into the club – how do they feel, what do they hear, what do they see? She then gave an example of a poorly treated potential buyer who entered a car dealership.
2. **Structure** enables people to take action, it enables understanding and involvement in discussions and decisions. It continually examines processes of education for new members. It studies the management of

new ideas and projects. It offers clear plans for members taking on new roles and tasks.

3. **Implement** – the need for true discussion, group decision-making in order that all members are a part of what is being done. It means sharing, involving, engaging and spreading the workload and sharing outside the club.
4. **People** – at times ‘outsiders’ can equivocate to *“It’s our joy and no-one needs to know”!* The key to a club’s demise! Publicity is not bragging. It’s sharing a needful good successful story, the key to growth. People are the heart and soul of Rotary. Passion, motivation and mentorship.

Following Fiona’s presentation there followed many positive observations – new ideas get all more excited, industry has been bypassed, showcasing is up to each member and then *“would you like to be involved?”*



**AFL, Paralympics, International Tennis, Sporting Personnel have all contributed to Aussie entertainment during these tough times. Let’s thank them all for their**

**ongoing efforts. In the meantime, *UP THERE CAZALY!***

## **COMING MEETINGS**

**September 1 on Zoom @ 12.30pm**

**Sept 1: Calm - Alexander Michailidis Chair: E. Price**

**Sept 8: Forest Resener - Virtual Guest from Stove International  
Chair: P. Smarrelli**

**Alexander Michailidis** is an 18-year-old university student who founded CALM Youth in 2019 whilst in year 11. It has now significantly grown providing motivation and inspiration to hundreds of kids all over the world. CALM Youth gives kids the opportunity to develop themselves through reflection and activities.

## **THE ROTARY FAMILY**

**AHMED KELLY** has been a part of Preston Rotary since members met him, his brother Emmanuel and Moira Kelly on their arrival at Tullamarine in 2000.

Today all are thrilled with his silver medal in the Tokyo Paralympic Games. Training at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, his favourite event was the 150 metres freestyle in which he scored his silver.



**Geoff McIlvenna 2/7**



**Gerry and Frank Smith 9/7**

## CLUB NEWS

**CLUB HEALTH CHECK:** Paul Smarrelli has circulated to all members a detailed Club Health Check. Paul writes: *“Many of the items in this Health Check can be used for discussions at our next Club Open Forum sessions. Please Take time, conduct the assessment, you will enjoy it and let me know your thoughts of the assessment tool and your total score”.*



**ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA:** RAM's Annual Conference will be virtual, live on Zoom. Dates: 11-12 Sat. 13 Nov. and 10-12.30. Sun 14 Nov. Book now: [Ram.rawcs.com.au/2021conference](https://Ram.rawcs.com.au/2021conference)

### **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.

In the current year **I.N.C.F.** has received 18 applications for grants through The Pathways to Employment Grants Program. 15 will receive a share in \$150,000. The grants go to local community groups which have the aim of preparing unemployed with skills and trades giving them the chance of overcoming current barriers and obtaining employment.



The recent club mail-out offers a review of some of those groups and their operations.

Over many years the club has had an investment in INCF and it is valuable that members learn more of INCF's operations. A typical example would be a grant to The Bridge Darebin (Preston Neighbourhood House).

**(photo) Learning the trade: taking the order, charging the customer, making the coffee, serving – all is leading to employment!**

**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 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

**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.**