

**ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.**  
**District 9790**

CHARTER GRANTED 21-12-1960  
PO Box 299, Preston, 3072

Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm  
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Frank Smith, David De La Coeur, Rosemary Wilcox, Chris Shields,  
Peter Peyton, Carla Finocchiaro, Wayne O'Neill, Kannan Subramanian

## Rotary Club of Preston – Past Presidents

|         |                               |           |                      |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 1960-61 | Alf Bean                      | 1988-89   | Max Kirwan           |
| 1961-62 | Bruce Connan                  | 1989-90   | Paul Smarrelli       |
| 1962-63 | Oliver Roberts                | 1990-91   | Ted Begg             |
| 1963-64 | Royce Kronberg                | 1991-92   | Paul Josephson       |
| 1964-65 | Perc Cleland                  | 1992-93   | Peter Gilbert        |
| 1965-66 | Ron Grierson                  | 1993-94   | Neil Grierson        |
| 1966-67 | Marc Crampton                 | 1994-95   | Geoff McIlvenna      |
| 1967-68 | Ken Land                      | 1995-96   | John McInnes         |
| 1968-69 | Ray Brabham                   | 1996-97   | Constantine Panoussi |
| 1969-70 | John Hunting/<br>Dave Harding | 1997-98   | Les Woodland         |
| 1970-71 | Ian Cleland                   | 1998-99   | Rod Draper           |
| 1971-72 | Hilary Ellis                  | 1999-2000 | Trevor Wilson        |
| 1972-73 | Roy Kilkenny                  | 2000-01   | Rosemary Wilcox      |
| 1973-74 | Keith Gibbs                   | 2001-02   | Ian Musgrove         |
| 1974-75 | Eric Thornton                 | 2002-03   | Peter Peyton         |
| 1975-76 | Vin Ross                      | 2003-04   | Bernie Lamers        |
| 1976-77 | Arthur Morgan                 | 2004-05   | Lindsay Gale         |
| 1977-78 | Arthur Grubb                  | 2005-06   | Carla Finocchiaro    |
| 1978-79 | Bryan Steele                  | 2006-07   | Richard Gozdzik      |
| 1979-80 | Laurie Bryant/<br>Don Andrews | 2007-08   | Les Price            |
| 1980-81 | Bill Wonder                   | 2008-09   | Les Woodland         |
| 1981-82 | Jack Morris                   | 2009-10   | David Sullivan       |
| 1982-83 | Keith Porter                  | 2010-11   | Rosemary Wilcox      |
| 1983-84 | Norm Griffiths                | 2011-12   | David de la Coeur    |
| 1984-85 | David Warry                   | 2012-13   | Peter Fitz           |
| 1985-86 | Vin Murphy                    | 2013-2014 | Peter Byrne          |
| 1987-88 | Sandy Mead                    |           |                      |

## ROTARY GRACE



O Lord and Giver of all good  
we thank Thee for our daily food.  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways  
help us to serve Thee all our days.

## ***SPEAKER LAST WEEK***

**SPAN COMMUNITY HOUSE:** (64 Clyde st Thornbury).



**SPAN** is an ultra-dynamic hub of community and adult learning in the heart of Thornbury, providing access to innovative resources through learning programmes and community development activities.

Speaker **Colleen Duggan**, manager of Span, tabled a booklet with an extensive list of learning and activities programmes stretching from *Improved Employment or Study Paths* to *Singing for Pleasure*.

The Brotherhood of St Laurence opened Span in 1978 particularly for Senior Citizens. Modern approaches saw the house converted into a Neighbourhood House. As for most Neighbourhood Houses (400 in Victoria), Span is governed by an independent board and is run by paid staff and volunteers. Funding comes from State and Council Grants and private donations. Span has a turnover of circa \$260,000.

Colleen dispelled the idea that Neighbourhood Houses were solely for the disadvantaged. On the contrary. While the larger part is centred on the disadvantaged, Span caters for all. Once the need is established the House sets about providing. This is done at lower fees than in the larger learning centres and with equal or higher quality.

As illustrated above, Colleen highlighted the *Sensitive Santa* of last Christmas. This was for children with autism and other such challenges. Often Santas are found in noisy, busy and rushed shopping centres. Darebin Council financed a Sensitive Santa where the children could spend quiet time with Santa without cameras and the like. An outstanding success it was.



Colleen's presentation was a clear and most helpful insight for all present.

## NOTES AND NEWS

\* As was mentioned by Sergeant De La Coeur last week - to leave the speaker's hand-outs or other circulated material on the table after the meeting merits a hefty fine. Photographic evidence will be used to enforce the fine.



\* **FEB 11 CLUB MEETING** will see the presence of Bruce West of International Entertainment (Circus Quirkus). He will be happy to respond to questions or receive suggestions. Please pre-advise President Elaine.

\* The District monthly magazine ***Spotlight*** (January) has an updated list of speakers and events at the Conference 2015, all well worthy of a few minutes study. Interesting to note a second appearance of the amazing Gemma Sisia who has established an extensive education centre in Uganda.



\* **ALSO** in ***Spotlight*** an article written by Exchange Student Raquel Roepcke for the Rotary Club of Belvoir-Wodonga Weekly Bulletin. It is entitled *I*. Raquel's first sentence is then followed by 20 questions! Well done Raquel! Sympathies to the editor who omitted 2 question-marks.

\* **JOINT CLUBS MEETING - Partners night**, Feb. 18, at Watsonia RSL. Geoff McIlvenna is taking bookings. See: *Looking Forward*.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** The Darebin Ethnic Communities Council expressed thanks for the Club's support at the East Reservoir Community Celebration at the end of last year.



Also the Northern Area Mental Health Services (Community Teams South and Central) communicated its appreciation of the Club's assistance for the 2014 Consumer Christmas Party.

\* **GUEST SPEAKERS:** Only one vacancy remains in March. Ian Musgrove is happy to receive suggestions as also for the following months.



### ***FAMILY OF ROTARY***

|                     |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Wedding Ann.</b> | Marilyn and Les Woodland 14/2 |
| <b>Rotary Ann.</b>  | David De La Coeur 14/2        |

**VISITOR LAST WEEK:** Con Yancos (Kannan Subramanian)

### ***LOOKING FORWARD***

**FEBRUARY (New RI Calendar)**  
**PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION**  
**MONTH**

**JOINT EVENING MEETING -R.C. PRESTON-PASCOE VALE-**  
BUNDOORA-Whittlesea-Moreland,  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, Watsonia RSL, Morwell Ave.  
Speaker Andrew Hiem. Drinks at bar prices.  
No day-meeting for Preston on this day.



**BOLLYWOOD NIGHT:** Café Saffron, South Morang, 6.30 for 7pm, Feb. 28, 2015. \$60 a head with drinks supplied and, if western food is required, please mention when booking. Contacts: Asha Pahuja and David De La Coeur.

**ROTARY TODAY CONFERENCE:** Wangaratta, 19-22 March, 2015.

**BOARD MEETING** this Thursday, February 12.

## **DIARY DATES**

| DATE           |          |  |
|----------------|----------|--|
| <b>Feb. 11</b> | Chair    | Paul Josephson                           |
|                | Speaker  | <b>Kevin Trask</b>                       |
|                | Topic    | <b>Myself in the Media</b>               |
|                | Welcomes | Asha Pahuja                              |
|                | House    | Norm Pinder                              |
|                | Sergeant | David Sullivan                           |
| <b>Feb. 18</b> |          | <b>Evening Meet<br/>@Watsonia R.S.L.</b> |
| <b>Feb. 25</b> | Chair    | David Warry                              |
|                | Speaker  | Greg Quinn                               |
|                | Topic    | BrainLink                                |
|                | Welcomes | Peter Gilbert                            |
|                | House    | Norbert Schaber                          |
|                | Sergeant | Ian Musgrove                             |
| <b>March 4</b> | Chair    | Peter Byrne                              |
|                | Speaker  | Brett Allchin                            |
|                | Topic    | Rotarian behind the Badge                |

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## Rotary Club of Preston COMMITTEES 2014-15

| INTERNATIONAL                 | YOUTH SERVICES                  | VOCATIONAL                     | COMMUNITY                          | CLUB ADMINISTRATION         |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHAIR:<br>Peter Byrne         | CHAIR:<br>Chris Shields         | CHAIR:<br>Carla Finocchiaro    | CHAIR:<br>Rosemary Wilcox          | CHAIR:<br>Paul Smarrelli    |
| DEPUTY CHAIR:<br>Asha Pahuja  | DEPUTY CHAIR<br>Lenore Thornton | DEPUTY CHAIR<br>Frank Smith    | DEPUTY CHAIR<br>Kannan Subramanian | Cashiers                    |
| Bernie Lamers                 | David Sullivan                  | David Warry                    | Paul Josephson                     | Joy Crampton                |
| Norm Pinder                   | Ken Kirby                       | Ian Musgrove                   | Wayne O'Neill                      | David Warry                 |
| Gary Mogford                  | Paul Donovan                    | Kapil Argarwal                 | Joy Crampton                       | Kapil Argarwal              |
|                               |                                 | Les Woodland                   |                                    | Norbert Schaber<br>(Backup) |
| FOUNDATION                    | MEMBERSHIP &<br>CLASSIFICATIONS | FUNDRAISING &<br>CIRCUS QUIRKS | Public<br>Relations                | House                       |
| CHAIR:<br>Peter Peyton        | CHAIR:<br>David de la Coeur     | CHAIR:<br>Wayne O'Neill        | CHAIR:<br>Kannan Subramanian       | Norm Pinder                 |
| DEPUTY CHAIR<br>Peter Gilbert | DEPUTY CHAIR<br>Norbert Schaber | Peter Gilbert                  | Ian Musgrove                       | Norbert Schaber             |
| John McCarthy                 | Geoff McIlvenna                 | Les Woodland                   | Bernie Lamers                      | John McCarthy               |
|                               | Les Woodland                    | Asha Pahuja                    |                                    |                             |
| Bulletin                      | IT/Website                      | Attendance                     | Sergeants                          | Welcomes                    |
| John McCarthy                 | Kannan Subramanian              | Gary Mogford                   | David Sullivan                     | Bernie Lamers               |
| Lenore Thornton               | Paul Josephson                  | Peter Peyton                   | Ian Musgrove                       | Carla Finocchiaro           |
| Peter Gilbert                 | David De La Coeur               | Ken Kirby                      | Lenore Thornton                    | John McCarthy               |
| Fellowship                    | Club History                    | Family of Rotary               | Les Woodland                       | Asha Pahuja                 |
| Paul Josephson                | Paul Smarrelli                  | Peter Peyton                   | David De La Coeur                  | Peter Gilbert               |
| Bernie Lamers                 | Peter Gilbert                   | Elaine Price                   |                                    | Norbert Schaber             |
| Geoff McIlvenna               | Paul Josephson                  | Lenore Thornton                |                                    | Programs                    |
| Christmas Lunch               | On-to-Conference                | Life Education                 | Exodus                             | Ian Musgrove                |
| Les Woodland                  | Geoff McIlvenna                 | Carla Finocchiaro              | Rosemary Wilcox                    | Les Woodland                |

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| Paul Harris Fellows    |                 | Year Awarded                         | Paul Harris Fellows |                   | Year Awarded |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| PP                     | Alf Bean        | 17/12/1976                           | PP ▲                | Bernie Lamers     | 08/05/1997   |
| ◆ PP                   | Ron Grierson    | 22/11/1978                           | ▲ ▲                 | Gerry Lamers      | 08/05/1997   |
| ◆ PP                   | Perc Cleland    | 11/03/1981                           |                     | Norm Pinder       | 25/06/1997   |
| ◆ PP                   | Roy Kilkenny    | 07/04/1982                           |                     | Kevin Aylward     | 24/06/1998   |
| ◆ PP                   | Mark Crampton   | 10/08/1983                           | PP                  | John McInnes      | 15/09/1999   |
| PP                     | Bill Wonder     | 01/05/1985                           | PP                  | Rod Draper        | 15/09/1999   |
|                        | Laurie Jones    | 01/03/1986                           | ◆ ◆                 | John McCarthy     | 05/07/2000   |
|                        | Cliff Kendall   | 01/03/1986                           | ◆ PP                | Les Woodland      | 05/07/2000   |
| PP                     | Arthur Morgan   | 01/03/1986                           |                     | Rick Kirwan       | 26/06/2002   |
| ◆ PP                   | Jack Morris     | 01/03/1986                           | ◆                   | Wayne O'Neill     | 26/06/2002   |
| ◆ PP                   | Ian Cleland     | 24/07/1987                           | ◆                   | Frank Smith       | 26/06/2002   |
| ◆ PP                   | Ken Land        | 24/07/1987                           | ◆ PP                | Ian Musgrove      | 25/06/2003   |
| PP                     | Norm Griffiths  | 30/09/1987                           | ◆ PP                | Rosemary Wilcox   | 25/06/2003   |
| PP                     | Keith Porter    | 30/09/1987                           | PP                  | Lindsay Gale      | 12/07/2006   |
| PP                     | Bryan Steele    | 16/12/1987                           | ◆ PP                | Carla Finocchiaro | 12/07/2006   |
| PP                     | Reg Dick        | 26/04/1989                           |                     | Peter Lamers      | 12/07/2006   |
|                        | Lyall Dexter    | 27/06/1990                           | ◆                   | Elaine Price      | 04/07/2007   |
| ▲ ▲ ▲                  | Alf Osborne     | 26/06/1991                           | PP                  | Richard Gozdzik   | 28/06/2008   |
| ◆                      | Gladys Morris   | 13/05/1992                           |                     | Pauline Josephson | 16/06/2009   |
| ◆ PP                   | Vin Murphy      | 24/06/1992                           | ◆ PP                | Les Price         | 05/08/2009   |
| ◆ ◆ ◆ PP               | Peter Peyton    | 24/06/1992                           | ◆ ▲                 | Barbara Gilbert   | 15/09/2010   |
| ◆ PP                   | Max Kirwan      | 30/06/1993                           | PP                  | David Warry       | 06/2012      |
| ◆ PP                   | Paul Smarrelli  | 29/06/1994                           | PP                  | David Sullivan    | 06/2012      |
| ◆                      | Joy Crampton    | 29/06/1994                           | PP                  | Hillary Ellis     | 06/2012      |
|                        | Jess Cleland    | 28/06/1995                           | PP                  | Eric Thornton     | 06/2012      |
| ▲ PP                   | Peter Gilbert   | 28/06/1995                           | PP                  | Vin Ross          | 06/2012      |
| PP                     | Neil Grierson   | 28/06/1995                           | PP                  | Arthur Grubb      | 11/2012      |
| ◆ ◆ ◆ PP               | Paul Josephson  | 28/06/1995                           | ▲                   | Alf Armstrong     | 11/2012      |
| ◆ ◆ ◆ PP               | Geoff McIlvenna | 26/06/1995                           | ◆ PP                | David De La Coeur | 17/04/2013   |
|                        |                 |                                      |                     | Gerry Smith       | 18/12/13     |
|                        |                 |                                      |                     |                   |              |
|                        |                 |                                      |                     |                   |              |
| ◆ Denotes Sapphire Pin |                 | ▲ Denotes Ruby Pin = 6 Sapphire Pins |                     |                   |              |



## *Advance Australia Fair*

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free;  
 we've golden soil and wealth for toil; our home is girt by sea;  
 our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare;  
 in history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair.