

# **ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.**

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## **BULLETIN**

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## Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2022/23

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<u><b>Bulletin</b></u>  <b>J McCarthy</b> P Peyton P Gilbert	<u><b>Public Relations</b></u>  <b>R. McCall</b> L. Defazio E Price E Higgins & any club members to assist	<u><b>Attendance</b></u>  <b>G Mogford</b> G McIlvenna P Smarrelli	<u><b>Programs</b></u>  <b>Joe Morris</b>	<u><b>House</b></u>  <b>Joe Morris</b>  P Lamers P.Peyton D De La Coeur
<u><b>Fellowship</b></u>  <b>Elaine Price</b> Julie Morris P Byrne G. McIlvenna	<u><b>Family of Rotary and Club History</b></u>  <b>P Peyton</b> P Gilbert G Smith G McIlvenna P Smarrelli	<u><b>World Conference</b></u>  <b>P Gilbert</b> R McCall G McIlvenna E Higgins G Lyons	<u><b>Sergeants</b></u>  <b>D Sullivan</b> D De La Coeur Julie Morris Peter Byrne Peter Gilbert	<u><b>Rotary Information</b></u>  <b>P Peyton</b> P Gilbert G McIlvenna P Smarrelli
	<u><b>District Conference</b></u>  <b>G McIlvenna</b>	<u><b>RIMERN</b></u>  <b>R McCall</b> Julie Morris Joe Morris E Price L Defazio All members invited to assist in Volunteering		<b>Secretary</b> G McIlvenna  <b>Treasurer</b> F Smith  <b>Special Projects</b> 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.

## SPEAKER LAST WEEK

**MATT GLOVER'S** life had many transitions prior to his setting up of MGA COUNSELLING SERVICES. To mention a few of his past occupations: chemistry training and working with Dulux Paints; full time ministry in the Baptist Church; specialised Pastoral Care in diverse fields; a Masters in Counselling.



Now Matt is involved with many overseeing committees assisting other counsellors, psychologists, spiritual carers, social workers. A main direction of his work is training specialists in LGBTIQ issues and culture – the field of his recent address.

While himself not being gay, Matt found his initial involvement with the gay community after many years of observing the systematic, exclusionist, down-grading treatment given persons openly professing their gay characters. He gave examples which were most atrocious and yet quite believable. While working in the Baptist ministry his aim was to make everyone welcome.



However, it was too early for the leadership at that time, mainly in dealings with members of the LGBTIQ community. Stories of exclusion he heard tell were *'horrificing and would break one's heart'*. He summed up the enforced homelessness, mental traumas and health issues resulting as *"the suffering of those not permitted to live their lives as themselves"*.

All of the above has led him to his establishing MGC where a high percentage of his clients are from the LGBTIQ community. Before closing, Matt had advice for Rotarians and their clubs. Matt outlined as with his own practice,

Rotarians have a part to play – *“to welcome people for who they are and let people know they are welcome. Encourage them to be themselves . . . to live as they see themselves”.*

**MGA:** behind the Now and Not Yet Cafe, 148-150 Yarra Street Warrandyte and 1036 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster East VIC 3109



## THE ROTARY FAMILY

**VISITING** Melbourne town last week were Sandgropers **Carolyn and Les Woodland**. Both looking great, they also brought with them some West Coast sunshine.

Preston members very much appreciate their on-going contact despite the 3,499km separation. This time their transport was by air.

**BACK HOME** after her Tour of Duty at her Jacob's Well Foundation in Odisha, India, is Rotarian **Joan Roose**.

Obviously happy to be at last week's meeting, Joan is looking forward to these coming months under the presidency of Ruth McCall.





**Bruce West 2/8**

**Norm Pinder 7/8**



**Peter Byrne 5/8/2009**



**Katie and Paul Conti 6/8**

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULES**

### **SPEAKERS:**

- August 3: A.G. Pat Solibakke: Regionalization of Rotary Clubs –  
Chair Ruth McCall
- August 10: Karin Williams, Bert Williams, Koori Youth Programme –  
Chair Lisa Defazio
- August 17: Lydia Schurer – Senior Practice Lead  
Chair Gary Mogford
- August 24: D.G. Elect David McPherson  
Chair Peter Gilbert
- August 31: Club Forum  
Chair Elaine Price

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DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
3rd August	Peter Byrne	Gary Mogford Peter Gilbert	Max Walsh	Ruth McCall
10th August	Paul Smarrelli	Ian Musgrove Chris Shields	David De La Coeur	Lisa Defazio
17th August	Peter Gilbert	Natalie Au Norbet Schaber	Paul Smarrelli	Gary Mogford
24th August	Peter Peyton	Carla Finocchiaro Gary Mogford	Norbet Schaber	Peter Gilbert
31st August	Max Walsh	Peter Byrne Natalie Au	Peter Peyton	Elaine Price

**If you can't make a duty  
please swap with someone**

## **CLUB INFO**

**CIRCUS QUIRKUS CALL OUT:** This year's Circus Quirkus will be in a smaller



venue: **Thornbury Theatre: 859 High St Thornbury.** Wayne O'Neill is keen for Rotary Preston to be very visible (In HIGH VIZ Jackets!) - to fly the Rotary Flag so to speak! Mark it down. The theatre is on the first floor and chair attendants will be vital.

There will be 6 LIVE shows:

Sunday 14th Aug - 11 am, 1.30 and 4.30pm

Monday 15 Aug- 10:30 am, 1 and 5.30pm.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT DENILQUIN 2023 - MARCH 17-19**

**ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA):** Would you like to discover some of the RYLA secrets and get a taste of the conference that has changed so many young lives for the better? We are offering all Rotarians and partners the opportunity to be part of a mini RYLA and take away the same excitement and joy, in the hope that your experience, will assist you in finding RYLA candidates, and in developing key skills that will assist in the journey of life.

Sunday, 14 August 2022, 10am to 3pm. Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School, 94 Weidlich Road, Eltham North. \$15 lunch

<https://ryla9790.org.au/taste/>

**DONATE TO ROTARY FOUNDATION:** Become a fundraiser for RF. Look up **Raise For Rotary.**

- \* For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \* \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \* \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

## Join us at the Spring into Spring Luncheon

Supporting Children First Foundation

**When: 11:45am, Sunday, 21 August 2022**

**Where: Metropolitan Golf Club, Oakleigh**

[www.childrenfirstfoundation.org.au](http://www.childrenfirstfoundation.org.au)



**Thanks to those who remembered the cane basket collection for Christmas at Rimern. The basket will be there weekly for whenever a member remembers through to December – great.**

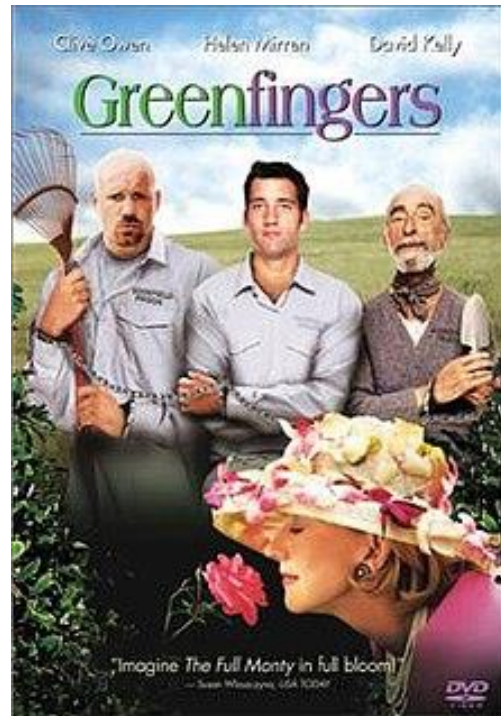
**(Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network).**



The Global Gardens of Peace is hosting another fundraising event for **Yooralla's Ventilator Accommodation Support Services Food Forest Project**. You are more than welcome to come - and do bring some friends.

Monday night at the Movies- Monday  
8<sup>th</sup> August at the Thornbury Picture  
House

Movie: *Greenfingers*



**SANDGROPE****S** were once thought to be degenerate [mole crickets](#), but they are now known to be more closely related to [pygmy mole crickets](#), in the [Caelifera](#), which includes [grasshoppers](#).

Although widely believed to be herbivorous, some have been found with animal remains in their gut.

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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**

**For member donations - the account details for  
the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust**

**Bendigo Bank                      BSB 332 084,    A/c 551 038 195**