

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

District 9790

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

Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm
Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

District Governor:
Tony Bramley (Pamela)

Assistant Governor:
Wendy-Grace Williams

BULLETIN

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Club President: 1994-95

District 9790 Governor: 1997-98



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HUMANITY**

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D. De La Coeur, W. O'Neill, E. Price, F. Brass**

Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2016/17

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<p><u>Christmas Luncheon</u> L. Woodland</p>	<p><u>On to Conference</u> G. McIlvenna</p>	<p><u>RI World Conference</u> P Gilbert</p>	

ROTARIAN BEHIND THE BADGE

Opening his biographical history, **ROTARIAN CLAUDE VERROCCHI** assured his listeners that this was to be their "*lucky day*". Claude's talk was a catalogue of more moves than those at the recent World Chess Championships.

Life began in Sulmona, central Italy and south of Rome.

It must be observed that exactly at 11.36 am, one hour before Claude addressed those present, a tragic earthquake struck just north of his home province.

In Claude's word, his father was a roustabout. With 2 brothers in already in Australia he organized for them two ladies who married by proxy and then came to Australia. Claude came with the family when he was 8. Changing homes was in keeping with his father's roustabout



habit. Name the suburb from Coburg to Victoria Park, from Richmond to the western suburbs, Claude has lived there.

Schools were many as also tertiary institutes. The navy was enticing but eventually engineering took over with a post graduate course in Project Management. He and Mary married in '72 and they have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

His engineering life began with the City of Keilor, then as Project Management with the railways - Melbourne underground, railway worker housing then Project Manager for the upgrade of Spencer

and Flinders Streets stations. Working with 5 different unions proved stressful and at the age of 38 Claude was battling a heart attack.

Meantime Mary ran a very successful Deli in Eltham. Ballarat then saw the Verrocchi family with a large reception centre, followed by a profitable chicken shop, a florist and finally managing land subdivisions.

Despite all this Claude assured his audience that his *"life has been pretty simple"*! The basic requirement was *"to keep on punching"*. He concluded with a genuine salute to his neighbours Gerri and Bernie Lamers (*"Bernie has shown me the way"*) and an affirmation that knowing Geoff, *"Il Presidente"*, has been a bonus.

CLUB NEWS

VISITORS LAST WEEK: Barbara Gilbert, Tony Bolzan and Sandra Bell

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT: Given the cancellation of Tony and Pamela Bramley's visit last Wednesday, they will now visit the Club on 28th September.



FAMILY DAY: This day has been now scheduled for January 22, 2017, starting at 10am, at Funfields, 2365 Plenty Road, Whittlesea.

CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION GALA BALL 2016 - *Creating Miracles*: A traditional enjoyable fund-raiser.

This year at the Park Hyatt, 1 Parliament Place, 6.30 for 7pm, Saturday 8th October. A table is being formed. More info later.

BOROONDARA COMMUNITY STROKE HUB: Once again Jenny Cheng and her Stroke Support Team have kicked a goal. Members will recall Jenny, this club's Rotary Cheers Volunteers awardee. The Hub is fully dedicated for stroke victims, and will be a first of its kind. The local Federal Member for Kooyong will open the venue at 533 High Street, Kew, 8th September at 2.30pm



Representing President Geoff and the Club at the recent **MAYORAL RECEPTION** were Julie and Joe Morris. These events are beyond mere social occasions. They keep the Club in contact with the Darebin Council, the developments and the needs in the local community.

Unfortunately the photo is slightly fuzzy and that was before the reception.

MUSIC FOR CHANGE: Present at last week's meeting was Melbourne based singer Sandra Bell, founder of MFC. While on a volunteering trip to Uganda in 2012, Sandra realized the impact musical opportunities can have on a child's life. On returning home she set about forming a musical related charity dedicated to providing assistance to students - predominantly under the age of 18 - who show particular talent in a music related field and who are considered financially disadvantaged.

She welcomes any assistance in this area be it teachers, choirs, community groups, music schools and the like. It is a young energetic venture with boundless far-reaching possibilities.

- Music for Change, PO Box 50, Reservoir 3073

- www.musicforchangeinc.org.au

FAMILY OF ROTARY



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KATHY AND PETER BYRNE are both in members' awareness. All join in wishing them strong and peaceful days.

Birthdays	Nicole Kirwan 31/8, David De La Coeur 2/9
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DIARY DATES

EXODUS ROSTER:

Sept 21 - Julie Morris, Joe Morris

DATE		
Aug 31	Chair	Julie Morris
	Topic	Club Service
	Welcomes	Julie Morris
	Sergeant	Claude Verrocchi
	House	Norbert Schaber
Sept 7	Chair	Carla Finocchiaro
	Speaker	Victoria Sarah El-Hage
	Topic	Youth United Nations
	Welcomes	Claude Verrocchi
	Sergeant	David De La Coeur
	House	Les Woodland

LOOKING FORWARD

Membership and New Club Development Month

DISTRICT 9790 COMMUNITY POLICE AWARD: Presentation of Highly Commended Award to Preston's nomination - Sergeant Steve Evans. At Rosanna Golf Club, September 14 at 9am to be seated to start by 9.30am.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT to the club: Sept 28.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2017: Planting Seeds of Change
Shepparton, 16-19 March, 2017.

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/ 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/ 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	2014-2015	Elaine Price
		2015-2016	Paul Smarrelli

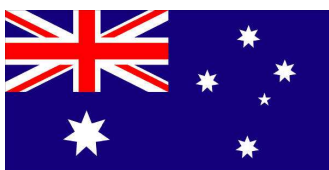
ROTARY GRACE

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.

Rotary Club Of Preston

Paul Harris Fellows		Year Awarded	Paul Harris Fellows		Year Awarded
PP	Alf Bean	17/12/1976		Kevin Aylward	24/06/1998
◆ PP	Ron Grierson	22/11/1978	PP	John McInnes	15/09/1999
◆◆ PP	Perc Cleland	11/03/1981	PP	Rod Draper	15/09/1999
◆ PP	Roy Kilkenny	07/04/1982	◆◆	John McCarthy	05/07/2000
◆ PP	Mark Crampton	10/08/1983	◆ PP	Les Woodland	05/07/2000
PP	Bill Wonder	01/05/1985	◆	Rick Kirwan	26/06/2002
◆	Laurie Jones	01/03/1986	◆◆	Wayne O'Neill	26/06/2002
◆	Cliff Kendall	01/03/1986	◆◆◆	Frank Smith	26/06/2002
PP	Arthur Morgan	01/03/1986	◆ PP	Ian Musgrove	25/06/2003
◆ PP	Jack Morris	01/03/1986	◆ PP	Rosemary Wilcox	25/06/2003
◆ PP	Ian Cleland	24/07/1987	PP	Lindsay Gale	12/07/2006
◆ PP	Ken Land	24/07/1987	◆ PP	Carla Finocchiaro	12/07/2006
PP	Norm Griffiths	30/09/1987	◆	Peter Lamers	12/07/2006
PP	Keith Porter	30/09/1987	◆◆ PP	Elaine Price	04/07/2007
PP	Bryan Steele	16/12/1987	PP	Richard Gozdzik	28/06/2008
PP	Reg Dick	26/04/1989	◆	Pauline Josephson	16/06/2009
◆	Lyall Dexter	27/06/1990	◆PP	Les Price	05/08/2009
α	Alf Osborne	26/06/1991	PP	David Warry	06/2012
◆	Gladys Morris	13/05/1992	PP	David Sullivan	06/2012
◆ PP	Vin Murphy	24/06/1992	PP	Hillary Ellis	06/2012
◆◆◆ PP	Peter Peyton	24/06/1992	PP	Eric Thornton	06/2012
◆ PP	Max Kirwan OAM	30/06/1993	PP	Vin Ross	06/2012
◆ PP	Paul Smarrelli	29/06/1994	PP	Arthur Grubb	11/2012
◆◆	Joy Crampton	29/06/1994	▲	Alf Armstrong	11/2012
◆	Jess Cleland	28/06/1995	◆◆ PP	David De La Coeur	17/04/2013
α	Peter Gilbert PDG	28/06/1995	◆	Gerry Smith	18/12/2013
α	Barbara Gilbert	15/09/2010	◆	Lenore Thornton	25/02/2015
PP	Neil Grierson	28/06/1995	◆	Kim West	24/06/2015
◆◆◆ PP	Paul Josephson	28/06/1995	◆ PP	Peter Byrne	26/8/2015
◆◆◆◆	G. McIlvenna PDG	26/06/1995	◆	Margaret Smith OAM	16/12/15
α PP	Bernie Lamers AM	08/05/1997		Jack Wilcox	9/3/2016
α	Gerry Lamers AM	08/05/1997		Norbert Schaber	6/7/2016
◆	Norm Pinder	25/06/1997			

◆ Denotes Sapphire Pin ▲ Denotes Ruby Pin = 6 Sapphire Pins α Denotes Major Donor



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.