

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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## BULLETIN

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# IMAGINE ROTARY

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

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	<a href="#"><u>District Conference</u></a>  <b>G McIlvenna</b>	<a href="#"><u>RIMERN</u></a>  <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.



## CLUB MEETING AT CERES FAIR FOOD

Meet with Educator 1pm,  
September 28. No meeting at  
R.S.L. that day.

BYO or casual food available.

More info: read Secs. mail-  
out 17/09.

20 Water Rd. Preston

## **SPEAKER LAST WEEK**

### HOW TO ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:

**Jane** and Rotarian **Tim Weir**  
have just returned home from a  
trip that included the June  
Rotary International  
Convention in Houston, Texas.  
The above title was not the



official wording of his talk but his presentation served it so well.

June, Houston, Texas, was a time of reconnection locally and worldwide following the covid epidemic. Held at the George R Brown Convention Centre, the 11,000 attendees wore electronic nametags and the friendships shared were spontaneous and easy. Before the Convention had ended, Melbourne Convention 23 had achieved the numbers attending at Houston. Tim was amazed at the number he met in Houston who had already booked Melbourne.

Hospitality Night was at a baseball stadium and visitors left the evening with flags, sporting gear and the like, some of which he brought along to this meeting. While Preston will be holding a Hospitality Night at the Preston Centre in 23, Tim attended a Hospitality Night held in an indoor stadium where the temperature was 38 degrees. The local team, Hilton Astros, won on the night.



At the reliably interesting sessions, everyone was most keen to meet and exchange ideas and experiences. RI President Jennifer Jones was virtually everywhere in rock star popularity, most available and entertaining. Tim and Jane received invites to home hospitality be it in USA or elsewhere while they have a few invitees at the 23 Convention.

## THE ROTARY FAMILY



**Margaret and Paul Smarrelli 23/09**



**Christina Peyton 25/09**

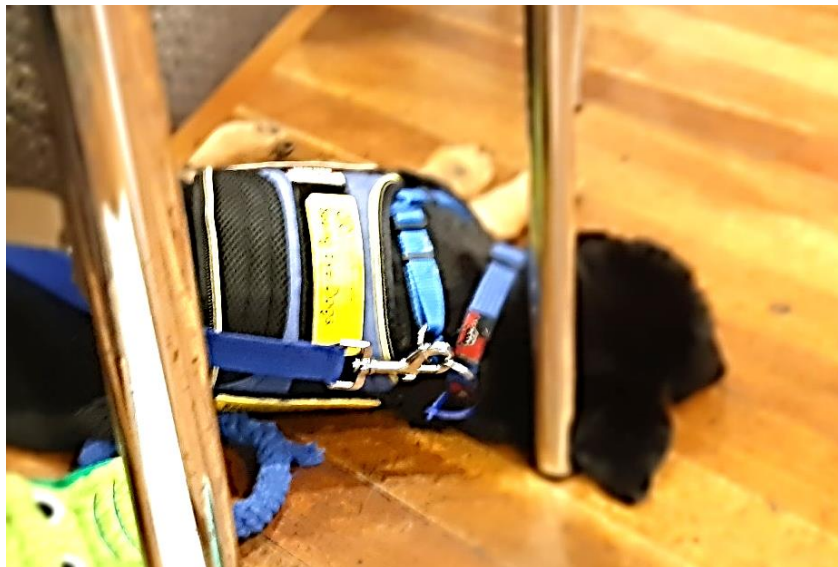
**Elaine Price 26/9/06**  
**Norbert Schaber 26/9/06**



### **VISITORS LAST** **WEEK:**

**Emma Davis** - past  
A.G. and P.P.  
Moreland Rotary  
accompanied by  
Seeing Eye  
Apprentice **Idol**.

**Paola Ghiciu,**  
**Nadia Lyons**





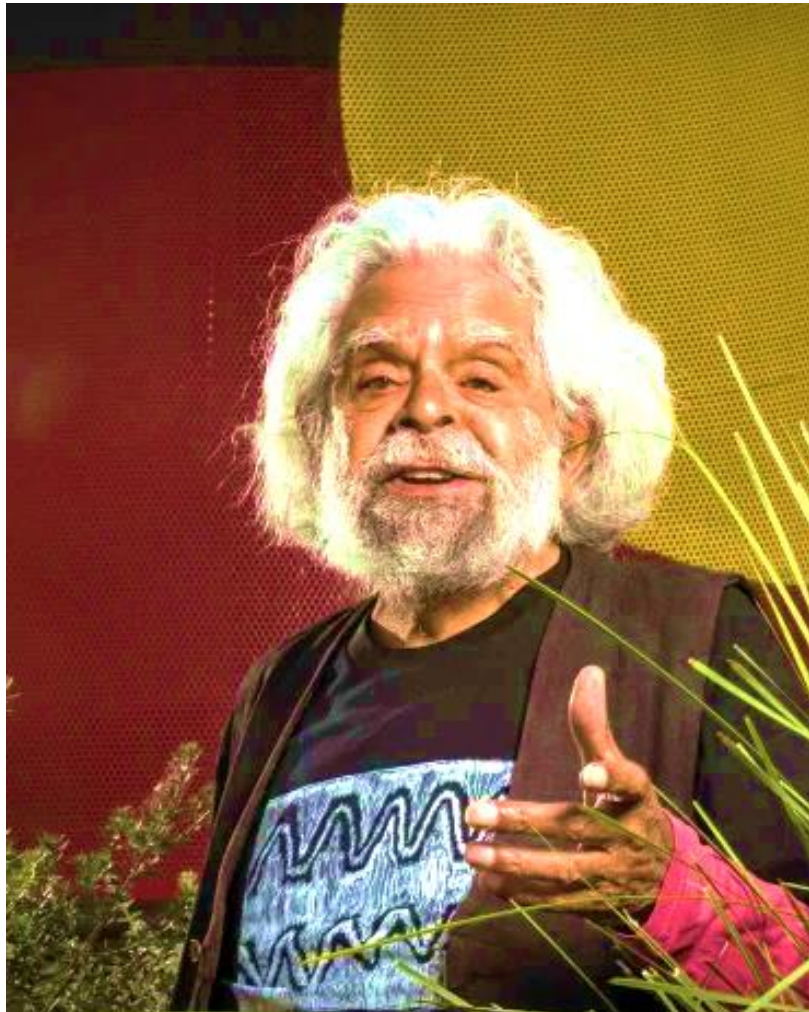
**PRESIDENT RUTH** opened the meeting with the traditional acknowledgement to country and the original custodians.

Ruth spoke with reverence of the passing of **Queen Elizabeth**.

She also had words for **Uncle Jack Charles**, one of the stolen generation, who, after many of his own life challenges has contributed so much to present day society with its ailments, needs, failings.....

Even last month Ruth and Lisa attended a theatre night fundraising for Merri Outreach Support Service at which Uncle Jack was a speaker on homelessness.

Now at home.



**WELCOME TO OUR PLACE, Evening Club Dinner:** Pres. Ruth again thanked all for attending the dinner social at Peter and her home. In her words – *“the vibes were terrific and everybody seemed to enjoy the evening”*. Visitor from Tamil Nadu, , Arpana Sunku, admired the friendship offered and returned a few days later to Ruth’s home to discuss interclub co-operation with Ruth and a few club members.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULES

### SPEAKERS:



Sept 21: A.G. Pat Solibakke

Sept 28: Tour of Ceres as a club activity and focus on Environment and Sustainability. **Meeting on location – not at R.S.L.**

Oct 5: Natalie Au – Person Behind the Badge – Mental Health Month

### MEETING-DAY DUTIES:

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
21st September	Ian Musgrove	Paul Smarrelli Peter Lamers	Lisa Defazio	Carla Finocchiaro
28th September	Julie Morris	Max Walsh Natalie Au	Chris Shields	Ian Musgrove

## CLUB INFO



**JESSIE HARMAN**: Jessie is a Director on the Board of Rotary International and is the first female to represent Zone 8 (Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and New Guinea).

Sunbury Hume Global Learning Centre - 44 Macedon Street, Sunbury  
- 6:30pm, November 25, 2022. Canapes and wine will be served on the evening.  
Price: \$25 per person to cover costs, any profits to Rotary Foundation

**NEXT BARBIE** at Bunnings , October 8.

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** welcomes Julie Morris as an honorary member of its committee. Always boxing on, Julie's box on the reception table is visibly awaiting members' tablet/capsule medication blisters. With a silent *"Thank You"*, each meeting her box receives deposits of these packs from members. Preserving the environment.



**RIMERN - FILL THE BASKET FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT!** Ruth suggests the basket remain at all meetings till the end of the season. Each gift will help stack more beautiful Christmases. The need is both obvious and great.

## Children First Foundation Gala Ball

An annual fund-raiser, live music by Baker Boys, Black Tie event, auctions and raffles. \$250 a head, and, as in past years, the club will have a table (two if needed). Bookings with Sec Geoff.

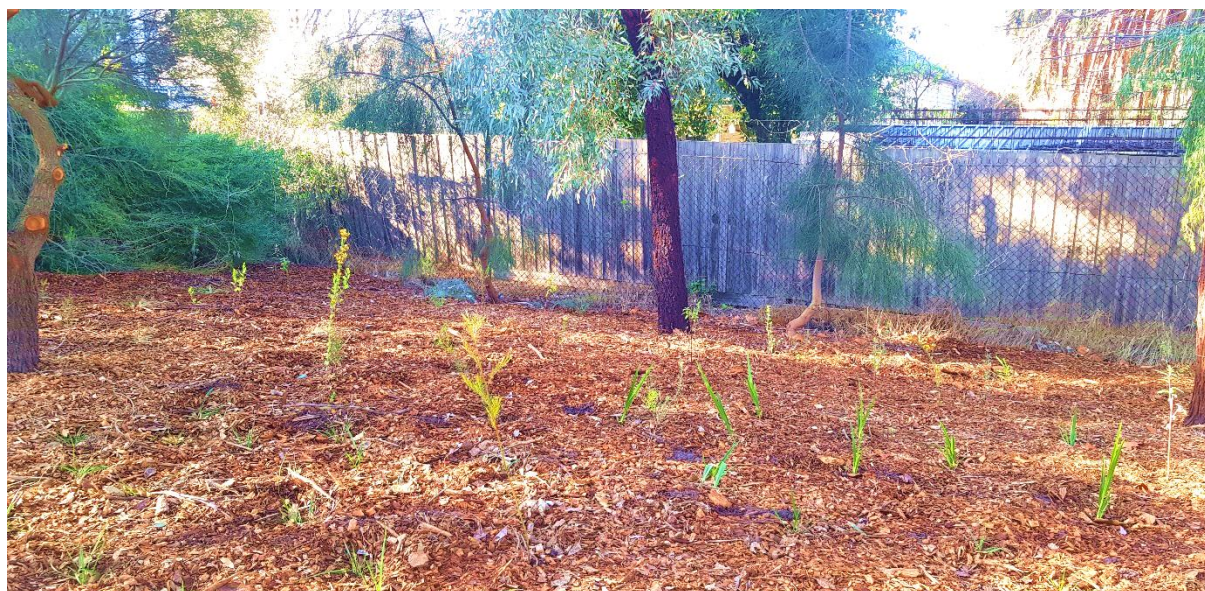
22 Oct 2022 at 6:30pm AEDT **Location:** Venue - Plaza Ballroom, 191 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC, 3000, Australia

**POPULAR VOTE** last Wednesday saw members decide that nomination of office holders 22/23 be left to a committee and then to the board.

**RIMERN (Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network)** is working flat out in these difficult times providing furniture etc for people moving into emergency accommodation.. With around 75 household deliveries each week the need to find a delivery van is obvious. Elaine Price gave a hand last Saturday.



**PLANTING DAY:** *“Lovely and sunny”* was Lisa Defazio’s first observation. She thanked those who have attended the plantings over these days. The recent report was a total of 2,500 individual plants. Ben Smith from the Darebin Council has sent his thanks to the club.



**GLOBAL GRANT PENDING** - Due by OCT 1ST 2022.

*Aparna Sunku, President of the Rotary Club of Coimbatore India, spoke at the recent club Home Dinner seeking support for a Global Grant application.*

*This gives our club and committee the opportunity of contributing to a global project that will green a former rubbish dump creating a forest as a permanent legacy in the Smart City of Coimbatore India.*

*Peter Gilberts' knowledge, drive and experience has made considerable progress with the grant. As it stands there is a commitment to contribute \$600 American dollars / ~\$1000 AU from our committee budget. The Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale has expressed interest in donating and we have extended the offer. We hope to have a commitment one way or the other this Wednesday with Pat (A.G. Pat Solibakke) during her visit to our club.*

*REQUEST - please vote to support or decline the amount towards the forest project before Wednesday's meeting - via EMAIL. Currently, we have \$2000 in our Budget Pending*

**Lisa Defazio**

**PRESTON HAS BEEN REQUESTED** by the Rotary Club of Coimbatore Smart City (RCCSC) to be the International Sponsor for a Global Grant (GG) from The Rotary Foundation. The project is to clear a three acre area which was originally a dump site and create a manmade forest by planting three thousand plants. The site was originally outside the city but has now been overtaken by the growing population. A company has been selected to prepare, plant and maintain the site for a period of two years after which the responsibility to maintain the forest will revert to local government. The total budget of the project is \$80,000USD. When Preston was first approached by the RCCSC they had funding for \$74,000USD and were looking for our support for the balance of \$6,000USD. After some consideration, Preston has applied to the District Foundation committee to allocate \$3,000USD from the District Designated Fund. Once approved The Rotary Foundation will match this amount with an additional \$2,400USD. That leaves a balance of \$600USD (~\$850AUD). The Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale has expressed interest in supporting this GG so our commitment may be about \$425AUD. This is a good outcome for a worthy project.

Paul Smarrelli

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

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – MELBOURNE 27-31 May, 2023**

**Club Website address:**

www.rotary-prestonaust.com  
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 - Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

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