

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2022/23

<p><u>International</u></p> <p>Director P. Peyton</p> <p>J Roose S Still E Boateng</p>	<p><u>Youth</u></p> <p>Director: E. Price</p> <p>Joe Morris P Conte N Schaber M Riel P Lamers</p>	<p><u>Vocational</u></p> <p>Director: C. Shields</p> <p>N Au T Weir C Finocchiaro</p>	<p><u>Community</u></p> <p>Director: Julie Morris</p> <p>D De La Coeur C Verrocchi N Pinder G Lyons E Higgins D Sullivan</p>	<p><u>Club Administration</u></p> <p>Director: K. Subramanian</p> <p>G. Mogford</p>
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<p><u>Bulletin</u></p> <p>J McCarthy P Peyton P Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Public Relations</u></p> <p>R. McCall L. Defazio E Price E Higgins & any club members to assist</p>	<p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>G Mogford G Mclivenna P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Programs</u></p> <p>Joe Morris</p>	<p><u>House</u></p> <p>Joe Morris</p> <p>P Lamers P.Peyton D De La Coeur</p>
<p><u>Fellowship</u></p> <p>Elaine Price Julie Morris P Byrne G. Mclivenna</p>	<p><u>Family of Rotary and Club History</u></p> <p>P Peyton P Gilbert G Smith G Mclivenna P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>World Conference</u></p> <p>P Gilbert R McCall G Mclivenna E Higgins G Lyons</p>	<p><u>Sergeants</u></p> <p>D Sullivan D De La Coeur Julie Morris Peter Byrne Peter Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Rotary Information</u></p> <p>P Peyton P Gilbert G Mclivenna P Smarrelli</p>
	<p><u>District Conference</u></p> <p>G Mclivenna</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u></p> <p>R McCall Julie Morris Joe Morris E Price L Defazio All members invited to assist in Volunteering</p>		<p><u>Secretary</u> G Mclivenna</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> F Smith</p> <p><u>Special Projects</u> P Smarrelli</p>

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 THIS WEDNESDAY AT CERES Environment Park



NB: Address not as previously printed. Ceres is on the cnr of Roberts and Stewart Streets, Brunswick East. If travelling west along Arthurton Rd., cross Merri Creek and turn right at Roberts St.

September 28. No meeting at R.S.L. that day.

[IF LUNCHING PRIOR](#): Meet at Ceres café from 12 midday – BYO sandwich or purchase from café.

[SITE TOUR](#): Meet at Visitors centre at 1pm: \$10 per person – friends, family all welcome to join with the group. Tour approx.. 1 hour.

- Ceres is an award-winning, not-for-profit sustainability centre located on 4.5 hectares on the Merri Creek. It averages 400,000 visitors annually.
- Projects on the 4.5 hectare site include:
 - Organic cafe (open 7 days a week)
 - Grocery (open 7 days a week)
 - Permaculture and Bushfood Nursery
 - Organic Farm and chooks
 - Community gardens
 - Green technology demonstrations
 - Eco House
 - Multicultural village

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

Assistant Governor Pat

Solibakke received a warm welcome from club members last Wednesday. Her topic was the Zone 8 “Regionalization of Rotary Clubs”.

Members have already been introduced to the scheme through numerous emails. In summary, the vision aims to increase significantly the reach and impact of Rotary and Rotaract in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Internationally the region is known as Zone 8. This involves the establishment of a regional governance pilot programme to address such current troubling factors as:

Membership Public image Communication Fundraising.

Pat listed statistics involving some of the four items above. The programme is a trial and members are asked to be flexible. The aims of Rotary are not part of the programme. The need for action could be described as urgent.



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

PRESIDENT RUTH'S SUMMARY: *“The key take-away message (for me) was that the current DG role has responsibility to attend up to 480 admin tasks within the district, while simultaneously managing & supporting an average of 65. The proposed model divides the DG role into 2 separate roles;*

- a) Admin: this will be covered by a Regional Council & its support committees*
- b) Section Leader: provides governance & support, inspiring clubs to enhance their reach, adapt, improve membership experience, and increase our impact.*

The proposed pilot updates district- level positions to offer more skills - focussed voluntary leadership roles. Regional Council will make local decisions in line with the Constitution & Bylaws & approved by Rotary International.

VOTING

All club Presidents were asked to seek a decision by their membership by a YES/NO vote to approve the role out of the Pilot Regionalisation, requiring a 2/3 majority for a YES, and the Club President is to email the club decision by 29th September.



The vote read:

"This club approves participation in a pilot to develop, test & evaluate a new regional approach to surrounding & governing Rotary & Rotaract clubs and members in Zone 8 from July 2023-June 2026. Yes or No."

Our club voted YES with a clear majority. As President I have now emailed our club vote to District".

Last week's post-luncheon Board meeting

KOORIE BASKETBALL ACADEMY TREATY CUP CARNIVAL last Sunday 18th September was attended by President Ruth. In her words:.

"With a theme of inspiring Indigenous children to take pride in their identity & culture, a love of sport & teammanship, this great family event at the Narrandjeri Stadium in Thornbury was a joy to see. It was very well supported by young and old, and, hearing the National Anthem sung in Wurrundjeri language was especially powerful. Congratulations to Head Coach Ricky Baldwin, and his team of coaches and supporters".



**"True Peace is not merely the absence of tension....
it is the presence of Justice."**

Words of Martin Luther King as quoted at club meeting International Day of Peace

THE ROTARY FAMILY



Peter Gilbert 29/09

Katie Conte 30/09

UNWELL: Currently there are a number of persons connected with the club who are not travelling so well health-wise.

While not being named in these bulletin pages all connected with the club send best hopes and encouragement for their speedy improvement.

UPCOMING SCHEDULES

SPEAKERS:

- 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 – Chair Ian Musgrove
- Oct 12: Lift the Lid on Mental Illness - Hat Day with Silent Auction and Games – Probus visitors
- Oct 19: Karin Williams, Bert Williams – Koorie Youth Programme
- Oct 26: Melb Cup Sweep; Speaker Norm Pinder – Raising Race Horses
- Nov 2: Paul Lloyd – Project LEMUR

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). With World Polio Day on 24 October, there is an evening coming up at Sunbury with Jessie Harman the speaker. Jessie will focus on how Rotarians can work in the programme END POLIO NOW. 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. Joy is still being echoed after the record takings last October 8. For the workers it can be the loss of a Saturday, early rising, cold mornings and heavy lifting. It all adds up. Congrats and thanks from Pres. Ruth and Sec Geoff.



“THE GREATEST TEAM OF ALL”

2022



RIMERN - FILL THE BASKET FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT! Basket or no basket, still bring along those sealed packets for Christmas distribution. 8 items last week. With thanks from the beneficiaries.

HEIDELBERG ROTARY CLUB invites friends to a **Keith Potger** night while raising funds for Destiny Rescue & Support Act, an international organization rescuing children from sex trafficking and exploitation and helping them stay free. Thursday, November 3, Red Olive Restaurant, 191 Burgundy St. Heidelberg. Show starts 6.30pm. The club might book a table if numbers demand. Contact Peter Gilbert.

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

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:

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For member donations - Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

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