

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

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## 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***

### **WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS (WFK):**

On returning home to Australia, a group of Queensland Rotarians responded to the glaring need in neighbouring under-resourced countries for the mobilization of children with illnesses such as cerebral palsy. In no time they were adapting BMX parts and making 10 wheelchairs a month.



Meanwhile a Perth Christian Brother, Olly Pickett, with the help of the Rotary Club of Scarborough, W.A., developed the idea. They now have a factory employing 150 volunteers plus a volunteer waiting list of 50! They assemble 300 chairs a month @ \$150 a chair. All materials are imported from China.

Speaker **Russell Hayes**, of the Rotary Club of Wandon, said the chairs are durable and can be adapted to local terrain. Their assembly in loco is generally done by the local occupational therapist. The distribution is under directions from the local medical centre and the local Rotary club. The recipients are 'village' children, all of whom have advanced untreated

disabilities. Often young children are carried to school by other children but this ceases as the body grows to around 6, 7 or 8 years. This sees the child staying at home in a 'back room' condition for the rest of life.



So far 28,000 wheelchairs have been placed in 80 countries. Russell's presentation was most convincing. Barbara Gilbert spoke of the success of her DG's Partner's Programme. That year, Barbara's charity met the cost of 366 chairs. Members present

last Wednesday were moved by the value, urgency and practicality of Russell's programme. At the meeting's conclusion, led by Rotarian Kapil Argarwal, many members were ready to buy a chair or 2.

Further info: Secretary Geoff McIlvenna

## NOTES AND NEWS

**NEXT STEP SPINAL CORD INJURY RECOVERY** has a dinner Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October @60 at the Centre Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg



Rd. It includes a 3 course meal and drinks, live bands, silently auctions, raffles and special guests. All up \$145 a person. A great night for a table . . . . Bookings will be taken shortly.

**CURRENT PROGRESS OF THE LOVINA PROJECT:** Founder of the Project, **Jo Staunton**, was presented with a cheque by PP Peter Byrne. Readers will remember a previous presentation by Jo on her 2009 trip to Bali where she met and 'adopted' a family living a most frugal existence, roadside, near her resort. Through her acutely active observations Jo is doing something about not only the family but the young women of Bali and, in particular, a Lovina orphanage.

Jo explained the progress on her 2 step project.

1. The acquisition of land and the building of a homestay block. This is progressing with some rooms and roofing already completed.
2. The construction of a holiday resort to accommodate overseas guests, the profit going to the betterment of local disadvantaged Balinese women.

### **VOCATIONAL SHORT PRESENTATIONS BY CLUB MEMBERS (approx. 5 mins.):**

The aim is to reinforce the Rotary Ideal of

1. high ethical standards in business and professions,
2. the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and
3. the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

The prospective speaker is asked to talk to:

- *Your Vocation - what is/was it? What prompted you to take it up? Was it an informed decision?*
- *In the early years did you have the benefit of mentorship and did you listen and act on it? Why?*
- *Retrospectively, what most shaped your professional (vocational) outlook?*
- *Are you able to employ your particular vocational skill in your Rotary life?*





## FAMILY OF ROTARY

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <i>Rotary Ann.</i>            | Gary Mogford 21/8/02  |
| <i>Visitors<br/>Last Week</i> | Celebrities everywhere - Barbara Gilbert; Valli' Menendez and Onnie Wilson; Joe Herran (Parade College Preston); Jo Staunton (Lovina Project); Brett Allchin (Salvation Army) |
| <i>Recent Loss</i>            | David Warry announced to members that Rita Ball, Gus Mercurio's partner, was farewelled during the week. Rita and Gus, both friends of this Club, will be missed.             |

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

*Elaine, though I am coming down to your Club to present at your club meeting re ROMAC, and of course the finance contributions both of your clubs annually make to ROMAC, to which we are extremely grateful, I have an urgent request to make and hope that you maybe able to assist us in regard to a ROMAC child.*

*You will see an update from our Regional Manager of a 12 year old Vietnamese girl who has undergone major surgery to remove a surgical facial tumour. The operation was undertaken by a team of 5 surgeons and a team of anesthetists and theatre staff last Saturday at Dandenong Hospital. The operation was expected to last approx. 12 hours, but had to be halted midway through because the patient was suffering severe blood loss, and was rested for a few days to restabilize. You will see though she has had further surgery. It isn't yet over for the lass. Gaynor's update is very specific and hence this request to you.*

*Could you kindly and urgently ask your members by your own mail outs, Bulletin etc. as soon as possible as to whether they or they know of other Rotarians of Vietnamese nationality who could act as a host family for Vinh Da's mother whilst her daughter recovers. At the moment we are having great difficulty in getting the Mum hosted.*

*By all means call me at home 02 6056 4090 or 0409 956 251. If there is something I cannot answer for you I'll supply you with Gaynor's contact numbers. She is fully conversant on the case which technically is in another District.*

*I look forward to meeting up with you at your meeting Elaine,*

*Peter Lee PP, RC of Albury Hume*

## DIARY DATES

| BELL BARDIA COMMUNITY MEAL ROSTER |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| August 20                         | Paul Josephson, David De La Coeur,<br>Paul Donovan |  |

### NB: NIGHT MEETING SEPTEMBER 10

| DATE      |            |                              |
|-----------|------------|------------------------------|
| August 20 | Chair      | Chris Shields                |
|           | Speaker    | Peter Lee                    |
|           | Topic      | <b>ROMAC</b>                 |
|           | Sergeant   | David Sullivan               |
|           | House      | John McCarthy                |
|           | Welcomes   | Asha Pahuja                  |
| August 27 | Topic      | <b>Membership Day</b>        |
|           | Sergeant   | Les Woodland                 |
|           | House      | Norm Pinder                  |
|           | Welcomes   | Peter Gilbert                |
| Sept 10   | Note Venue | @ St Georges Restaurant      |
|           | Speaker    | David Redfearn OAM           |
|           |            | Inner North Community Found. |

## AUGUST - MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

### LOOKING FORWARD

**CIRCUS QUIRKUS:** This year's presentation will be at the Melbourne Convention Centre, August 24 with sessions at 10am, 1 and 4pm.

**CLUB NIGHT MEETING** at St Georges Restaurant, St Georges Road, September 10, 6.30 for 7pm \$33 per person.

**GALA EXTRAVAGANZA** at the Centre Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe. Entertainment starts 7pm. Tickets \$145 per person (incl 3 course dinner and drinks).

**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FORUM:** October 15, 2014

**ROTARY DAY:** Whittlesea Funfields, December 7.

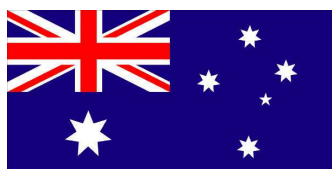
**ROTARY TODAY CONFERENCE:** Wangaratta, 19-22 March 2015.

## Rotary Club of Preston COMMITTEES 2014-15

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

## Rotary Club Of Preston

| 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   |
|                        | Lyll 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.