

# ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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**District Governor:** Neta Kirby

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Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

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## CLUB BULLETIN

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Peter Peyton, Peter Gilbert, Max Walsh,  
Gary Mogford, Chris Shields

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<b>OFFICE BEARERS &amp; BOARD DIRECTORS</b>			
<p><u>International</u>  <b>Director: P Peyton</b>                      J Roose                      S Still                      E Boateng                      P Gilbert                      K Agawal</p>	<p><u>Youth</u>  <b>Director: G Mogford</b>                      E Price                      P Conte                      N Lyons                      W O'neil</p>	<p><u>Vocational</u>  <b>Director: Chris Shields</b>                      C Finocchiaro                      N Schaber                      C Verrocchi                      N Au                      Joe Morris</p>	<p><u>Community</u>  <b>Director: P Smarrelli</b>                      Julie Morris                      D De La Coeur                      D Sullivan                      G Lyons                      N Pinder                      E Price (Police Awards)</p>
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<b>CLUB ADMINISTRATION: Peter Sambell</b>					
<p><u>Youth Exchange</u>  <b>E Price</b>                      P Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Bulletin</u>  <b>J McCarthy</b>                      P Peyton                      P Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Fundraising &amp; Circus Quirkus</u>  <b>Chair: W O'Neill</b>                      F Smith                      G Mcllvenna                      P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Attendance</u>  <b>G Mogford</b>                      G Mcllvenna                      P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Cashiers</u>  <b>P Gilbert</b>                      N Schaber                      G Mogford                      E Price                      P Conte                      Max Walsh</p>	<p><u>Programs</u>  <b>G Mogford</b>                      R McCall                      P Smarrelli                      P Gilbert</p>
<p><u>Family of Rotary &amp; Club History</u>  <b>P Peyton</b>                      P Gilbert                      G Mcllvenna                      P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>IT / Website / Facebook / Public Relation</u>  <b>R McCall</b>                      G Lyons                      N Lyons</p>	<p><u>Club History &amp; Information</u>  <b>P Peyton</b>                      P Gilbert                      G Mcllvenna                      P Smarrelli</p>	<p><u>Sergeants</u>  <b>D Sullivan</b>                      D De La Coeur                      Julie Morris                      P Byrne</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u>  <b>R McCall</b>                      E Price                      Julie Morris</p>	<p><u>House</u>                      Joe Morris                      N Pinder                      D De La Coeur                      G Mogford                      G Mcllvenna                      P Smarrelli</p>
<p><u>World Conference</u>  <b>P Gilbert</b></p>	<p><u>District Conference</u>  <b>G Mcllvenna</b></p>	<p><u>Fellowship</u>  <b>E Price</b>                      Julie Morris                      P Byrne                      G Mcllvenna</p>	<p><u>RIMERN</u>  <b>R McCall</b>                      E Price                      Julie Morris</p>	<p><u>Birthday Cards</u>  <b>G Smith</b></p>	<p><u>Welcome</u>  <b>Julie Morris</b>                      Joe Morris                      E Price                      C Finocchiaro                      P Peyton</p>

**Office Bearers:**

- President.....**K Subramanian
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- Director - Community.....**P Smarrelli
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- Director - Youth.....**G Mogford
- Past President.....** R McCall
- Director - Membership & Retention.....**P Gilbert

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- Director - Foundation.....**M Walsh
- Treasurer.....** F Smith
- Director - Vocational.....**C Shields:

## SPEAKER LAST WEEK

Born in country South Australia and attending a school with 4 in her class, **MARGARET SMITH O.A.M.** had the makings of a world champion. She opened her talk with “*You can take the girl out of the country but you cannot take the country out of the girl*”. Her talk translated ‘country’ into ‘world’.



Childhood life was totally community. Weekends saw Margaret and her dad collecting kindling wood and delivering it to the aged care home and others living privately. The picture changed speedily with boarding school in Melbourne, tertiary studies, travel and in no time administration work with companies such as Qantas and Carlton United Breweries.

Always in search of service opportunities, Margaret was snapped up in numerous giving roles. One was her 17 years as General Manager of the Foundation for Young Australians; another as Board Member of Eva Tilly (members will remember the recent club talk by CEO Sharelle Rowe). In all directions, her imagination, her drive to be a voice for the needy and her skills have been and still are an asset for those needing care and support.

Then with Preston Rotary history, Margaret became one of the founders and CEO of Children First Foundation and the establishment of its country base, The Retreat. In those early days of CFF, the hands on service calls were extreme but the country girl was there. Together with Preston’s own Gerry Lamers and Geoff McIlvenna, Margaret remains a Patron of Children First Foundation. Margaret’s Rotarian Behind The Badge talk was both enjoyable and remarkable.

# THE FAMILY OF ROTARY

**VISITOR LAST WEEK:** Shaan Akampath

## COMING DATES

**YARRA ME SCHOOL:** Located at 8 Highview Road, Preston, Yarra Me School is a Victorian State Government Department of Education and Training (DET) specialist school. It exclusively supports students with significant social and emotional challenges. Jonathon Stone is the Acting Co principal and will be the speaker at the club meeting, Nov. 22, at the Darebin RSL.

**NOV. 29 MEETING WILL BE USUAL AT DAREBIN R.S.L.**

(No meeting at Yarra Me School as an earlier Bulletin incorrectly reported)

## COMING SPEAKERS

Date	Topic	Speaker
Nov-15	Annual General Meeting	
Nov-22	Yarra Me School	Jonathan Stone
Nov-29	Meet at RSL as usual	
Dec-6	Leader of Inner City Soup Van Operations	Mary Gardener

**ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –**  
Wednesday Nov 15

**MOORoopna Community Raffle** books are now due in to Sec. Geoff. Make it easy for Geoff and get them back this coming Wednesday.

**UNLOADING AT Reservoir Neighbourhood House:** Because of Cup Day the dates for future hands-on are 14 and 21 November. That's 2 consecutive weeks.

### 2023 Weekly Roster October – December

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
Nov-15	Max Walsh	Elaine Price & Paul Smarrelli	David De La Coeur	Norm Pinder
Nov-22	C Finocchiaro	Norbert Schaber & Ruth McCall	Julie Morris	Elaine Price
Nov-29	Chris Shields	Paul Smarrelli & Norbert Schaber	David De La Coeur	Max Walsh
Dec-06	Gary Mogford	Elaine Price & Peter Gilbert	Peter Byrne	C Finocchiaro
Dec-13	Max Walsh	Ruth McCall & Paul Smarrelli	David Sullivan	Suzanne Still
Dec-20	Peter Peyton	Norbert Schaber & Peter Gilbert	Max Walsh	Paul Smarrelli



**PETER TWOMEY POLICE AWARDS** lunch has now been transferred to 7 Feb. 2024

**R.N.H. END OF YEAR BREAK- UP:** Run by the Reservoir Neighbourhood House, the annual function celebrates with up to 500 participants. This year the date chosen is be Friday, 8 Dec.

The set-up area is on location in the park/back yard of R.N.H. and will be from 3pm. Serving time is from 4 – 6pm. Volunteers will be called for shortly.

# CLUB NEWS

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE**, Shepparton, **19-21 April, 2024**: Registrations are **NOW OPEN** and Geoff has emailed the registration information. Register now and let Geoff know for room booking (\$100 deposit now due).

**DONATIONS IN KIND** has a current shortage of school supplies. Anyone who has contact with teachers, classes or schools might send out a call for such items as desks, writing materials, children's books; anything in those lines.

This time of year sees much unwanted school material is being dumped at disposal depots. Sec. Geoff pleads with members to be alert and out there talking to school staff, parents, etc..

## **BUSINESS - AGM – WED. NOV. 15**

- 1] To confirm the minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held at Darebin RSL on 9 November, 2022. ( copy of minutes emailed)
- 2] To accept the Financial Report (comprising the Comprehensive Statements of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Change in in Equity, Cash Flow Statement and Notes to the Financial Statements ) for the financial year ended 30 June, 2023. ( Copies emailed)
- 3] Election of Office Bearers for the 2024 / 2025 Board



President Elect - 2025 / 2026 & Club Administrator

Vice President

Secretary Treasurer

Directors



**FAMILY BUSH DANCE:** Kinglake Ranges Rotary Club grew out of the Black Saturday bushfires Feb/March 2009.

The FAMILY BUSH DANCE will be at the Kinglake Community Centre, November 18, 6.30-10pm.

It's an evening of Boot-Scootin' and fun that's suitable for the whole family. This year it is featuring BLACKBERRY JAM.

Tickets on sale now – [FOGGYMOUNTAIN.COM.AU](http://FOGGYMOUNTAIN.COM.AU)

**A BRIEF REMINDER to club committee members and partners who may have even a remote contact with the local school – please don't overlook the appeal from DIK for abandoned school equipment and in particular story books.**

## **NOVEMBER – ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

### **Club Website addresses:**

**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**

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

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