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| <p><u>Youth Exchange</u> E Price P Gilbert</p> | <p><u>Bulletin</u> J McCarthy P Peyton P Gilbert</p> | <p><u>Fundraising & Circus Quirkus</u> Chair: W O'Neill F Smith G Mcllvenna P Smarrelli</p> | <p><u>Attendance</u> G Mogford G Mcllvenna P Smarrelli</p> | <p><u>Cashiers</u> P Gilbert N Schaber G Mogford E Price P Conte Max Walsh</p> | <p><u>Programs</u> G Mogford R McCall P Smarrelli P Gilbert</p> |
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SPEAKER LAST WEEK

CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION was present in force last Wednesday with speaker CEO of CFF Jessica Redwood, and Tracey Wolkmer as Communications Manager at CFF. Jessica has a vast experience both nationally and world wide in organisations as Save The Children Fiji, Amnesty International and UNICEF. She has been with CFF since 2021.



Preston Rotarians have been with CFF from day one in many roles and operations. For the younger members Jessica's talk was a breath of fresh air. Jessica took all through the Foundation's aims. She began with a recognition of Preston's role in the starting up of the programme to its physical establishment and its basic fund-raising. In summary, *"Preston Rotary has saved lives"*.

Children First Foundation was established by like-minded people (largely volunteers and Rotarians) who shared a vision for a world where all children have access to medical and surgical care, regardless of where they were born. The Foundation has facilitated life-changing and life-saving surgery for disadvantaged children from developing countries since 1999. Today, Children First Foundation website has four programs in place - Miracle sMiles, in-country surgery, the Back Home Support Program (BHSP) and The Today Tomorrow Project.

MIRACLE SMILES: *Miracle sMiles facilitates surgery and pre- and post-surgical care for disadvantaged children from developing countries who cannot access the surgery they need within their home country.*

IN-COUNTRY SURGERY: *We collaborate with a select number of overseas hospitals to facilitate surgery locally.*

BACK HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM (BHSP): *At Children First Foundation we are*

committed to changing the future of the children we help. While our Miracle sMiles and In-country programs focus on life-changing medical treatment, our Back-Home-Support Program centres on the child's future following successful surgery, treatment and on their goals once they return home.

THE TODAY TOMORROW PROJECT – *aims to address the underlying barriers to children accessing medical care in their own country and will directly impact the child mortality rate.*

While the recent visit by the club to The Retreat at Kilmore was cancelled due to Covid, there is a chance of a visit later this year.



THE FAMILY OF ROTARY



Peter Gilbert 29/9

Improving health signs are coming from **Gerry Lyons** and **Claude Verrocchi** while **Gerry Lamers** could be travelling better.



COMING DATES

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –
November 15. Nominations for all positions must be in by October 18.

UPCOMING SPEAKER

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| Sep-27 | Sustainability in the Health Industry | Jess Davies |
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VASS (Ventilation Accommodation Support Service) is now coming to completion. **The final planting day will be Friday 29 September, 9am start;** 335 Clarendon St, Thornbury. Bring with you gardening tools etc. Some weeks later will be the official opening.



This has been a great project from the start; thought up by the late Gerard Stevenson and aided by Global Gardens of Peace. This is also the opportunity to witness a marvellous project being brought to a successful completion.

2023 Weekly Roster October – December

| DATE | WELCOMES | CASHIERS | SERGEANT | CHAIRPERSON |
|--------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Oct-04 | Joe Morris | Norbert Schaber & Elaine Price | Peter Byrne | C Finocchiaro |
| Oct-11 | Ian Musgrove | Peter Gilbert & Paul Smarrelli | David De La Coeur | Joe Morris |
| Oct-18 | C Finocchiaro | Peter Gilbert & Elaine Price | Julie Morris | Paul Smarrelli |
| Oct-25 | Gary Mogford | Norbert Schaber & Paul Smarrelli | Chris Shields | Max Walsh |
| Nov-01 | Suzanne Still | Peter Gilbert & Ruth McCall | Max Walsh | Peter Peyton |
| Nov-08 | Joe Morris | Peter Gilbert & Paul Smarrelli | Peter Byrne | Gary Mogford |
| 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 |

Please arrange a replacement if you are unable to attend

DigiCloud, a Fairfield based IT services company, is offering members and connections a **CYBER SECURITY AND SAFETY WORKSHOP**.

Vacancies still exist. There is no limit to attendee numbers nor is there any charge. DigiCloud is offering the session as a gift to Rotarians and friends.

The aim is to teach seniors how to remain safe online – avoiding scams, frauds and identity thefts. This is an interactive and engaging workshop and will be held at Darebin RSL, Wednesday, November 1, 9.30am to 12.30pm (before the club meeting which will begin at 12.45am).

Attendees contact Sec. Geoff.

COMMUNITY CAR RAFFLE – ROTARY CLUB OF MOORoopNA: Preston Rotary has decided to participate in the upcoming Mooroopna Community Car Raffle to be drawn New Year’s Eve 2023. First prize Kia Stonic Sports with extras, valued at \$28,500. Books still available from Sec. Geoff.

Raffle draw will be at the Mooroopna New Year’s Eve Festival, December 31st.

Introducing the District 9790 PolioPlus Society

A great opportunity to do good in the world.

This Society is a District 9790 program to promote individual giving to the PolioPlus Fund.

To belong, you commit to donating AUD \$160 (\$100 USD) or more per year and pledge to do so until polio is completely eradicated. It is as simple as that!

We cannot express how important it is to keep funding the polio eradication program. It has been a long battle, but we need to finish the job. In 1985 we promised the children of the world that we would eradicate this devastating disease of Polio from the face of the earth. Rotarians are people of integrity, and we keep our promises.



Of course, all donations will receive a 2 to 1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

As a member of the Society, you pledge to donate a minimum of AUD \$160 (\$100 USD) each year until the world is certified polio free by the World Health Organization.

To become a member, go online at www.rotary.org/donate under featured causes, select the Polio Fund. Click on recurring donation and make it annually for \$160 or more. info: melissahebbard@outlook.com

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The account details for the Rotary Club of Preston:

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For member donations - Australian Rotary Foundation Trust

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