

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2021/2022

<p><u>International</u></p> <p>Chair: P Peyton</p> <p>I Musgrove J.Roose P Byrne E Price S Still</p>	<p><u>Youth Services</u></p> <p>Chair: J Morris</p> <p>P Conte N Schaber N Pinder G Lyons M Riel</p>	<p><u>Vocational</u></p> <p>Chair: T Weir</p> <p>K Agarwal M.Alkanani C Finocchiaro</p>	<p><u>Community</u></p> <p>Chair: K Subramanian.</p> <p>G Mogford M Walsh D Sullivan D De La Coeur C Verrocchi P Smarrelli</p> <p><u>Police Awards</u> E Price</p>	<p><u>Club Admin.</u></p> <p>R McCall</p> <p><u>On to Conference</u></p> <p>G McIlvenna</p>
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<p><u>Environment & Conservation</u></p> <p>Chair: L.Defazio</p> <p>C Shields G Mogford</p>	<p><u>PR, Website, IT</u></p> <p>Chair: P Conte</p> <p>L Defazio G Lyons R McCall E Price</p>	<p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>Chair: G Mogford</p> <p>G McIlvenna</p>	<p><u>Programmes</u></p> <p>Chair: Joe Morris</p> <p>I Musgrove</p>	<p><u>House</u></p> <p>Chair: N Pinder</p> <p>D. De La Coeur P Peyton M Walsh P Lamers</p>
<p><u>Bulletin</u></p> <p>Chair: J McCarthy</p> <p>P Peyton C Finocchiaro</p>	<p><u>Club History</u></p> <p>Chair: P Peyton</p>	<p><u>Family of Rotary/ Fellowship</u></p> <p>Chair: E Price Julie Morris</p>	<p><u>On to World Conference</u></p> <p>P Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Welcomes</u></p> <p>M Walsh Julie Morris M Riel M Alkanani K Agarwal</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.

SPEAKER LAST WEEK

Through his current position as Senior Sergeant at the Reservoir police station or through his lengthy family connections both with past police and with army service personnel, **Peter Sambell** is very involved with the local communities. He is widely recognised for his work with people from diverse cultural and ethnic communities, which is so essential in northern suburban life.

In opening his talk, Peter said he was trying to find a common link between Rotary service, military service and policing. This caused him to reflect not only on “Uncle Billy”, his great, great uncle **William “Rusty” Ruthven V.C.**, but also on his own career. He immediately came up with three principles SERVICE, VALUES AND LEADERSHIP.

Born in Collingwood in 1893 Rusty enlisted at the age of 22. Within months, he was in Gallipoli, then France where he was wounded. In no time he became a sergeant.





Bloodshed on those French fields was horrific. Almost singlehanded he captured, destroyed, halted the enemy while being continually under fire. Again he was wounded. This brought him the award of the Victoria Cross.

Returning to Australia as a hero Rusty married and moved to Werrimul, a soldier settlement area west of Mildura. Bad health brought him back to Melbourne where he became mayor of Collingwood in 1945. He was elected into the State Legislative Assembly as Labor member for Preston, later for Reservoir. Retirement came in 1961. After serving in countless

community service positions especially with the R.S.L. including Preston and timekeeper for the Collingwood Football Club, William Rusty Ruthven died in 1970.

Peter saw all this SERVICE as based on William's VALUE he placed on life. Service and Values automatically lead to LEADERSHIP. All three Peter saw as being in his own DNA and, as mentioned earlier, the reflective dots which join together in Rotary. He underlined that while he described these factors in Uncle Billy's life, he still reflects and questions their presence in his own life, be it with the police force and the lives of those he meets.



COMING MEETINGS

BOARD MEETING 18TH MAY.

- May 18: DAREBIN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT PLANNING: Ben Smith
Chair: Lisa Defazio
- May 25: EVENING DINNER MEETING (NB not at RSL: see below)
- June 1 CLUB ASSEMBLY

PRESTON ROTARY DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 25 May 6.30 for 7pm

St Georges Restaurant (Melb. Polytechnic), enter 77 St Georges Road

“UNITED MINDS COMMUNITY SERVICES” Guest Speaker: Bree Baxter

Mission: To provide a comprehensive mental health service to the local community

Contact: Paul Smarrelli - \$40 per person

THE ROTARY FAMILY



Norbet Schaber 19/5

Barbara Gilbert 20/5

Kapil Agarwal 21/5/1014

Jillian and Norbert Schaber 18/5



MAX WALSH: Last Wednesday President Chris Shields recognised Rotarian Max with the Paul Harris Fellow. This was



both an honour for Max as also a recognition by fellow Rotarians of

Max's financial and club support for Rotary Foundation which helps clubs fund humanitarian and educational programs of the Rotary Foundation.



CLUB NEWS

PAVILION SCHOOL now has installed a new large refrigerator to store food for those students who attend without breakie or lunch. David De La Coeur managed a great deal through Harvey Norman.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2023, Deniliquin, NSW, 17-19 March, 2023. Centre Point Motel all ready and booked.

RIMERN (Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network). Currently Preston is partnering 14 Rotary clubs. Members can volunteer for any style of assisting – ushering clients through the storehouse, moving goods on offer, etc. Very rewarding work helping people build their lives in an immediately practical way. More info from Ruth McCall.

Collaborating with Prospect Wines, RIMERN is offering a selection of wines to help raise funds for a new van.

<https://prospectwines.com.au/product/rotary-inner-melbourne-emergency-relief-network/>



ANNUAL REPORTS – CHANGEOVER BULLETIN: May 20 is the current deadline for Committee Chairs to have in their concise reports with photos to President Chris. More info – President Chris.

RESERVOIR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE has been completely swamped reports Ruth McCall who attended a recent planning committee meeting with Geoff McIlvenna and David De La Coeur. Over the month of March more than 1,300 food parcels were packed and distributed to families in need.



RYDA: It was an 9AM start at the Broadmeadows greyhound track for Julie and Joe Morris, Peter Peyton, Carla Finocchiaro and Tim Weir. They were not there for a training run! They were helping in the management of under the programmed 110 students attending the Rotary Youth Driving Awareness programme. Unfortunately, one school had to pull out due to Covid.

On the day, the students attend 6 different workshops with their guides – risk taking as drivers, dangerous actions while passengers, use of phones etc.

Children First Foundation’s Events Committee invites you to the **“SPARKLING LUNCH 2022”** – Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, Fri. May 20 11.45 for 12pm start and finishing at 2.30pm. \$98 per person. So far, Sec. Geoff reports that the club has a table of 10 attending. Any late starters please contact Geoff.

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 - the account details for

the **Australian Rotary Foundation Trust**

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