

# **ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.**

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Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm

Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

**Assistant Governor:** Pat Solibakke

## **BULLETIN**

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	<a href="#"><u>District Conference</u></a>  <b>G McIlvenna</b>	<a href="#"><u>RIMERN</u></a>  <b>R McCall</b> Julie Morris Joe Morris E Price L Defazio All members invited to assist in Volunteering		<b>Secretary</b> G McIlvenna  <b>Treasurer</b> F Smith  <b>Special Projects</b> P Smarrelli

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.

# A Preston Welcome To DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVID MCPHERSON

## SPEAKER LAST WEEK

Two speakers from **Youth Support and Advocacy Service (YSAS)** carved out a widespread summary of the multiple operations of YSAS. **Lydia Schurer** has been with YSAS for the past 10 years and ex secondary school teacher while **Bede Selleck** has been with YSAS for the past 2 years. YSAS is Australia's largest youth specific organization. Operating since 1998, YSAS now employs over 400 skilled staff across 19 sites in metropolitan and regional Victoria.



Originally in Preston, the centre has now moved to The Hub, a one-time Centrelink building on High St, Epping. Lydia has served in many of the specialty



areas while Bede is currently in the field of psychosocial assistance for newly arrived refugee youth.

The best outline of YSAS is a list of its customer related personnel and some of its service departments. It is entirely involved with the younger generation who have fallen victims of mental illness, homelessness, desocialisation, drug and alcohol misuse. Hence

the title Youth Support and Advocacy Service.

Both Lydia and Bede echoed the professional acceptance and aid offered these young people. A sign of this aid is the departmental specializations YSAS has developed. Spread widely throughout the state, YSAS offers residential care, aboriginal support, leadership development, continuing aid for young people in employment and community integration. The list is endless and stands as an ongoing sign of what can be achieved for today's tested youth.

## THE ROTARY FAMILY

Joe Morris 26/8/15



**GUESTS LAST WEEK:** Trudy Orchard, Darcy Williams (past student of RYLA) and Nadia Higgins.

**A BIG WARM WELCOME** was noised when Gerry Higgins introduced his wife **Nadia** at last week's meeting. She seemed quite at home with Melbourne's cool and was very happy to meet the Preston crew.



## UPCOMING SCHEDULES

### SPEAKERS:

August 24: **D.G. David McPherson**  
Chair Pres. Ruth McCall

August 31: **Club Forum**  
Chair Elaine Price

Sept. 7: **Rotary Social Night** with partners at Pres. Ruth's residence  
Speaker will be **President Apama Sunku**, Rotary Club of Coimbatore  
Smart City India  
Chair Kannan Subramanian

### MEETING-DAY DUTIES:

DATE	WELCOMES	CASHIERS	SERGEANT	CHAIRPERSON
24th August	Peter Peyton	Carla Finocchiaro Gary Mogford	Norbert Schaber	Ruth McCall
31st August	Max Walsh	Peter Byrne Natalie Au	Peter Peyton	Elaine Price
7th September	Peter Gilbert	Paul Conti Norbert Schaber	David Sullivan	Kannan Subramanian
14th September	Peter Peyton	Gary Mogford Elaine Price	Ian Musgrove	Julie Morris
21st September	Ian Musgrove	Paul Smarrelli Peter Lamers	Lisa Defazio	Carla Finocchiaro
28th September	Julie Morris	Max Walsh Natalie Au	Chris Shields	Ian Musgrove

## CLUB INFO

**BOARD ZOOM MEETING:** Wednesday next, Aug. 24, 5pm.

**CIRCUS QUIRKUS:** Reports were numerous – *“the first shows were good crowds especially on the Sunday . . . the kids loved it . . . loading the wheelchairs on the lift was a challenge and some goers missed part of the session they were attending . . . .”* Again a congratulations to **Gary Mogford** for his ongoing management of the entire programme.

**PRESTON ROTARY SOCIAL EVENNG:** Sept 7, 6.30-9.30 at McCall Palace, 98 Union St. Northcote. Ruth or Peter will not be cooking – fabulous hot and cold wines/non-alcoholic drinks finger food from Eaglemont Dish Café. \$40 per person. RSVP Ruth McCall Mon 29 August. Payment in advance (see particulars bottom of Bulletin.

Guest Speaker Pres. Arpana Sunku visiting from Coimbatore Smartcity Rotary Club, Tamil Nadu, India.

**CLUB REGIONALISATION PROGRAMMING:** There is more study/reading to be done by members. Maybe this is a chance to search around prior to the D.G.’s visit.

**TREE PLANTING WITH DAREBIN REWILDING PROJECT:** This will be in the Ray Brabham Gardens area, behind the Darebin Arts Centre (opp. the R.S.L.). The date is yet to be finalised with Lisa Defazio working on it – maybe the first Sunday or second Sunday in September, around 10am. Lisa writes: *“Thank you for last Sunday’s planting. It was great to see the Rotary members again and saving another area of remnant grass with improved biodiversity from all the new plants”.*



**RES. NEIGH. HOUSE FOODBANK UNLOADING:** Tuesday, August 23,  
11.45 – 12.15.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE, DENILQUIN, MARCH 2023:** Secretary Geoff has  
booked a motel in Deni and is now taking bookings for nights and numbers.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN REGISTRATIONS:** Some members' cards have  
expired and have not been renewed. Sec. Geoff is in expectancy.

**BUNNINGS BARBIE:** Saturday, Sept 10



Mary and Claude Verrocchi are missing Preston so much . . . . .  
During the week they sent members and partners a *“Wish you  
were here”!*

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

## MELBOURNE

**27-31 May, 2023**

YOUR next opportunity to be an early bird and save:

- The deadline for the next early bird registration is only 126 days away. Book now for \$475.00, that's only \$3.70 , less than a cup of coffee. Deadline 15th December \$475 . So, be an early bird and save

Register at: [convention.rotary.org](https://convention.rotary.org)

- Monday, May 29, 2023, is the night the club will be club hosting of a bus load of Conventioners in an evening of entertainment. Volunteers please get your names to Sec. Geoff.



**CIRCUS QUIRCUS – David De La Coeur with feathers in his cap.**





Regionalisation  
Project

# Creating tomorrow

**Members are invited to scroll the internet (as below) to be better informed  
re the Regionalisation Project**

With a century of service under our belt and support of the Rotary International Board, we're ensuring Rotary continues to do good and flourish in our region with a more contemporary structure. It aims to better support clubs and members to connect with more volunteers develop leadership skills and collaborate with one another and our communities to change the world.

A pilot program is proposed for Rotary Zone 8, which includes Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Timor Leste, Tonga and Vanuatu.

On the 13th April 2022 the Council on Legislation voted strongly in favour of a pilot being undertaken in Zone 8 on the basis our clubs and districts support this happening by 1st October 2022. The plan is to explore, test and develop a framework developed by the Board's Shaping Rotary's Future Committee to confirm what works and what doesn't in our Zone. If the pilot proceeds, it will occur whilst districts remain in place and in full consultation with districts and clubs.

**Club Website address:**

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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

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