

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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CLUB BULLETIN

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**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.**



AUSTRALIA DAY 2025

As my Indigenous heritage taught me, we all belong to this place equally.

Regardless of race or heritage, your conception on this land means you belong to it.

Everyone gets the opportunity to pitch in to this place we call home, and gets mateship in return.

Jacinta Nampijinpa

Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Frank Smith 1/2/1995



CLUB NEWS

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY AWARDS: Dates for the Awards 2025: Nominations open March 1 and close April 30. Finalists announced June. The Vic RESCA Awards Dinner August 30. Aus RESCA National Event October
www.vic.rescawards.org.au/.

FOODBANK: The FOODBANK run commences again on the 28th JANUARY with a second following a week later on the 4th FEBRUARY_



OFFICE BEARERS & BOARD DIRECTORS

| <u>International</u> | <u>Youth</u> | <u>Vocational</u> | <u>Community</u> |
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| Director: P Peyton J Roose S Still E Boateng G Mogford K Agawal | Director: G Lyons E Price P Conte N Lyons P.Harden | Director: Chris Shields C Finocchiaro N Schaber C Verrocchi Joe Morris J McCarthy E. Stevens | Director: P Smarrelli M Walsh D De La Coeur D Sullivan N Pinder E Price (Police Awards) Abdulkadir Hassan |
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CLUB ADMINISTRATION:

Gerry Lyons

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| <u>Youth Exchange</u> E Price P Gilbert | <u>Bulletin</u> J McCarthy P Peyton P Gilbert | <u>Fundraising & Circus QuirkuS</u> Chair: W O'Neill F Smith G Mcllvenna P Smarrelli | <u>Attendance</u> G Mogford G Mcllvenna P Smarrelli | <u>Cashiers</u> P Gilbert N Schaber G Mogford E Price P Conte M Walsh | <u>Programmes</u> G Mogford R McCall P Smarrelli P Gilbert |
| <u>Family of Rotary & Club History</u> P Peyton P Gilbert GMcllvenna P Smarrelli | <u>IT / Website / Facebook / Public Relation</u> R McCall G Lyons N Lyons | <u>Club History & Information</u> P Peyton P Gilbert G Mcllvenna P Smarrelli | <u>Sergeants</u> D Sullivan D De La Coeur P Byrne | <u>RIMERN</u> R McCall E Price | <u>House</u> Joe Morris N Pinder D De La Coeur G Mogford G Mcllvenna P Smarrelli |
| <u>World Conference</u> P Gilbert | <u>District Conference</u> G Mcllvenna | <u>Fellowship</u> E Price P Byrne G Mcllvenna | <u>Police Awards</u> E Price G Mcllvenna K Subramanian P Smarrelli | <u>Birthday Cards</u> F Smith | <u>Welcome</u> P. Peyton J Morris E Price C Finocchiaro |

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION IN CAMBODIA: Members will remember the talk given

at a May meeting in 2024 by **Robyn Angus** from Ivanhoe Rotary. Robyn spoke of the Partners Project in Cambodia. The trip involved visiting remote villages in Cambodia where funds were being spent on educating and assisting the welfare of villagers.

The project seeks to support education for students in Siem Reap, Cambodia, through the provision of educational resources with the co-operation of Cambodia Rural Students Trust.

It was great news to hear from member David De La Coeur that two of his grandchildren this month travelled with a local group to witness the meaning and value of the project.



Great tree planting action.

The project provides community needs such as bicycles, solar lighting and desks to support education for students in Siem Reap. The team assisted teachers and mentored students where needed, to build skills and self-determination.



Weekly Roster January - March 2025

PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

| DATE | WELCOMES | CASHIERS | SERGEANT | CHAIRPERSON |
|--------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Jan-29 | Norm Pinder | Peter Gilbert & Gary Mogford | Max Walsh | David De La Coeur |
| Feb-05 | Peter Peyton | Peter Gilbert & Kannan Subramanian | David Sullivan | Elaine Price |
| Feb-12 | C Finocchiaro | Norbet Schaber & Paul Smarrelli | Gerry Lyons | Peter Byrne |
| Feb-19 | Eileen Stevens | Peter Gilbert & Peter Peyton | David De La Coeur | Chris Shields |
| Feb-26 | Chris Shields | Kannan Subramanian & Peter Gilbert | David Sullivan | Gerry Lyons |
| Mar-05 | Peter Byrne | Norbet Schaber & Gary Mogford | K Subramanian | Paul Smarrelli |
| Mar-12 | Norbet Schaber | Peter Gilbert & Ruth McCall | Max Walsh | Norm Pinder |
| Mar-19 | Suzanne Still | Norbet Schaber & Paul Smarrelli | David Sullivan | Peter Byrne |
| Mar-26 | Hassan Abdulkadir | Peter Gilbert & Gary Mogford | David De La Coeur | Elaine Price |
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RIMERN: Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network is seeking help with volunteer work at the Centre. Demand has grown and despite having 22 member clubs the need is heavy. It's on Preston's doorstep and volunteers can space their time abilities. Contact is club membership rep. Ruth McCall.

THE NEXT BUNNINGS IS SATURDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 2025

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

| Date | Topic | Speaker |
|--------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Jan 22 | Rotarian Behind the Badge | Kannan Subramanian |
| Jan 29 | Exchange Student | Charlotte Puttlitz |
| Feb 5 | Alma Doepel (Youth) | Jasper Coglan |

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – ALBURY 2025

Via TryBooking - it only takes three minutes!

Secretary Geoff requests:

*“Can I ask those who have submitted their name to attend this year's D9790 CONFERENCE to please register for the Conference via **TryBooking** as soon as possible.*

I have only one booking back so far, with another 13 names on the list that have not either registered or have but not sent a copy of their registration to me.

I require numbers ASAP to finally book some rooms. Room prices for accommodation at hotels/motels vary greatly.

Thanks in anticipation of your assistance in these matters.”

PRESIDENT WAYNE REPORTS ON MAJOR MOVE FOR RIMERN: *“After my first visit to RIMERN it was glaringly obvious that help was needed for furniture movement and storage. The warehouse offered 3 levels of stacking. However, most of the furniture and household items were spread all over the ground floor, causing congestion and difficulties for the volunteers and beneficiaries looking for items.*

A motion was presented to our Board to provide RIMERN with an Electric Stacker. The board approved the purchase, and David De La Coeur took on the responsibility to investigate the Purchase. David approached RIMERN to work out the size and specifications of a suitable Stacker given the size of their isles.

David did some excellent negotiations, and I am happy to report that the Stacker was purchased for a sum of \$3610 after a GST refund. Funds were provided from the club's Major Donation budget.

The stacker has now been delivered, albeit with some difficulty to do with the delivery Truck accessing the steep Drive at the RIMERN facility was difficult. Well done to David for his good work. I am hoping we will some photos soon”.

Wayne O'Neill