

The Pascoe Post

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale – August 10, 2023

The Club meets at the Pascoe Vale RSL each Thursday night at 6.30pm. We have some great speakers. Visitors* - Please join us for dinner – our shout!

Contact the editor for more details

Pascoe Vale
Rotary



President's Message

Greetings fellow Rotarians

With wattles and jasmine flowering it feels like Spring is just around the corner. A little too soon maybe?

A splendid team of gardeners arrived at Essex St on Saturday and within 1 1/2 hours the front yard of one of our citizens had been clipped, ripped, snipped and tipped into prize- worthy shape. Many thanks to Colin, Bruno, Gerard, Grady and Steve.

We heard a moving talk from Steve Layt from the Pat Cronin Foundation about the horrific results which can occur from a coward punch. The PC Foundation runs an extensive school education program about this too common problem. It was such a pleasure to welcome our Strathmore Rotary family who also came along to hear this vital talk.



On a sad note we are bidding "au devour" to our Grady Bergen who is heading to Tasmania for a few months. However we look forward to his return at the end of the year. We wish you all the best Grady and come back soon. See you on Zoom!

I will be away next meeting and PP Bruno will very ably fill in. Stay safe and well.

Heather Harris
President
Pascoe Vale Rotary

THIS WEEK

This week our speaker will be Andrew from Police Veterans Victoria.

Police Veterans Victoria (PVV) is a not-for-profit that provides support to Victoria Police veterans.

Join us online!

NOTE ## –
Change of Meeting
Access code

Following some difficulties with getting zoom up and running, we now have a new meeting details.

ZOOM meeting details
(available every week)

Click on the link to join our meetings, everyone is welcome.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86340912240?pwd=c1ZIUGFLWFNSUjU2SmRDQlFud0goZzo9>

Meeting ID: 863 4091 2240
Passcode: 4SnEt6



Upcoming Events

10 th August	Andrew, Police Veterans Victoria
17 th August	Mandy Gosetti, founder of "I'm Still Learning" (Home Maintenance)
16 September	Rotary Club of Whittlesea 25 Years Celebration
7 November	Community Raffle drawn (Cup Day)
19 November	RYLA 2023
19 April	2024 District Conference Shepparton



Supporting families with sick and premature babies. (RABS)

This is a Family Project for Neta Kirby (District Governor 9790) whose daughters Ruth and Monica both went through traumatic births with sick and premature babies. They understand the emotional and financial pressure on families in this situation and valued the amazing support they received from the Life's Little Treasures Foundation. This project will provide much-needed funding to "Life's Little Treasures Foundation" so they can continue to support thousands of families like Neta's.

In Australia, 1 in 10 babies are born premature, ie before 37 weeks of gestation. Over 48,000 babies are admitted to Neonatal Intensive Care Units or Special Care Nurseries every year. As you can imagine, this is an extremely stressful time for the families of prem babies. Funds raised through this project will support the "Victorian Families Support Program" for the "Lifes Little Treasures Foundation". The program will provide information, financial assistance, peer support,

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays:

None

Anniversaries:

Damian & Susan Nippard
12 August

President Spotlight

Heather Harris 2023-2024



What do you know about this Rotarian?

Day Job: Toddler wrangler, house work avoider, geranium cutting stealer, trying to get 10,000 steps a day (rarely accomplished)





and connection opportunities to families who have had a premature or sick baby in Victoria.



Supporting Kidney Disease Patients in Outback Australia

Pukatja is an extremely remote indigenous community in South Australia. It experiences kidney disease at a rate fifteen times higher than the national average.

With the nearest treatment facility about 1,000km away, dialysis entails relocation, far away from the patient's support network of family and community – a devastating blow, especially for someone already suffering the trauma of serious illness.

Delivering treatment closer to home results in dramatically better health outcomes, reduced economic and community impacts and reduced need for ancillary services, such as social workers and interpreters.



The Rotary Club of Waikerie, along with numerous Clubs and Districts, from Australia and the USA, funded the A\$200,000 purchase of the medical equipment to set up a dialysis facility in the far northwest of the state. They partnered with the WDNWPT Aboriginal Community. The Rotary Foundation provided A\$70,000 in Global Grant funding.

Fun Fact: in 1975 recreated the voyage of Bligh following the mutiny, travelling from Timor to Bali in an exact copy of the Bounty Launch - an open boat 7 metres long and 2 metres wide

Favourite Rotary Moment: when I see lots of community join in a Rotary plog session.

Song you listen to with the windows down: In My Heart by Sinead O'Connor

Favourite place to meet a Rotarian for a beer: Wherever there is no alcohol beer and not too noisy

Love of your life: my kids and grandkids

Crazy Moments: Eloping. Pillion riding on a motorcycle during peak hour in Kampala, Uganda and realising I didn't know where my Will was (or if it was up to date)



Update on Timor Rotary Consortium - WASH Project

Our Club was a donor back in (October 2020) and they seek our Club's renewal of support for the Project's next stage, for which they are applying for a Global Grant.

Since then, in and around the region of Baguia in eastern Timor Leste, 62 Galvanised 5,500 Litre Water Tanks have been installed and 7 three cubicle School Toilets have been constructed, principally by locals using skills imparted to them by Rotary Volunteer Teams. Because of these learned skills they were able to continue work on the Project during the 3 years of Covid isolation and are also able to repair and maintain the Water Tanks and Toilets themselves.



The Programme creates great international goodwill and supplies much needed clean water and sanitation to remote mountain villages where the great majority of locals live a subsistence life and where open defecation is practiced.

A Global Grant application with a budget of AUD \$100,000 has been prepared and as mentioned earlier we would welcome your Club's renewed participation both financially and by club members participating in visiting Rotary Teams.

In 2020-2021 several Rotary Clubs made donations of \$10,000 and we hope this level of generosity will be repeated again in 2023-2024. Over a dozen Rotary Clubs and 2 Inner Wheel Districts have made donations to this Project and we ask you please to pass on this information to your club's International Chair for consideration by their Committee.

Rotary Regionalisation

Last week, members of the Steering Group hosted a series of webinars to share information about the work currently happening in the Regionalisation Pilot.

Over 200 people tuned in across the three webinars.

You can watch a recording of the final webinar and download a copy of the presentation slides to share with your club by visiting the Creating Tomorrow website: <https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/latest-updates/july-member-webinars>.

Pawgust fundraiser

I am doing my big annual fundraiser for Guide Dogs Victoria once again. I'm hoping you will be able to donate & please share this around. It is tax deductible.

Please support my challenge today by donating to my fundraising page - <https://www.pawgust.com.au/s/752/70411/e>

Thank you so much.

Paws sincerely,
Adua Merola





BBQ at Coburg Bunnings Sunday 6 August 2023

Another great day was had by all.

I would like to thank Colin, Gerard, Bob, Kevin, Geraldine, Chris, Bruno, Lois and Steve for their help on the day.



It was great to see Lisa come along and join in all the fun.



Bruno, Chris and Kevin got to cook – Steve hovered – Lisa joined the team

So once again a very big thank you.
Matt

Merri-bek Conmmsafe Forum postponed

We wish to advise you, that the Merri-Bek Community Forum scheduled for Thursday 10 August 2023 has been postponed due to the sad passing of a police veteran, as many of our members will be attending his funeral. A new date will be scheduled and circulated shortly.

If you have accepted on behalf of others could you please advise them of this postponement.

Thank you for your understanding.

Regards,
Inspector Lorna McCarthy



Working Bee Saturday 5 August 2023

Rotary Pascoe Vale Working Bee at a local citizens home! Hands on projects is what we do best!



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WE ARE ALL WELCOME


All ages
All sizes
All races
All abilities
All religions
All ethnicities
All nationalities
All sexual orientations
All immigration statuses
All socio-economic backgrounds
All gender expressions & identities

Club Messages/Cards –

If you know of any Current, Honorary/Past Member or family or friends of or Rotary Club who could benefit from a card or message, please get in touch with Lia Wolfe (P.P. Pat's daughter) who will arrange for an appropriate card to be sent on behalf of our Club.

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