

The Pascoe Post

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale – December 12, 2024

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

Contact the editor for more details.

Pascoe Vale
Rotary



A member of District 9790

President's Post

President's message

Hello fellow Rotarians

A busy week with BBQ's, school awards, RIMERN meetings/work, induction of a new member and the general mayhem which heralds the end-of-year Silly Season. We're all running around madly. We welcomed Cr Oscar Yildiz aboard as our newest Rotarian last week. A very warm welcome to Oscar, Sylvia and family. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

Our invited speaker last week was Dr Peter Ewer, a historian, published author, environmental researcher and member of Merri Paddle. Peter gave a compelling talk about Urban Stream Syndrome and what affects the quality of water flowing in our local waterways. This includes the impact of urban sprawl, dumping of litter and industrial waste disposal into the nearest creek/river. Our club is one of 4 Rotary Clubs which are members of Merri Paddle, a multidisciplinary group allied with Friends of Marri Creek, working on ways the Merri Creek water can be improved to a stage where it is a suitable habitat for platypus once again. It's a long-term ideal which will include a lot of community involvement and water testing. Word is out that one guest speaker in Albury District Conference in April 2025 will be Olympian Lauren Jackson. So exciting!

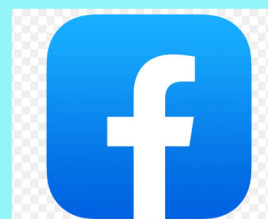
Stay safe and well
Heather Harris PHF
President
PVRC

This Week

Rotary



District 9790



Start with Rotary
and good things happen.



Rotary. Humanity in motion.

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A Sunday Bunnings Barbie



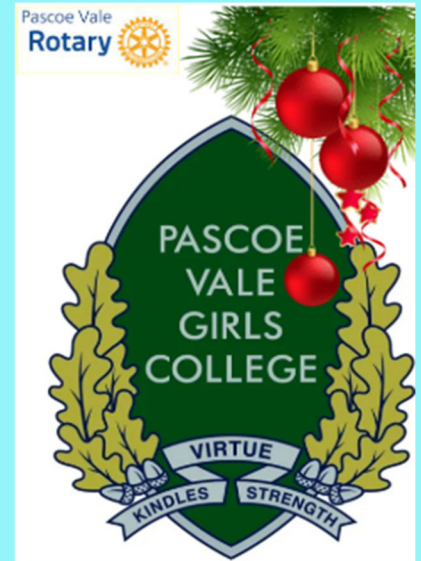
"On Sunday we had our Bunnings bbq, and what a great day it was. I would like to thank Kim for helping us to set up. Also, a thank you to Matt, Bob, Chris, Bruno, Praveen, Kevin, Gerard and Lois for their help. A very big thank

you to Glynn who travelled from Geelong to spend the whole day with us."

Steve
Fund-raising Chair



With Pres. Heather, A Warm welcome to our new member Oscar Yildiz with the wife Silvia Yildiz



A Letter from our Vocational Services Chairman Kevin Fernandes

"On Thursday, December 5th, 2024, I had the honour of attending the Pascoe Vale Girls College Awards Evening to present three awards on behalf of our club. These awards were the Sports Ambassador Award, the Senior Arts Award, and the VCAL Achievement Award. As always, it was an exceptionally impressive ceremony.
— Kevin Fernandes,
Vocational Service"





"Protecting Urban Waterways from Pollution"



Dr. Peter Ewer with our PVRC Pres. Heather Harris

Last week, we were privileged to hear from Dr. Peter Ewer, a distinguished historian, published author, environmental researcher, and active member of Merri Paddle. Dr. Ewer delivered an insightful and engaging talk on Urban Stream Syndrome, shedding light on the numerous factors that degrade the quality of water in our local waterways. He emphasized the detrimental effects of urban sprawl, the careless dumping of litter, and the irresponsible disposal of industrial waste into nearby creeks and rivers. His presentation highlighted the urgent need for community awareness and action to protect and restore our precious water resources for future generations.

Laughter is still the best Medicine in Rotary 1/2!

- 1 "Rotary Claus: Delivering good deeds, one service project at a time."
- 2 "Deck the halls with Rotarian cheer and a lot of volunteer hours!"
- 3 "Rotary elves: Making a difference, even in Santa's workshop."
- 4 "Our Rotary Christmas tree has ornaments of hope and tinsel of service."
- 5 "Santa's sleigh is powered by Rotarian spirit—no reindeer needed!"
- 6 "Rotary: Where even the Grinch volunteers during the holidays."
- 7 "Rotary members: The secret Santa's helpers of every community."



Upcoming Events

12 th December	PVRC Club Meeting w/ Speaker Lucy Re: her experience @ RYLA
11-13 April '25	District Conference - Albury



Laughter is still the best Medicine in Rotary 2/2!

True Blue Rotarian News

Lauren Jackson: Olympic Medalist tells her story at the upcoming District conference next year!



Lauren Jackson has agreed to come on board as a keynote speaker at our District Conference in April next year! Lauren is actually a local from Albury Wodonga. She is one of Australia's top sportspeople - considered by many to be the country's greatest female basketballer in history. Go online here: to book your ticket to hear Lauren at the District 9790 Conference, 11-13 April, 2025.

Lauren was the first Australian in history to be selected as the first overall pick in an international and professional draft. She was crowned an All-Star in her first WNBA season. In 2012, Lauren had the great honour of being flag bearer for Australia at the London Olympics and in 2021, she was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 2021, the sports' most prestigious award. Lauren returned to the sport after a 5 year hiatus, playing for the Albury Bandits in the NBL1. Shortly after, she fulfilled a dream by becoming an Opal once again, representing Australia at the 2022 FIBA

World Championships in Sydney.

She was instrumental at these games in helping the Opals to a Bronze Medal win and at the 2024 Paris Olympics, become a 5-time Olympic medallist helping the Opals take home the Bronze.

You can see the full Conference program and speaker line-up here:
<https://www.rotary9790.org.au/sitepage/conference-2024-2025>

**What do you call a Rotarian with a great idea?
A "revolunteer-tionary"!**

**Why did the Rotary member bring a bicycle to the fundraiser?
Because they wanted to pedal kindness!**

**What's a Rotarian's favorite workout?
Raising the bar... and raising funds!**

**Why don't Rotarians ever argue about projects?
They always "turn the wheel" in the right direction!**

**What's a Rotarian's favorite type of math?
Charity division and community multiplication!**

**Why did the Rotary Club bring snacks to the meeting?
Because they wanted to "serve" up something extra!**





Behind the Wheel: Surprising Rotary Club Insights!

The most remote Rotary club is in Papeete, Tahiti, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The lowest club is in El Centro, California, 12.2 meters below sea level. The highest club is in El Aguilar, Argentina, 4,880 meters above sea level!



THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays:

Glady Bergan
8th Dec

Anniversaries:

- Steve & Lois Papas
18th Dec

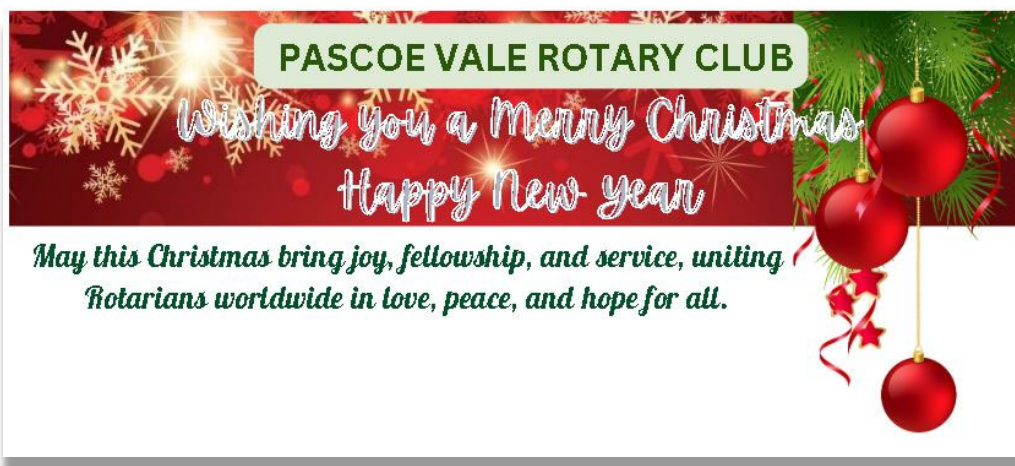


Papeete, Tahiti





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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 Pat Solibakke who will arrange for an appropriate card to be sent on behalf of our Club.

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