

# The Pascoe Post

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale – November 13, 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

Hi All

Accompanied by some glorious Spring weather, Merri Paddle members and a few hardy citizen scientists (including myself and Pat S. representing PVRC) set off for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Merri Creek Management Committee Water Watch Field day on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. We visited 3 Merri Creek sites– Craigieburn, Fawkner and Epping, testing and collecting water samples, measuring salinity levels, oxygenation, pesticides and platypus eDNA among other tests. It was a full day but very interesting.

Today I attended the Remembrance Day wreath laying as President of PVRC. As always, it is a very solemn ceremony and several local schools were represented. It being a Monday, my 4 year old granddaughter Ruby was with me. She found the whole spectacle slightly perplexing and could not understand why we could not take the flowers home afterwards but very capably helped me lay the wreath on the cenotaph.

See the DG District zoom meeting info coming up on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. We will join it after our dinner meeting.

Stay safe and well

Heather Harris PHF  
President  
Pascoe Vale Rotary Club

## This Week

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District 9790



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## Last Speakers of Last Weeks Club's Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Pres. Heather Harris PHF



Rtn. Bob with Kim & Lucy as Leader on RYLA



Rtn. Steve Papas-Speaker on Fundraising



Happy Rotarians during Sgt @ Arms  
Bob T. , Doc. Bruno Kim & Lucy.



Rotarians best times on Sgt @ Arms Matthew W. With Gerard H.,  
Collin MK & on the back of Matthew for collection is Co-Pres. Bruno.



## Laughter is still the best Medicine! Part 1

1 "I stayed up all night wondering where the sun went. Then it dawned on me."

2 "I wanted to grow my own food... but I can't find bacon seeds!"

3 "I don't suffer from laziness; I enjoy every single minute of it."

4 "Parallel lines have so much in common... it's a shame they'll never meet!"





## Upcoming Events

14th November	Club Meeting
16th November	Calabria Club Bulla – Social Night
21st November	AGM
26th November	Meeting at RYLA, Malmsbury. Meet at RSL at 5.00pm to arrange car pool. BOOKINGS REQUIRED at <a href="https://ryla9790.org.au/dinner-booking/">https://ryla9790.org.au/dinner-booking/</a>
28th November	Club Meeting TBC
8th December	Bunnings BBQ
11-13 Mar '25	District Conference - Albury

## A Message from Carol O'Connell & Stephen O'Connell DG

Dear Rotarians,

We are excited to invite you to a District Zoom meeting on **Thursday, 14 November 2024, at 7:30 pm**. This meeting aims to explore ways to increase membership and is a follow-up to the Health Report that many clubs, including ours, completed a few months ago.

PVRC will have our computer set up to join the Zoom meeting right after our dinner meeting. We encourage as many members as possible to join the Zoom session.

Join us and other clubs to discover practical, ready-to-use ideas that can help your club thrive and implement the Framework for Improvement. Let's catch up and explore how you can tailor these strategies to your unique needs.

We look forward to connecting with you!

**Save the date: 7:30 pm, Thursday 14 November 2024.  
Join Zoom Meeting**

Looking forward to your participation!



## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

### Birthdays:

Vera D'Aprano Birthday  
-13th Nov  
Anna DeAmicis  
-25th Nov  
Gerard Hannan  
1st Dec

### Anniversaries:

- Bob & Elsa Valastro  
2nd Dec

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

21-25 June:Calgary:Canada







## AUSTRALIAN REMEMBRANCE STORY

### The Story of Simpson and His Donkey

One of the most enduring tales of heroism from World War I involves John Simpson Kirkpatrick, famously known as "Simpson." Born in the UK and later migrating to Australia, Simpson enlisted in the Australian Army and served as a stretcher-bearer during the Gallipoli Campaign in 1915.

Upon landing at Gallipoli, Simpson discovered a donkey abandoned by the Turkish soldiers. He immediately saw an opportunity to use the donkey to help evacuate the wounded from the battlefield. With incredible bravery and disregard for his own safety, Simpson tirelessly transported wounded soldiers from the front lines to the beach for evacuation, all under constant enemy fire.

Simpson's efforts became legendary among the troops. He and his donkey, named Duffy, navigated the treacherous terrain of Gallipoli, saving many lives. Tragically, Simpson was killed by machine-gun fire after only three and a half weeks on the battlefield, but his legacy lived on.

Simpson and his donkey symbolize the courage, compassion, and dedication of the Australian forces. Every Remembrance Day, Australians honor heroes like Simpson, reflecting on their sacrifices and the enduring spirit of mateship and service.



### Laughter is still the best Medicine! Part 2

- 1 "Don't trust atoms. They make up everything—including this joke."
- 2 "I wanted to grow my own food... but I can't find bacon seeds!"
- 3 "I ordered a chicken and an egg online. I'll let you know which arrives first."
- 4 "I used to be a banker, but I lost interest. Quite literally."
5. "Why don't skeletons fight each other? They don't have the guts."
6. "My bed and I are in a committed relationship. We even sleep together daily!"



## REMEMBRANCE DAY Contn...



### Ruby is Heather's Grand Daughter

On Remembrance Day, little Ruby, with her innocent eyes and tender hands, offers flowers to the war heroes. Each bloom she presents is a symbol of gratitude, a small yet profound gesture of remembrance. The flowers are more than just petals and stems; they are tokens of a young heart's recognition of sacrifices made long before her time. In this quiet moment, Ruby bridges generations, honouring the past with the purity and hope of the future. Her act of giving brings a gentle, poignant beauty to the solemn occasion, reminding us all of the enduring impact of bravery and the importance of memory.



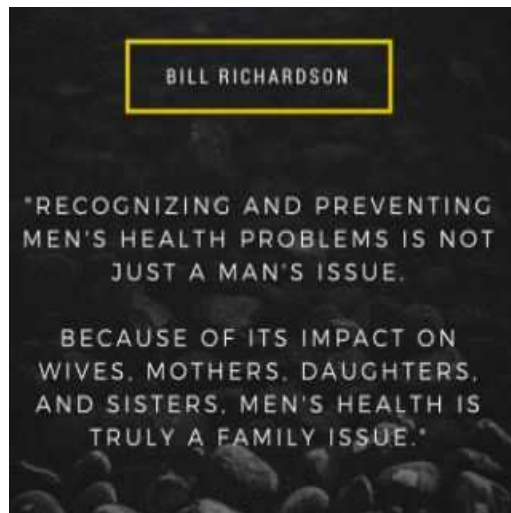
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### Club Messages/Cards –

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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