

# The Pascoe Post

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale – December 15, 2022

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**



## Last Week



Last week, President-elect Heather gave us a review of her book “Sweating Bullets, Mopping Blood!” In the book, she details her experiences as a midwife while working for Doctors without Borders between 2001 and 2012. From Sri Lanka, in the middle of a 20 year civil war, to Nepal, South Sudan and Somalia – truly incredible experiences. During her time at these remote locations, Heather

was exposed to situations well beyond those she encountered in Australia. How did she approach these situations “Start where you are, Do what you can, Just do your best”



After having precious little, the vast differences were highlighted when, on her return, Heather was overwhelmed by the vast choice of toothpaste we have available at our local supermarkets. Thanks Heather

## Upcoming Events

15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Meeting of the year.
27 <sup>th</sup> December	Bunnings BBQ
19 <sup>th</sup> January	First Meeting, Picnic in the Park – details TBA
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Australia Day Public Holiday – No Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Reggie T. L. Chang, Venturer Scout Leader
27-31 May 2023	Rotary International Convention -Melbourne.

The club extends its sympathy to the families, work colleagues, and all police on the tragic deaths of the two police officers and the innocent neighbour who died in Queensland on Tuesday.



May Rachel McCrow, Matthew Arnold, and neighbour Alan Dare, rest in peace



## **Presidential Decree** -15th December 2022

*Hi Rotarians, Friends of Rotary, and Kind Sponsors!*

I do hope you & your families & friends are all well.

Last week, we were indeed honoured to have Heather, our President Elect, speak to us about her experiences as a midwife & nurse with "Doctors Without Borders". Heather worked in many challenging situations overseas and has now written a book on her experiences. The book's title says it all! "Sweating Bullets, Mopping Blood! A Midwife's Stories from Conflict Zones" I must admit, we were left with many questions & a sense of awe...I must admit, my life is better because I know Heather...



As this is the last meeting for the year, ***May I wish you all a Merry Christmas & A Safe & Happy New Year. Be well Rotarians & Friends. See you in the new year!***

Yours In Rotary Service,  
Bruno & Deborah D'Aprano  
The Prez

## **THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:**

### Birthdays:

Kim Whittle

### Anniversaries:

Steve and Lois Papas

### What's on this week

Come along for a Christmas drink and a catch up.



## **Donations to support flood victims**

**Project number:** 31 - 2022-23

**Title:** Victoria and Border communities flood relief fund distribution (RABS)

**Description:** To distribute donated funds to people affected by the floods in Victoria and Border communities.

Donations are tax free.



## The BBQ has been busy



Last Thursday night, Steve, Lois and myself attended the Bunnings Family Night. What a great night it was. Face Painting, Animal Farm, Mini Golf, Strathmore Men's Shed and much more. And of course, we did the BBQ.

Everything was free to the public and what a great time the kids had.

This is our way of saying thank you to Bunnings for all their help and support throughout the year.

Then, on Friday night we did a BBQ for Fawkner Primary School end of year concert. Another great night. I would like to thank Kevin, Chris and Steve for their help on the night.



## **Upcoming BBQ Volunteers Required**

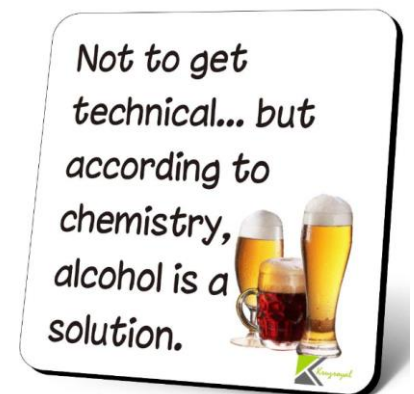
On the 27th of December, we will be doing a Bunnings BBQ

Please contact Matt or Steve to put your name down.

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be a picnic meeting at Payne Reserve, McCracken Avenue, Pascoe Vale, at 6.00 pm on Thursday, January 19.  
Bring Everything!

# Subject to the weather - confirmation to follow closer to the date







Only one mishap, a blown tyre on the BBQ Trailer but Steve came to the rescue. Yes Bob, we need to buy a tyre. Matt Whittle – Fundraising



## Message from the ROMAC Chair

Life continues to be exciting and hectic for everyone associated with ROMAC. In the last 3 months, we have brought in 4 new patients, made a presentation at the Rotary Zone 8 Conference in Canberra and conducted a large planning workshop in Brisbane.

Click on the link to read the December newsletter [Read the latest ROMAC E-News \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

## From Rotary Clubs of Strathmore and Essendon

Don't forget about the combined meeting with Professor Cheryl Dissanayake AM joining us to help raise awareness and issues around Child Autism. Cheryl is the Director of the Olga Tennyson Autism Research Centre. The live link to Trybooking for tickets is [Combined Rotary Meeting, 10th Jan 2023@Windy Hill](#)

COMBINED ROTARY CLUBS OF STRATHMORE AND ESSENDON

# JOIN US FOR SOME FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

**TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY | 6.30-9.00PM**

Windy Hill, Corner Napier and Brewster Streets, Essendon

Speaker: Professor Cheryl Dissanayake, AM

\$55 per person | 2 course meal | Drinks at bar prices

RSVP by Monday 3rd January

**REGISTER HERE**  
[trybooking.com/CEJAE](https://trybooking.com/CEJAE)

Strathmore Rotary

Rotary Club of Essendon

IMAGINE ROTARY

Professor Dissanayake is the Founding Director and inaugural Chair of Australia's first research centre dedicated to autism, established in 2008. She has been an autism researcher since 1984.

Professor Dissanayake has been recognised as a Research Field Leader for three consecutive years by The Australian (2018-2020) and as one of nine Global Research Leaders in 2020. She was amongst the first ten scholars to be inaugurated as a Fellow of the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) in 2018, and was elected vice-President of INSAR in 2019.

**PROFESSOR CHERYL DISSANAYAKE, AM**  
LATROBE UNIVERSITY, OLGA TENNYSON AUTISM RESEARCH CENTRE



## Shepparton Flood relief update



Greetings fellow Rotarians,

Firstly, thank you all for your generosity.

Thankfully the water has receded from the town and houses. The causeway between Mooroopna and Shepparton has been open for a while although the speed was drastically reduced until they were sure that all was safe with the road. The other road between Mooroopna and Shepparton has only just opened this week. Many people are still unable to move back into their houses and are waiting on insurance, tradies, supplies, approvals or just for the place to dry out. Many won't be able to move back in for a long time and have sought rental properties, or motel accommodation if they are covered by insurance. Fortunately, there was a lot of help provided (volunteer as well as council and ADF) to help remove wet carpet and damaged furniture, and other items from the house and then for it all to be taken away.

Here is an update on funding that we have received following the latest floods.

We have a total, at the moment, of \$21,130 that has been set aside for distribution. This coming from our club as well as Pascoe Vale, Whittlesea, Rosanna and Knox City. Some of the money from our annual Car Raffle that is drawn at our NYE festival will also go to this flood relief program.

## The Rotary Foundation



What is the Rotary Foundation?

What does it do?

Click here to find out more

[2209 FM-  
What Is The Rotary Foundation.png \(dropbox.com\)](#)

**AND REMEMBER!**





To date, we have used approximately \$2300 on tents (10), foam sleeping mats (10), sleeping bags (10), single bed lightweight doonas (14) twin pack pillows (25). For displaced people affected by the floods, including some who have been sleeping in cars because there has been no other accommodation available.

\$5500 has gone into the provision of the following vouchers

- 30 x \$50 vouchers for **Grocery** (Supermarket items eg food, nappies, personal hygiene – no cigs/alc)
- 30 x \$50 vouchers for **Fuel** (within Mooroopna to Shepparton)
- 40 x \$25 vouchers for **Bus travel** to Shepparton/return –for those who need to get to Centrelink.
- 30 x \$50 vouchers for **Gardening/Hardware** for essential items to refurbish items for garden and/or home (small items).

Others being followed up this week are Foodshare \$3000 to \$5000 and will be meeting with local principals to see how we can help with school fees/books.

We will also need to top up some of the voucher supplies.

We are working in collaboration with the local community hub and St Vinnies to distribute the supplies to those in most need.

In a different way at our Christmas breakup we each brought along a gift for a child instead of our regular KK so we have those to distribute for Christmas and we will top up this supply with 50 more gifts from the donations.

If you have any queries, please feel free to ask but once again, from the people of Mooroopna, thank you.

Regards  
Kelvin Rogash  
Secretary  
Rotary Club of Mooroopna

## From the Joker

Several cannibals were hired by a local mine.

“You are part of our team now,” said the HR rep during the welcoming briefing. “You get all the usual benefits and you can go to the lunch room for something to eat, but please don’t eat any of the other employees”

The cannibals promised to be good. Four weeks later their boss remarked “You’re all working very hard, and I’m satisfied with you. However, one of our fitters has disappeared. Do any of you know what happened to him?”

The cannibals all shook their heads.

After the boss left, the leader of the cannibals said to the others “Which one of you idiots ate the fitter?”

A hand raised hesitantly, to which the leader said “You fool! For four weeks we’ve been eating managers and no one noticed, but nooo, you had to go and eat a worker!”





# CALLING VOLUNTEERS

## UMOJA VOLUNTOUR

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

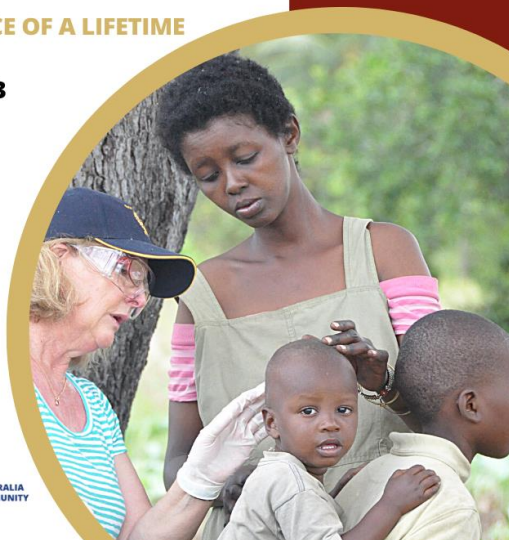
12TH APRIL 2023 - MAY 1 2023

OUR 15TH VOLUNTOUR  
IS FILLING FAST

LIMITED NUMBERS  
AVAILABLE

CONTACT CATHY@UMOJAHOME.COM

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



### Club Messages/Cards –

If you know of any Current, Honorary/Past Member or family or friends of our 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.

Mobile: 0401 575 048

The Pascoe Post

Editor: Grant Standfield

Email: [gstandfi@outlook.com](mailto:gstandfi@outlook.com)

Mobile: 0400 738 102

To unsubscribe, please reply to the editor with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line.

