

The Pascoe Post

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale – July 27, 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.

Firstly, a warm welcome to Lisa Dallan – our newest Rotarian - who we were honoured to induct into our club last week. I do hope you derive much pleasure and fulfillment from being among us Lisa and we look forward to working with you on various projects.



A big thank you to Matt Whittle who took on the Sergeant-at-Arms role at last week's meeting. Another stellar performance – we have some budding S@A's in our midst!

I had the pleasure of being the guest of Coburg Rotary last week where members made me very welcome. It's always interesting to see how other clubs run and hear what projects they are involved with. Let's hope we can work together more.

A reminder that National Tree Day is on Sunday 30th July. Come along to Gavin Park, Pascoe Vale to help the environment and Merri-Bek Council plant some indigenous shrubs. Have a BBQ sausage from our trailer afterwards.

Had some interesting environment suggestions from members. Tiny forests, school/kinder plantings, lobbying Council for more rubbish bins/signage, environment speakers, small prizes (e.g. plantable pens/enviro stickers) to kids who help in our plogging sessions. Darren Saffin, our speaker last week from the Tough Guys Book Club, gave a thought-provoking talk about this reading group. A charity with no fees, all that is needed is for men to read the chosen book then meet and discuss it

THIS WEEK

This week we have no guest speaker but will enjoy some fellowship.

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=c1ZIUGFLWFNSUTU2SmRDQlFUd09oZz09>

Meeting ID: 863 4091 2240
Passcode: 4SnEt6



(among other things). The aims of encouraging men to talk with each other about something more than their work and increase social interaction is such a simple yet potent recipe for good mental health. Inspiring.

Yours in Rotary
Heather Harris PHF
President

Quote for the week

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is – What are you doing for others?"
Martin Luther King

Upcoming Events

27 th July	Club Dinner Meeting
30 th July	National Tree Day – Gavin Park Pascoe Vale
3 rd August	Steve Layt, Pat Cronin Foundation
6 th August	Bunnings BBQ
10 th August	Andrew, Police Veterans Victoria
17 th August	Mandy Gosetti, founder of "I'm Still Learning" (Home Maintenance)
7 November	Community Raffle drawn (Cup Day)
19 November	RYLA 2023
19 April	2024 District Conference Shepparton

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays:

Lynne Granger 29 July

Anniversaries:

None

Rotary Hoppers Crossing Youth Projects Alumni

Rotary clubs often lose track of potential youth leaders once they graduate from youth projects. The Rotary club of Hoppers Crossing has found a way to retain these links through the introduction of a young people's networking group: Rotary Youth Projects Alumni, or RYPA. Through RYPA young people over eighteen and up to twenty-five years who progress through Rotary endorsed Youth programs can stay in contact with each other and their sponsor Rotary club. They can gain through networking opportunities; Rotary mentoring; and by running a major humanitarian service project themselves once per year.

Why a Rotary Youth Alumni?

Creating a Rotary club Youth Projects alumni will ensure an ongoing relationship between young people who have undertaken a Rotary





endorsed youth project and their sponsor club. It is rewarding for everyone involved and is an opportunity to embed the ideals of humanitarian community service work.

From Rotary's perspective, engaging with alumni is an opportunity to increase the awareness of volunteerism and community service in young people; and enables them to have a safe platform in which to socialize and network.

The Model:

The initial cohort can be relatively small - ten members is ideal - selected from graduates of one of the many Youth projects each club embarks on. Many of the initial cohort will be known to each other. They will select a leader or leaders who will become the conduit between the alumni and its sponsor Rotary club.

A Facebook page can be created, which will form the main communication link between Alumni members. Members can meet in person at a central location, or members, particularly those who live a distance away can join meetings by Zoom.

The group will meet on a semi-regular basis and will use RYPA as a networking opportunity and may choose to assist its sponsor Rotary club with manpower support. RYPA is also an opportunity to make a difference in the world and the group should perform at least one local or international humanitarian project per year as a major focus, but otherwise they can decide their own path.

The Rotary Hoppers Crossing RYPA trial has now been successfully completed and the Group is up and running. They completed their first humanitarian project late in 2022 with a fundraiser for a cyclone impacted primary school in Vanuatu.

Why is Pascoe Vale interested?

We are looking at having an Annual Alumni Night each year around Paul Harris' birthday on 23 February for past Rotary Alumni to reconnect with Rotary. This will be a social evening and further details will follow. If you have any ideas or past Alumni contacts, please contact Chris Lang with details.

President Spotlight

Bruno D'Aprano 1999-2000



Bruno D'Aprano 2022-2023



What do you know about this Rotarian?

Day Job: Retired! It's not easy being my wife's arm candy!





Rotary Projects

Australia

The Rotary Club of Beecroft enlisted a contract distiller and concocted a signature gin steeped with botanicals reflecting the flora around its north suburban Sydney base. In November more than 150 Rotarians, business leaders, and other residents met for a Beecroft Spirit Gin launch party to select the flavorings "that represent the area of Beecroft," says Daniel Dummer, a club member and project leader. Working with Craft Foundry, the club produced 260 bottles of gin infused with the essences of strawberry gum, lemon myrtle, and rosella. By Christmas, the lot had sold out, with nearly \$1,800 in proceeds directed toward the renovation of an electrical substation in Beecroft as well as international projects, says Dummer. "Beecroft has a strong sense of community, and gin is a fast-growing spirit in Australia right now. Our goal was to bring the community together around a delicious and memorable local project while raising funds for projects here and abroad."



Fun Fact: I meet Celebrities when I go on holidays! Eg: I spent my summer holidays in Thailand with Russel Morris & his wife Donna!

Favourite Rotary Moment:
So many...-Moiria Kelly & the kids from Children First Foundation,
-The World Conference in May this year,
-Service above Self reminder is so important in this world today!
-Just the number of Rotarians I have met all around Australia & all around the world.

Song you listen to with the windows down:
Purple Rain by Beth Hart & Jeff Beck!

Favourite place to meet a Rotarian for a beer:
Swan Hill Caravan Park!

Love of your life: My darling wife, Deborah, my 6 children, my 8 grandchildren & My HARLEY!

Crazy Moment: I was the oldest guy in the Tattoo Parlour after I retired!



Ireland

More than half of the 1.3 million people killed worldwide in traffic crashes in 2022 were characterized by the [World Health Organization](#) as “vulnerable road users,” that is pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists. Mindful that children are among those most at risk, the Rotary Club of Tullamore & District revived its Be Safe Be Seen campaign, which was paused because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The project emphasizes the importance of wearing high-visibility clothing, especially during dark winter months. Last fall the club worked with emergency services leaders and news organizations to distribute promotional materials to primary schools. Rotarians and first responders also visited schools to spread the message. The project continued for more than a month with frequent reminders and advertising on local radio. “The overriding aim of the campaign is to protect young people and educate them regarding road safety,” says Eoin Sheehan, club president and a consultant orthopedic surgeon at the Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore. “Prevention is always the best way forward.”



NATIONAL TREE DAY

COMMUNITY PLANTING

AND BBQ

Where

Gavin Park, 42-46
Northumberland Road,
Pascoe Vale VIC Australia

When

Sunday 30 July, 10:00am -
12:30pm

We'll be planting indigenous shrubs, grasses and flowers to enhance the wetland habitat, then sharing in a BBQ lunch.

All are welcome! Gloves and tools provided.

Meet at Gavin Park,
Northumberland Road
Pascoe Vale.

Please remember to wear suitable clothing for the weather including long sleeves and sturdy footwear.



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.

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