



# Pascoe Vale Rotary Community Connect

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Please email us if you'd like to attend. Contact details are on pg 8.

### AUG 06 Clothes For Good

A not for profit organisation that collects pre-loved clothing and ships it to Fiji to raise funds for important causes.

### AUG 13 Age Well Program

Merri-bek City Council Age Well Program provides free support, home assistance, and community connection for older residents.

### AUG 27 Mayor of Merri-bek

Mayor Nat Abboud will visit our club to speak about the latest happenings in our community, and what being a Mayor involves.

### SEP 10 Brunswick C4N

Brunswick Communities for Nature is a group of volunteer locals helping to convert grassed nature strips and green open spaces.



## A very warm welcome!

Welcome to the first issue of Pascoe Vale Rotary Community Connect, a monthly newsletter that is your window into the projects, events and people making a positive difference in our community.

Each month we'll share stories of service, celebrate the achievements of our members and volunteers, highlight upcoming events, and showcase the many ways Rotary is helping locally and around the world. We hope these pages inspire you to learn more about what we do and perhaps even become involved.

Rotary is built on the belief that when people come together with a shared purpose, great things happen. Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and for supporting the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale as we continue our mission of Service Above Self.

Pascoe Vale Rotary is where neighbours become changemakers. We hope you enjoy this edition.



**Helping a neighbour with garden maintenance**



**Brainstorming how we can serve our community**

## A BIT ABOUT US AT

# PASCOE VALE ROTARY

Our club was chartered on June 30th, 1976 and since then we've really packed a punch. Our achievements have been significant and made a difference to many lives locally, around the country and internationally. Our service history can be found on our website.

Our members use their skills in the many projects we run. Our projects thrive on teamwork, and every skill helps bring our service initiatives to life. We believe everyone has something to offer, and welcome your ideas.

Guided by Rotary's motto, *Service Above Self*, we are dedicated to improving lives by providing sustainable solutions to the needs of our community. We work to make a lasting difference, starting right here in Pascoe Vale.

We warmly invite you to come along to a meeting to see what we do.



## What is Rotary?



Rotary is one of the world's largest and most respected service organisations, bringing together people who are passionate about making a positive difference in their communities and around the globe. Founded in 1905, Rotary now has more than 1.2 million members in over 200 countries and geographical areas, united by the motto "Service Above Self."

Rotary is apolitical and non-religious. Members come from diverse backgrounds, professions and cultures, sharing a common desire to use their skills, experience and enthusiasm to improve the lives of others through friendship and service.

Rotary clubs undertake a wide range of projects, from supporting local schools, community groups and families in need to responding to natural disasters, improving access to clean water, promoting education, protecting the environment and supporting peace-building initiatives around the world. Every Rotary club reflects the needs of its local community while also being part of a global network of volunteers.

At its heart, Rotary is about bringing people together in friendship, building stronger communities, and creating lasting, positive change. Whether through volunteering, fundraising, sharing professional skills or simply lending a helping hand, Rotary members demonstrate that ordinary people can achieve extraordinary things when they work together.



## Community impact: RIMERN



**The dining tables and chairs selection**

The Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network (RIMERN) is a Rotary initiative that helps people rebuild their lives after experiencing hardship. Working with welfare agencies across Melbourne, RIMERN provides quality donated furniture, whitegoods and household essentials to individuals and families who are moving into stable accommodation after homelessness, domestic violence, family crisis or other difficult circumstances.

Caseworkers and their clients visit the warehouse by appointment, and the clients are taken 'shopping for no money'. Rather than sending perfectly usable items to landfill, RIMERN gives them a second life in a client's new home.

RIMERN greatly appreciates donations of secondhand items in clean, usable and undamaged condition. Please see the website link below for more information about what RIMERN can and can not accept, and how to arrange a donation.



**The bath and bed linen room**

### **RIMERN PODCAST EPISODE**

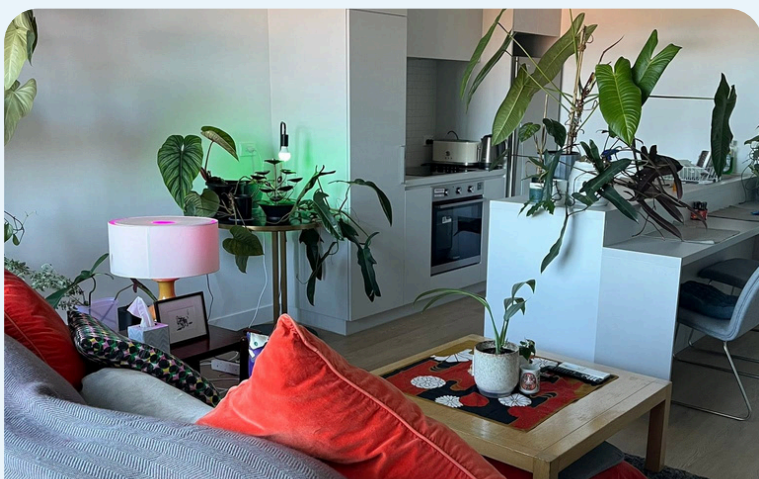


Pascoe Vale Rotary is pleased to announce the launch of our YouTube channel and podcasts, *Conversations With Pascoe Vale Rotary*. Our first episode features interviews with RIMERN dynamo Susie Cole from the Prahran Rotary Club, and our own Mandy Gosetti.

You can access the RIMERN episodes on our YouTube channel at

**[www.youtube.com/@pascoevalerotary](https://www.youtube.com/@pascoevalerotary)**

To learn more about RIMERN and to view donation guidelines, please visit **[www.rimern.org.au](http://www.rimern.org.au)**



**A client's beautiful new home**



# Upcoming events

Melbourne Water  
Enhancing Life and Livability

Merri-bek City Council

Please join the Mayor and Councillors in partnership with Melbourne Water

## Dunstan Reserve, The Creek Beneath Community Celebration

24 Peacock Street, Brunswick West

**Free Event**

- Smoking Ceremony
- Community Garden tours
- Coffee, cake and sausage sizzle
- Face painting and activities
- Short educational talk

**Saturday, 1 August**  
**10:30am – 12:00pm**

Discover the story of the long-lost Melville Creek that once flowed beneath the reserve. Learn how its history has inspired the new rain garden and water saving system that will save 10 million litres of drinking water each year.

## FREE HEARING AND VISION TESTS 22/08



Our long-running free hearing and vision screening tests for preschool aged children will be held on 22/08 at Corpus Christi Primary School in Glenroy. Bookings are essential. For more information and to secure your spot, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/DOHRY>

## FAWKNER FESTA 13/09



We're very happy to be back at the Fawknor Festa for 2026. We were washed out last year, but we're hoping for blue skies this time! We'll have the BBQ going, and a community stall where you can learn more about we do at Pascoe Vale Rotary, as well as shop for a bargain.

## OUR COMMUNITY CELEBRATION 24/10



Pascoe Vale Rotary celebrates 50 years of service in 2026! We'll be hosting a community celebration including a kids art show, a baton relay for World Polio Day to highlight the work of the End Polio Now campaign, and more! Save the date look out for our next issue for more details!



# A look at our July meetings



We celebrated our Changeover on 09/07. A Rotary Changeover is an annual ceremonial event that marks the end of one Rotary year and the start of a new one. We welcomed Aaron as our new president, and looked back at all our achievements.



Our first guest speaker in July was Jase, a member of our club. He spoke about his career with the Victoria Police, outlining the highs, lows and all in between. Jase gave us a greater insight in to the hard work our police force and emergency services undertake.



We welcomed Jodie, Head of Operations at the Australia and New Zealand Sarcoma Association. ANZSA aims to improve outcomes for sarcoma patients through research, education and awareness of sarcomas and related tumours.



To tie in with our meeting venue The Cumberland's Christmas in July, we had a Christmas themed meeting. We enjoyed Christmas and Rotary trivia. Did you know that Coca Cola is responsible for popularising the image of Santa?

Each Rotary club does things differently, but at Pascoe Vale Rotary we like to mix it up a bit with a combination of great guest speakers, some fun and games and of course discussions of our service projects. Come along to see if we're a good fit for you!



We learned a lot about the fabulous work of Hope Network from our guest speaker Pattie, the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator. Hope Network supports women in and out of the prison system and has done so for 79 years.



See <https://www.facebook.com/pascoevalerotary> for more guest speaker recaps!

# Our People of Action this month



We 'plogged'! Plogging is (in our club) a gentle walk while picking up litter. We're very proud to be part of the Adopt A Creek project, a great program focused on restoring and maintaining the Moonee Ponds Creek corridor and its tributaries.



President Aaron is a disc golf enthusiast and a member of the Melbourne Disc Golf Club. Disc golf is a flying disc sport where players throw a disc at a target. Aaron was successful in getting a temporary course installed at Lorne St. Reserve in Fawkner.



A van load of electrical supplies donated by our members will be sent to a vocational school in Timor-Leste. The school has 175 students, and 25 more students will join next year. The students board at the school and a new dormitory is being built for next year.



Our members answered a call for assistance from Corpus Christi Primary School in Glenroy. We repaired and repainted outdoor benches, tables and poles in the school colours. We're thrilled to be part of a project that supports our local kids and their learning spaces!



Our club hosted a painting stall for kids at Sussex Neighbourhood House. Children were invited to paint for a cause and submit their painting to the Pascoe Vale Rotary Community Art exhibition on October 24th. Proceeds go towards a NICU bed.



Our club members joined a huge group of locals, working to plant 6000 natives grasses at the Merri and Edgars Creek Parklands, behind the Coburg Olympic Pool. We also ran the sausage sizzle and made some great new local connections.



# LITTLE LIVES

## ART SHOW & EXHIBITION

We're very proud to support Jude's *100 Canvases for Little Lives* art exhibition.

Jude is nine years old and is raising money for the purchase of a NICU bed for the Royal Children's Hospital.

We invite all young artists to support this project by submitting your artwork for display and sale in the Little Lives Art Exhibition, to be held on October 24th in Pascoe Vale (more details in the next issue). All money raised will help fund the NICU bed purchase.

Artwork submissions are due by 10/10/2026. You can collect a painting board or drop your artwork at Pharmacy 777 at 108 Kent Road, in Pascoe Vale.

To obtain a registration form, please email [info@pascoevalerotary.org.au](mailto:info@pascoevalerotary.org.au)



## DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR RAFFLE

Are you a school, kindergarten or an organisation who can help us raise funds for our community service projects, by selling our raffle tickets?

You'll receive half of the proceeds from the tickets you sell. It's a great way to top up your fundraising coffers! Tickets are \$2 each, and \$1 from each ticket you sell will be given back to your organisation.

Our raffle has helped many local groups over the years raise funds for their own projects.

To learn more, please send an email to [steve@pascoevalerotary.org.au](mailto:steve@pascoevalerotary.org.au) and we'll provide you with all the information.

The raffle will be drawn on Melbourne Cup Day at Bunnings Coburg. With thanks to Community Bank Strathmore and Bunnings Coburg for their generous support of our club.

## A PROJECT FROM 1991

'Glynn Davies, Chairman of Fundraising, paid special thanks to Neta and Bill Hales, Grace and Ian Davies, and Shirley and John Lawless for their exceptional work in organising the Sportsman Auction Night held at the North Melbourne Social club in April. Over \$15,000 was raised on the night with the Cotton Wool Babies and Alzheimers Association being the main beneficiaries.'



## Rotary Fact

### PAUL HARRIS

Paul Percy Harris was an American attorney who founded Rotary International, the world's first service club organisation, in 1905. In 1907, under his influence, the club shifted toward community work by building public amenities in Chicago, establishing the concept of a "service club", designed to help others.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VISITING OUR CLUB?

You are very welcome to come along to a meeting to see what we do. Some of our meetings feature guest speakers.

We meet on Thursdays at 6:15pm in Pascoe Vale. To attend a meeting, please send an email to [info@pascoevalerotary.org.au](mailto:info@pascoevalerotary.org.au) and we'll provide you with all the details.

## Global impact

### END POLIO NOW

Rotary has reduced global polio cases by more than 99.9% since 1985. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary members have contributed over \$2.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to vaccinate nearly 3 billion children worldwide. While wild poliovirus remains endemic in only two countries—Afghanistan and Pakistan—sustained funding and advocacy are critical. If all eradication efforts stop, polio could paralyse up to 200,000 children annually within a decade.

The Pascoe Vale Rotary Club acknowledges the traditional owners as the custodians of this land where we meet, recognising their connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Australia's First Peoples, and to their elders, past, present and future.

## Find us online

### AND SAY HELLO!

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