Rotary Pascoe Vale

Pascoe Vale Rotary Community Connect

SEP 13 **Fawkner Festa**

Come and say hello! Our stall at this year's Fawkner Festa will have a mini op-shop, and as always we'll have the sausage sizzle going.

OCT 10 **Basic Car Maintenance**

Our workshop for adults will be held at Pascoe Vale North Primary School at 9am. For more information, see page 3.

OCT 11 **Lift the Lid Walk**

Walk with us at Coburg Lake to raise funds for vital mental health research. For more information see page 8.

OCT 24 **Community Celebration**

Join us at Rogers Reserve as Pascoe Vale Rotary celebrates 50 years of community service!



Everyone has something to offer.

At Pascoe Vale Rotary, we believe everyone has something to offer, and that's what makes our club stronger.

Our members come from different generations, backgrounds, careers and walks of life. Some bring years of experience and knowledge, while others bring fresh ideas, new skills and a different perspective.

You don't need to be an expert, have lots of spare time or know anything about Rotary to make a difference. You might be great at organising, cooking, building, talking to people, taking photos, using social media or simply showing up and lending a hand.

There's a place for everyone at Pascoe Vale Rotary. Bring what you can, learn something new, meet great people and help make our community a better place.





A BIT ABOUT OUR PROJECT

50 for 50 Peace Poles

In 2026, Pascoe Vale Rotary will celebrate 50 years of community and global service by planting 50 Peace Poles in schools and community sites. The Peace Poles display the message *May Peace Prevail on Earth* in four languages that are chosen by the school or community group. This message conveys our shared desire for hope and unity as we demonstrate our commitment to peace in our communities.

The 50 for 50 Pascoe Vale Rotary project is an opportunity to unite for good with community groups and Rotary clubs in our district. We welcome support from local Rotary Clubs and businesses to participate in the Peace Pole Project. These partnerships are an opportunity to bring us together and advocate for inclusion, harmony, respect and unity in our homes and the broader community.

May Peace Prevail On Earth!

What is the Rotary Foundation?

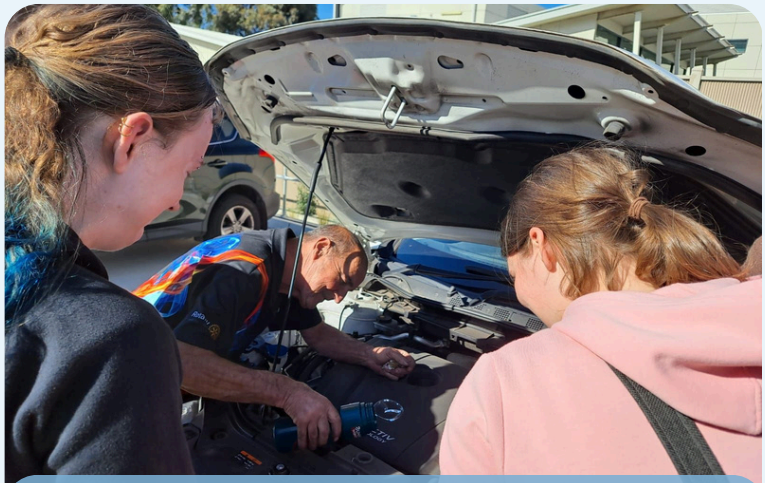
The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International, helping Rotary clubs turn their ideas into projects that create lasting change in communities around the world. Supported by donations from Rotarians, clubs and the wider community, the Foundation provides grants and funding that help Rotary clubs tackle some of the world's biggest challenges — from improving health and sanitation to supporting education, protecting the environment and creating opportunities for communities to thrive.

One of the Foundation's greatest strengths is its ability to turn local generosity into global impact. A donation made through Rotary can help fund projects far beyond our own neighbourhood, while also supporting the work of Rotary clubs right here in our community.

Through Rotary's global partnership with organisations including the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the Gates Foundation, Rotary has helped vaccinate billions of children and bring the world closer than ever to a polio-free future.

For Pascoe Vale Rotary, being part of The Rotary Foundation means our members can contribute to something much bigger than any single club project. Together, we can take the generosity and community spirit of local Rotarians and help create positive change locally, nationally and around the world.

Project: Basic Car Maintenance Workshops



Teaching students how to top up fluids



Discussing safe driving practices



Our workshops are for all ages

Pascoe Vale Rotary, in partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Strathmore and Moreland, is proud to offer practical, hands-on workshops that are designed for anyone who would like to feel more confident looking after their vehicle. Whether you're a new driver, a student, someone returning to driving after a break, or simply interested in learning more about your car, our Basic Car Maintenance workshops are for you.

Participants learn simple but valuable skills, including:

- How to perform basic safety checks
- Checking and topping up essential fluids
- Understanding tyre pressure and tyre wear
- How to change a flat tyre safely
- Recognising common dashboard warning lights
- Knowing when a vehicle needs professional attention
- Tips to help extend the life of your vehicle and avoid costly repairs
- Understanding the car manual

The workshops are presented in a friendly, supportive environment where questions are encouraged and no prior mechanical knowledge is needed.

As with all Rotary projects, our goal is to build stronger, safer and more confident communities by sharing practical skills that can make everyday life easier.

Our next workshop for adults is on October 10th. We look forward to welcoming community members who would like to learn a few simple skills that could prove invaluable when they're out on the road!

Upcoming events

FAWKNER FESTA 13/9



At CB Smith Reserve from 11 til 3.
We were rained out last year but let's hope for great spring weather this time! We'll be running a BBQ, as well as a mini op-shop with quality items at bargain prices. Come and along and say hi to a friendly Rotarian! *Photo: Jacinta Keefe*

BASIC CAR MAINTENANCE 10/10



For adults aged 18+
Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm
at Pascoe Vale North Primary School
17-29 Kent Rd, Pascoe Vale
Cost: $50 per person
Bookings essential! Book in at www.trybooking.com/DPKHJ

LIFT THE LID WALK 11/10



The annual Lift the Lid Walk for Mental Health returns for 2026. Enjoy a walk, not a race, around Coburg Lake while raising funds for Australian Rotary Health mental health research. Read on for more information. To register, please visit **www.liftthelidwalk.com.au/moreland**

OUR COMMUNITY CELEBRATION 24/10



We'll be hosting a community celebration day as part of our 50 years of service at Rogers Reserve / Sussex Neighbourhood House. We'll have a fund raising art show, a Peace Pole ceremony, a baton relay for PolioPlus, community stalls and more! More details next issue.

Pascoe Vale Rotary turns 50!









Our club recently marked this incredible milestone with a special evening filled with good food, plenty of laughter and wonderful memories. We gathered around the dinner tables with old friends who have been part of our Rotary journey, as well as new friends who are helping us write the next chapter.

As we reflected on five decades of service, we were reminded that Rotary is about so much more than the projects we undertake. It is about the friendships we build, the people we meet, the communities we support and the difference we can make when we work together.

Fifty years is a remarkable achievement, and we are incredibly proud of our club's history. But while we celebrated the past, we also looked forward to the future: continuing to serve our community, welcome new members and create opportunities to make a difference.

Thank you to those who attended and to our venue, The Cumberland in Pascoe Vale.

50 years down, and the journey continues!

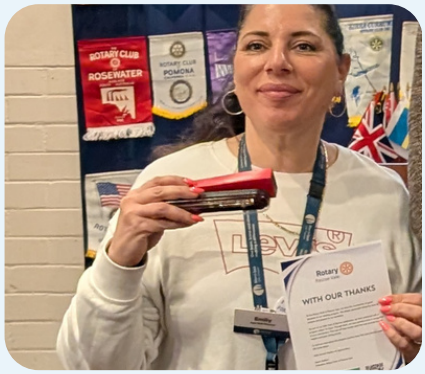
A look at our August meetings



Hayden from Clothes For Good started the first op shop in the Pacific three years ago, and through the op shop in Fiji funds are raised for charity projects related to domestic violence, people living with disability, animal welfare and more.



We inducted the first member of the new Rotary year! Welcome to Tony, who brings his experience in media production to our club with great benefit to us. Sausage sizzle duty will call, but for now, thanks for lowering the average age of our club! 😂



We welcomed Emily from Merri-bek Council's Age Well Program. Emily works closely with older people, carers, and community members to help connect them with services, supports, and opportunities that promote healthy, active, and connected ageing.



We also heard from Sarah at our Age Well Program meeting. Sarah is a Zero Waste Outreach Officer at Merri-bek Council who shares information about initiatives that council offers to help our community be more sustainable.



The Mayor of Merri-bek, Cr Nat Abboud spoke to our club about her journey before and during her role as Mayor. We heard about Nat's experiences along the way and how much she loves working at the local council level, and serving her community.



We warmly invite you to come along to a meeting to see what happens at our Rotary Club!

We meet on Thursdays at 6:15pm in Pascoe Vale. To attend a meeting, please send us an email and we'll provide you with all the details.

Our People of Action this month



Our club had the BBQ running at Merri-bek Council's 'Beneath the Creek' community celebration at Dunstan Reserve in Brunswick West. The event was to mark the completion of the new major stormwater harvesting system.



We ran a breakfast barbecue during Homelessness Week earlier this month, organised by MOSS in partnership with Merri-Bek City Council. We had great conversations with staff working in the homelessness sector, and family services.



A great milestone for the Rotary Clubs of Coburg, Pascoe Vale and Moreland! Together we have 150 years of local, national and international service. To celebrate this achievement, we 'planted' a Peace Pole at Coburg Lake Reserve for the community to enjoy.



Volunteers from a few Rotary clubs got stuck in to the task of removing a playground for the Rotary Overseas Repurposed Playgrounds project. No longer destined for landfill, these playgrounds are reassembled overseas for kids to enjoy.



We ran our popular free hearing and vision screening tests for children aged 4 to 6. The tests are conducted by students from Melbourne Uni, under supervision. 41 children were tested, with 26 requiring further testing. Early detection is key to wellbeing!



Pascoe Vale Rotary Club president Aaron is a disc golf enthusiast, and was successful in getting a temporary disc golf course installed at Lorne Street Reserve in Fawkner. A come and try day was held for locals to learn all about disc golf, with more to follow.

Would you like to help locally?



Merri Outreach Support Service

Recognising homelessness means looking beyond stereotypes and understanding that people can find themselves without a safe and stable home for many reasons — including financial hardship, family breakdown, illness, unemployment, or a sudden change in circumstances.

Homelessness is a real and growing issue within our own community. People experiencing homelessness may be sleeping rough, staying temporarily with friends or family, living in cars, or moving between emergency and insecure accommodation. Often, their circumstances are not immediately visible to us.

The Merri Outreach Support Service provides vital assistance to people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. As a community, we can support their work by donating essential items, contributing financially, volunteering where appropriate, and helping raise awareness of the services available to people who need them. For more information, and to seee how you can help, please visit **www.merri.org.au**



Lift the Lid Walk for Mental Health

The 6th annual Merri-bek (Moreland) Lift the Lid Walk for Mental Health is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2026, starting at Coburg Lake. Hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Moreland, Coburg, and Pascoe Vale, the event raises funds for mental health research via Australian Rotary Health.

The walk and talk format is not a race, but an opportunity to get people together to raise awareness of the serious mental health issues we face in all areas of our communities, schools, homes and workplaces.

You can help by registering for the walk, or providing sponsorship. A bronze package is $500 and includes a 3m x 3m space for your business on the day; your logo and links to your website on the Lift the Lid Walk website; access to use the event logo for your social media promotion. There are also silver and gold packages with more inclusions. Please send an email to us at info@pascoevalerotary.org.au to learn more. To book your spot, please go to **www.liftthelidwalk.com.au/moreland**



DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR RAFFLE

Are you a school, kindergarten or an organisation who can help us raise funds 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!

To learn more, please send us an email and we'll provide you with all the information. The raffle will be drawn on Melbourne Cup Day at Bunnings Coburg.
info@pascoevalerotary.org.au

Lend a hand

AT RIMERN

The Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network is seeking more Goods Selection Hosts, aka the best job at RIMERN! You take a case worker and their client through the warehouse, helping them select goods. Required skills: kindness, empathy, and a desire to help others!
Visit **www.rimern.org.au**



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.

You can help

CLOTHES FOR GOOD

Clothes For Good is seeking donations of clothing, shoes and accessories suited to a hot climate. Donations are shipped to Fiji, where they are sold to raise money for vital programs such as DV shelters, animal welfare projects and supporting people with disability.
Facebook: @clothesforgoodnfp



A PROJECT FROM 1990

'A request by the manager of the City of Coburg, Age Care and Disability Services, and Yooralla Society, was received by Pascoe Vale Rotary for assistance in raising a 12 year old lad's bath. Instead, the Club provided a complete renovation. The young man now has a new bathing and toilet area accessible by wheelchair where he can be showered and independently use toilet and wash basin facilities.'



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