Rotary Pascoe Vale

Pascoe Vale Rotary Community Connect

NOV 03 Raffle draw at Bunnings

Our annual community raffle will be drawn on Cup Day at Bunnings in Coburg. Of course we'll have the sausage sizzzle BBQ!

NOV 7+8 Garage Sale Trail Week 1

We're back with our Shop for Change Garage Sale, as part of the annual Garage Sale Trail. Come and say to your friendly Rotary club!

NOV 14+15 Garage Sale Trail Week 2

We'll be back at 30 Bishop Street in Coburg for the last weekend of the garage sale. Last change to grab some amazing bargains! All proceeds go towards funding our community service work and supporting service projects.

50 YEARS
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1976



The power of community collaboration.

A strong community is built not by individual organisations working alone, but by people and groups coming together with a shared purpose.

When community groups collaborate, we bring together different skills, experiences, resources and ideas. We create opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach, reach more people who need support, and make a greater difference than we could on our own.

Supporting other local organisations is just as important. Promoting their events, lending a hand, sharing resources or simply showing up, every act of support helps strengthen the network of people working to make our community a better place.

At Pascoe Vale Rotary, we believe in service above self. Sometimes, the best way to serve is to stand alongside others. This way, we can all achieve so much more together than we ever could alone.





SUPPORTING THE WORK OF

ShelterBox

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that works alongside Rotary to provide emergency shelter and essential supplies to families whose homes have been destroyed or damaged by natural disasters and conflict.

Originally established as a Rotary Club project in 2000, ShelterBox has grown into a global humanitarian organisation and is now an official Rotary International Project Partner.

Its aid is tailored to the needs of each disaster-affected community and can include family-sized tents, shelter repair kits, tarpaulins, tools, blankets, cooking equipment, solar lights and water filters.

Pascoe Vale Rotary is proud to support ShelterBox through our donations.

To learn more, please visit
www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au
Images from ShelterBox website

What is ROMAC?

ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) is a Rotary initiative that provides life-changing medical treatment for children from developing countries in the Oceania region who cannot access the specialist care they need in their home country.

Through the generosity and expertise of Australian and New Zealand medical professionals, hospitals, Rotary clubs and volunteers, ROMAC brings children to Australia or New Zealand for essential surgery and treatment that can dramatically improve their quality of life.

Rotary volunteers help coordinate everything from travel and accommodation to hospital visits and ongoing support, ensuring children and their families are cared for throughout their journey.

ROMAC is a great example of Rotary's commitment to service beyond borders, bringing hope, healing and a brighter future to children and their families.

To learn more about ROMAC, or to support their important work, please visit their website at
www.romac.life

Programs for youth: RYLA and RYPEN







One of the ways Pascoe Vale Rotary supports its local community is by investing in opportunities for young people to develop their skills, confidence and leadership abilities.

Rotary offers two excellent youth development programs: RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) and RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards).

RYPEN is designed for young people, providing an opportunity to step outside their usual routines, meet others, try new things and develop important life skills. Through workshops, activities and group challenges, participants build confidence, improve their communication skills, explore their strengths and learn more about themselves.

RYLA is a leadership development program for young adults. It focuses on developing leadership skills, teamwork, communication, problem-solving and an understanding of how individuals can contribute positively to their workplaces and communities. Participants are encouraged to challenge themselves, share ideas and consider different approaches to leadership.

Pascoe Vale Rotary has proudly sponsored young people to attend both programs, recognising the value of giving emerging generations access to experiences and opportunities that may not otherwise be available to them.

Supporting these programs is part of our broader commitment to young people and our community. We look forward to continuing to support young people as they discover their interests, develop their abilities and find their own ways to make a contribution.

Upcoming events

BUNNINGS BBQ RAFFLE 03/11



Our annual community raffle will be drawn at Bunnings Coburg on Cup Day. It's your last chance to win a trailer filled with Bunnings goodies and a $1000 bank account at Community Bank Strathmore! Tickets $2. Come on down, buy a sausage sizzle and enter the raffle!

SHOP FOR CHANGE GARAGE SALE IN NOV



We're back on November 7, 8, 14 and 15 for the annual Garage Sale Trail! Find bargains on quality clothing, homewares, music, toys, games, shoes, books and more. Visit our official sale page at **www.garagesaletrail.com.au/sale/pascoe-vale-rotary-shop-for-change**

Where do our fundraising proceeds go?

When you support a Pascoe Vale Rotary fundraiser, you're helping make a difference both in our local community and further afield.

A significant part of our fundraising goes towards local projects and initiatives that respond to real community needs. This includes supporting families and people experiencing homelessness, offering free hearing and vision screening for preschool-aged children, supporting youth development programs, and contributing to community health, wellbeing and environmental projects.

But our work doesn't stop at the local level. We also support international humanitarian efforts through organisations such as ShelterBox, which provides emergency shelter and essential supplies to families affected by disasters and conflict; Interplast, which provides life-changing reconstructive surgery and training in developing countries; and Mercy Ships, which delivers vital medical and surgical care to communities with limited access to healthcare.

Every sausage sizzle, community event, raffle and fundraising initiative helps us contribute to causes that matter. That's where your support goes: into practical projects, meaningful assistance and opportunities to improve lives.

A look at our October guest speaker meetings



We welcomed Donna from Cottage By The Sea, a not-for-profit children's charity in Queenscliff, that provides short-stay coastal programs for young people experiencing vulnerability, hardship, or disadvantage

Cottage by the Sea began in 1890, and in the last 12 months alone has proved 1900 kids with short-stay programs designed to build self confidence and positive relationships. Every year, Cottage helps change the lives of about 2000 children experiencing disadvantage.

Cottage has helped kids from disaster affected areas such as those affected by bushfires and flooding. Cottage also provides scholarships to help participants with further approved travel, training or equipment.

To learn more about their great work, and to see how you can support Cottage with donations or goods in kind, please visit their website

cottagebythesea.com.au



We had the pleasure of welcoming Fay to talk about the important work of Mercy Ships.

Mercy Ships is an international NGO that operates the world's largest civilian hospital ships. Founded in 1978, Mercy Ships provides free, life-changing or life-saving surgical and medical care to coastal regions where access to safe surgery is limited or non-existent. They operate a two-ship fleet: the Global Mercy which is the world's largest civilian hospital ship, designed specifically for surgeries, training, and patient recovery. And the Africa Mercy, a converted railway ferry turned into a specialised floating hospital.

Medical professionals perform procedures at no cost to patients, including maxillofacial (such as tumor and cleft lip/palate repairs), orthopedic, general, ophthalmic (cataracts), and women's health (obstetric fistulas) surgeries.

To learn more, please visit **mercyships.org.au**

Our People of Action this month



Pascoe Vale Rotary celebrates 50 years of service in 2026. We held a small community celebration day on October 24th, which is also World Polio Day, at Sussex Neighbourhood House in Pascoe Vale. Our friends from SES Fawkner and Country Women's Association Pascoe Vale Branch came along, and we are very grateful for their involvement. Thanks also to Brunswick Communities for Nature.

Read on to learn more about these wonderful organisations!



Our Little Lives Art Show fundraiser for the Royal Children's Hospital was part of our community celebration day. All proceeds from the sale of kids' artwork, including *Jude's 100 Canvases for Little Lives project,* raised over $7500 to purchase a NICU bed.



Pascoe Vale Rotarian Sara Murdock was awarded the Merri-bek Honoring Women Award. Sara's passion for helping people and improving health literacy in her community and beyond were some of the many reasons behind her nomination.



Pascoe Vale Rotarian Jason cycled 220km for this year's Around the Bay bike ride. Riders raised funds for six charity partners: Variety Bikes for Kids, Diabetes Victoria, Beyond Blue, Stroke Foundation, Cancer Council Victoria, and Very Special Kids.



Pascoe Vale Rotarian Colin took on the task of fixing up wooden blocks for the children at Fawkner Kindergarten. Colin sanded and re-varnished the blocks, bringing them back to top shape for the children to enjoy. Thank you Colin, the kids are already back to building!

Our community friends



Image credit: SES Fawkner Unit

SES Fawkner

Serving communities across Merri-bek and Hume, these amazing volunteers assist emergency services during major incidents across Victoria and beyond. Pascoe Vale Rotary recognises the enormous contribution these volunteers make and the importance of supporting the people who are always ready to help when our community needs them most.



Image credit: Brunswick Communities For Nature

BC4N

Brunswick Communities for Nature is a volunteer-led community group working to increase indigenous vegetation and biodiversity across Brunswick and surrounding neighbourhoods. Their work demonstrates how small, community-led environmental projects can make a lasting difference to our local neighbourhoods.



Image credit: CWA Pascoe Vale Branch

CWA Pascoe Vale

The Pascoe Vale Branch of the Country Women's Association has been part of our local community for more than 70 years. Bringing women together through friendship, practical skills, craft and community service, the branch supports a range of worthwhile causes. Members regularly make and donate items for vulnerable families, children, hospitals and people experiencing hardship. Their work is a perfect example of community spirit, with generations of local women contributing their time and skills to help others.

A PROJECT FROM 1999

‘A feasibility study was carried out in early 1988 out to see if an art show was viable in the area of Coburg and Pascoe Vale. The response was positive. Following the Rotary Club approach to the Coburg City Council, the Council expressed interest in supporting an art show and agreed to the use of the City Hall in Bell Street, free of charge.The Council also granted access to Staff and all other amenities.

A committee was formed and approaches were made to the Coburg and Associated Arts and Crafts group to see if they were interested in assisting the Rotary Club with the Art Show.

As we wished to have an upmarket Art Show, contact was made with Elders Fine Arts in Adelaide. Elders was able to give an assurance that an original list of paintings featuring Pro Hart, Jack Absolom and John Guy, among others, Ninety per cent of the artworks were on display for the first time in Australia.

The Rotaract Club of Pascoe Vale was also approached to assist on the Official Preview Night. The Rotaract members excelled themselves.

On the Saturday 16 April 1988, we were privileged to have the Prime Minster of Australia, the Right Honourable RJ Hawke, officially open the Art Show.’

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

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**



WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT 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 and we’ll provide you with all the details.

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