

# Pascoe Vale Tales

Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale Bulletin

9th September 2021

*“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and we pay our respects to their forebears past and present.”*

## Serve to Change Lives!

### THIS WEEKS CELEBRATIONS:

**Birthdays:** Brian McDougal  
Rock Pinder  
Lois Papas  
Beryl DeAlmeida

**Anniversaries:** Nil

### THIS WEEK:

#### Meeting Via ZOOM -7pm

- **Speaker: To Be Advised...**

- Bruce Browning is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale:meeting Time: 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8544108470?pwd=cFZvV3R6UjhFMG1BNHlMa3dnUIJGUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 410 8470

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - TBA
- 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - **Club Assembly**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 - **D.G. Anne visit**
- 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 – **St John's CPR Training**
- 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - **District Conference**



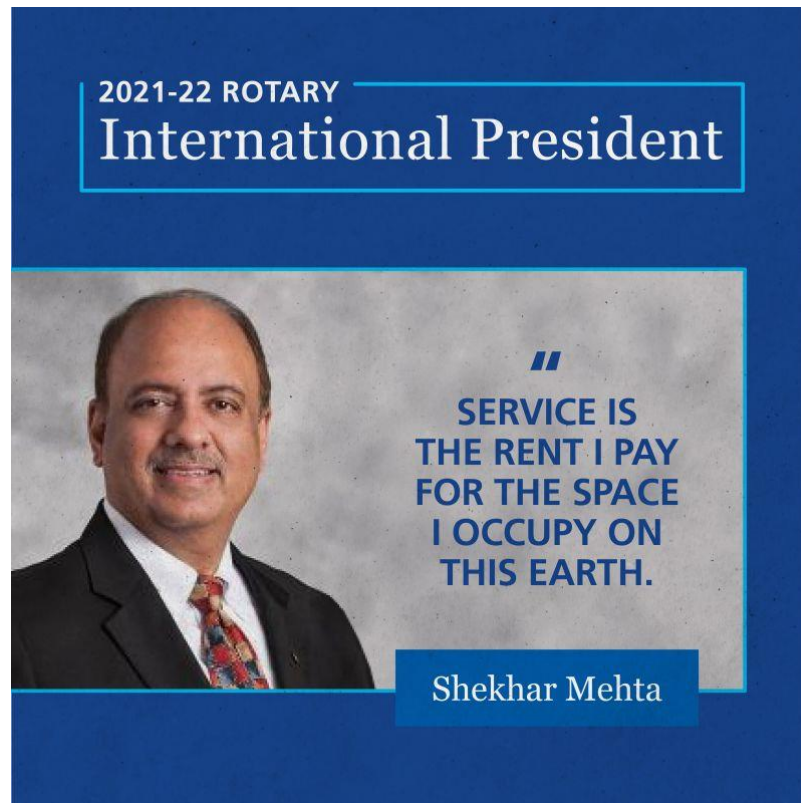
## CLUB NEWS

- ***PRESIDENT GRANT:***

Hi Rotarians & Friends,

The RIMERN organising committee met on Sunday afternoon. They are a very position, committed and well organised group. So organised that the meeting finished on time! (Something we might have to look at). I'm looking forward to getting involved as soon as the opportunity arises. More details on how to volunteer to follow.

Responses to the club planning survey are disappointing. I was hoping to get a 50% response, but we are well short of that. The responses will give the club direction, and identify any issues we need to address. Please complete and return it as soon as possible.



- **P.P. Pat.**

**Volunteers needed NOW for RIMERN!**



Since we moved into our warehouse at 32-34 Lincoln Street, East Brunswick we've been operating under difficult conditions with no lift, lockdown after lockdown and learning as we go, but in spite of the challenges, thanks to all our member Clubs' support and the mentorship of EERN & WERN, we're now ready to start rostering volunteers, for the Authorised Work (with Permits issued) required to get our stock sorted, the warehouse functioning and orders flowing out the door to our welfare agency clients.

Our milestones include:

- We have fully Deductible Gift Recipient status and all donations are fully tax deductible!
- We have an almost fully stocked warehouse, with furniture, appliances, linen and homewares!
- We have 8 welfare agencies signed up as members and we've already supplied 8 client orders (with an average second hand value of \$1,200 each!)
- Our lift is now working so all our space is usable.
- We have relationships with several commercial donors of furniture and homewares that are supplying significant quantities of high quality goods
- Our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/495145215239091> has over 300 followers (please 'like' it yourself & invite all your friends & family to do likewise as we are getting offers of donations & volunteers via this page!)
- Canard Solutions is proving to be the best ever sub-tenant as they're helping with shelving, labour and even pick up of donations (when they're not busy with paid jobs) as well as the obvious help with rent and overheads
- We are now 13 member Clubs, with more considering membership every month!  
Prahran, Albert Park, North Melbourne, Carlton, Canterbury, Camberwell, Balwyn, North Balwyn, Chadstone/East Malvern, Central Melbourne, Flemington/Kensington, Pascoe Vale & Melbourne are current members, and all reps are actively supporting the project.

## **NOW WE NEED A REGULAR VOLUNTEER TEAM, can you help?**

NB, to be covid safe, all volunteers must be fully vaccinated, wear a mask while on duty, check in on arrival with our QR code, enter their details on the time sheet on arrival and departure and only volunteer on one designated day per fortnight. Our space will allow for social distancing in each work area, we have hand sanitiser available on site and all volunteers will be issued with Authorised Work Permits as our category of “End of lease furniture removal/Domestic & Commercial Waste/resource recovery service” is permissible and the Care of people exiting homelessness et al cannot happen without the collection of goods.

**Days:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

**Morning Shift:** 9.30 – 12.30

**Afternoon Shift:** 12.30 – 3.30

### **Warehouse Volunteers Required (X 2 people per job per shift):**

#### **Warehouse :**

Tasks sorting donated furniture, moving stock (with trolleys, dollies & pallet jack)

Assembling client orders, steam cleaning sofas, wiping down appliances, sorting waste metal, other tasks as required.

If possible the warehouse volunteers might also double as **truck driver & jockey** for donation collection.

#### **Linen Lads or Lassies**

Tasks: sorting, sizing, folding, packing & labelling the mountains of doonas, blankets, mattress protectors and other bedding into size lots,

Sorting the linen room into some sort of workable order, collate client orders.

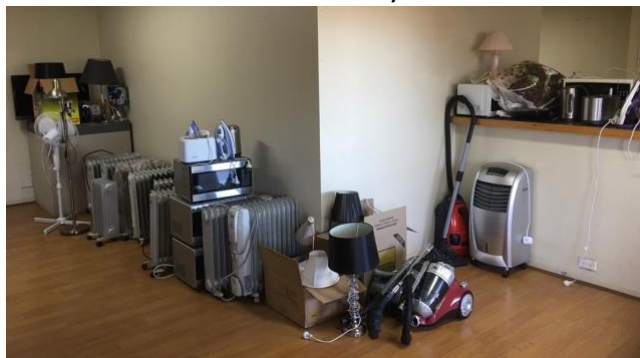


### **Kitchen Kit Kids**

Unpacking, washing, sorting, stacking then repacking all the donations of kitchen goods, we set up packs for 4 & 6 so that orders can be supplied with prepacks.



Also sorting donations of electrical appliances ready for test & tag (ably coordinated by Rob Head & Steve Clarke).



### **Volunteers working from home**

#### **Donated Goods Coordinator(s)**

We need one or two people to coordinate goods donations, not an onerous task but vital.

It entails:

- Understanding what we do & don't accept (& why)

- Speaking with the potential donors & finding out what they want to donate (size, age, condition etc), where it's located & when it must be collected by.  
Request they send photos if not sure about the acceptability.
- Adding the goods to the collection list/spreadsheet OR arrange for donor to deliver (NB someone must greet donor & they may not bring other goods without approval. Our warehouse staff reserves the right to reject goods that are unsuitable as it costs us \$\$ to dispose of junk).
- Organising pick up with the collections driver(s) & jockeys, advising the warehouse managers when the goods will be delivered so that space is available & stock can be put away not dumped. We plan to have a regular mid-week collection day & 2 Saturdays a month.

Other jobs will emerge as time goes on, but if you can help with the tasks above, please send your details, including full name, DOB & home address (for permit info) and task/day/shift preference to Rohan Williams [rdwrcm@gmail.com](mailto:rdwrcm@gmail.com) asap?

Any questions re tasks, please contact [susie.cole@rotaryprahran.org.au](mailto:susie.cole@rotaryprahran.org.au) or 0414 907 263.

Soon we hope to be able to organise Club working bees, to get small teams from member clubs involved, there's lots to do, it's fun to work together and our clients are so grateful for the goods we provide, thanks everyone!





### **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 Vera D'Aprano who will arrange for an appropriate card to be sent on behalf of our Club.***

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### ***Quote of the Day!***

**“When a flower  
doesn't bloom you  
fix the  
environment in  
which it grows, not  
the flower.”**





**Accept what is, let go  
of what was, and have  
faith in what will be.**

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