

Pascoe Vale Tales

Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale Bulletin

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“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: Chris Lang

Anniversaries: Nil

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS,
FAMILY & FRIENDS!**



See you all back on 13th January 2022!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 27th December 2021 -Bunnings BBQ
- 3rd January 2022 -*Possible* Bunnings BBQ
- 15th January 2022 - *Possible* Bunnings BBQ
- 18th January 2022 -**Strathmore Rotary Club** (combined club meeting) Subject-**Living Legends**



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- 26th January 2022 -**Moreland Rotary Club** -8:30am - 11am.
Subject: **Reflect, Respect and Celebrate**
- 18th -20th March 2022 -**District Conference**



CLUB NEWS

● **PP Peter Wilson**

EULOGY FOR DON ROSS

Don Ross was inducted into the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale in 1979 by then President Colin Kerwin.

At that time Don was working at the Parkville branch of the State Bank of Victoria.

Don was first appointed chairperson of the attendance committee, welcoming every attendee at the weekly meetings of the club with his trademark smile and that warm, friendly greeting.

Don's professional skills soon became apparent to fellow club members and, in the following year, in recognition of those personal qualities, he was entrusted to the position of Club Treasurer, a position which brings with it membership of the Club Board of Directors.

Don progressed to the position of Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee with its significant commitment to fundraising for Edith Bendall Lodge in September, October and November. Later in that Rotary year the Ash Wednesday bushfires occurred resulting in further heavy commitments to fundraising in February, March and April. Under Don's passionate and dedicated leadership the committee performed above average in trying times.

Don, with the help of other Pascoe Vale Rotarians was involved in creating the Rotary District 979 Disaster Emergency Trust Fund which, with lots of time and hard work was approved by the Australian Taxation Department for donations to be tax deductible. The District Fund involved 43 Rotary Clubs in District 979 and raised over \$52,000. Payments were made for clothing, food, tools and equipment, among other necessities. Don contributed a very significant amount of time and effort to ensure that the fund was managed professionally so that this trust could be used again in future years and met the needs of those who had suffered in the bushfire disaster.

In 1984 Don took on the role of membership development and in 1985 he became Chairperson and Director for International Service. Projects undertaken by his committee included: eye camps in India, famine relief in Ethiopia, flood and storm damage relief in Bangladesh, and medical journal to Lautoka hospital in Fiji.

Also in 1985, Don co-ordinated the Rotary Market to help support Edith Bendall Lodge and which raised the grand total of \$5500, in those days that was big money.

In 1986 Don was a member of the Community Service Committee but was also heavily involved with the District 979 District Conference.

Having served on almost every Club committee it was time for Don to devote time and efforts to the Vocational Service Committee whilst also keeping an eye on finances as Coordinator of the Clubs Bingo Fundraising project.

Acknowledging his outstanding service to Rotary and its programs and projects, Don was recognised with as a Paul Harris Fellow in 1987.

By 1988 Don was back on the Board of Directors and Sergeant at Arms for the club. Don handled the position with light hearted good humour and whilst maintaining order and decorum. Don used the position of Sergeant to unearth new talent with 'stand in Sergeant sessions.

- Don maintained his position on the Board of Directors as Treasurer in 1989, whilst also serving on several District committees. Don also undertook the position of Treasurer on several community organisations including Milparinka, Edith Bendall Lodge, and chairperson of the Coburg Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.
- In 1990 Don served on the Club Finance Committee.
- In 1991, along with being Chairperson of Public Relations, Don also served on the International Service Committee for the Club.
- Who could ever forget Don's Hole-in-One fundraisers?
- One year the first prize for a Hole-in-One was a mobile phone. Mobile Phones were relatively new in those days and everyone was obsessed with winning this special sort of prize. On past performances Don knew the phone was safe and the same phone was again first prize the following year.
- Don was a leader, deep thinker, quiet achiever, and inspiring person who never said no to helping others. Don left Rotary to join Probus which was his new passion. Don remained an honorary member of our Club for nearly 22 years
- Rotary Motto: Service above Self
Don Ross lived this Motto every day of his life. Rest in Peace Don.
- **PP Pat, Rtn Heather, PP Bob & President Grant:**
- We are certainly looked at in high esteem by PVNPS. Welcomed and looked after extremely well by Deb Crane, the Principal, and James Gagliardi, teacher and organiser. Our awards were right up there in importance, may I say, thanks to Monty and Brian for the 10+ years that they presented, well done guys!



- **PP Steve Papas:**
Last Thursday night, Lois & Steve represented our club at the Bunnings Coburg Christmas Party. Cooked 440 sausages in 2 hours! Very busy night!



What a Year, done my tree. Hahaha



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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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