

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.”



THIS WEEKS CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays: Kester Rebbечи
Ivor Montgomery

Anniversaries: Nil

Sick Bay: Heather Harris. Get better soon Heather. We all raise a glass to wish you a speedy recovery!

Last week: Changeover!



This Week: *President Bruno – Our New Rotary Year 2022 – 2023 “Imagine Rotary”.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 7th July – ***PE Heather Harris –talking about her book “Sweating Bullets Mopping Blood (A Midwife’s Story From Conflict Zones)”***
- 14th July -***Pres RSL Brian McNaughton***
- 19th July -***Combined Rotary Mtg of Clubs at Windy Hill***
- 15th September -***DG David McPherson Club Visit***
- 28th – 30th October -***Zone 8 Rotary & Rotaract ‘BETTER TOGETHER’ Conference -Canberra***
- 27-31 May 2023 -***Rotary International Convention -Melbourne.***

CLUB NEWS

President Bruno:

- While it is certainly true that Grant has had a difficult year, just like Pat did the year before due to Covid, I must thank Grant for the positive attitude he put into every move he made. This has often been difficult to do under such trying times! Thanks Grant! And we must never forget the partners, in this case, Christine, who I have on good authority gave him a solid shoulder to lean on! Thank you, Christine.
- It has been some time since I was last President of our Club... 1999 – 2000. We were in fear of the end of days that New Year’s Eve.
- I was invited by Peter Wilson when I was 24 years old to come to a Rotary meeting of Pascoe Vale. I have never looked back.

At times, it has been a journey of inspiration, of self-development, blood, sweat & even tears. I have met great mentors, great mates, great people, great friends. What I learned was that no matter how small we felt as individuals, as Rotarians, there was so much we could do! But not only in our local community, but worldwide. Look at POLIO PLUS! We are this close to eradicating polio in the world! I look at my team...which is everyone in this club! All of us united in the Rotary ideal of SERVICE ABOVE SELF! Bring on 2022 – 2023.

- **2022 - 2023 Board:**

Immediate Past President: Grant Standfield

President Elect: Heather Harris

Secretary: Heather Harris

Treasurer: Bob Taylor

Community Service Chair: Pat Solibakke

Vocational Chair: Kevin Fernandes

International Chair: Gerard Hannan

Environment Chair: Heather

Rotary Foundation: Peter Wilson

New Generations Chair: Bruce Browning

Fundraising Chair: Matthew Whittle

Membership: Whole Club Under the guidance of Peter Wilson.

- **PP Colin McKenzie**

Bula from Peter & Team MTCT in Fiji

At last, **Despatches Newsletter NO. 61** attached from Peter, after a long lapse and what a dramatic period this has been !!

You will read that I have retired ! **A successor Paul Forrest took over as GM on March 1st** and since then I have been handing over (tonnes of detail) and packing, selling my house and filling in bank and utilities forms and even helping still with Board papers .

My house is sold, my housemaid Vani has moved to a house we built for her in her village and my dog Simba has a new home at Vuda.

Despatches documents 37 years of the period. ...1002 homes built, 4400 people houses, 760 of the second gen moved outward and upward and so on. My departure will end the 86 year adventure of the Drysdale family in Fiji. A dramatic wrench. I will miss the people, staff but I need to be with my wife Jo and family after 24 years of separation!

There is a lot about me in Despatches, but the truth is none of this was possible without the incredible work of legend Saten, the construction crew, staff and 2027 volunteers. I cannot list all the helpers volunteers and donors and clearly their support has been critical .

Paul is keen to keep up the contacts. He is copied in. **Team Contact details are in Despatches.**

I plan to sleep for 6 weeks then bounce back in some useful capacity.

Paul has launched bulldozers into Stage 4 (K4) – the first 12 houses of a new block with 105 houses to be built with NZ and Fiji Govt. funding. Read all about prospects for volunteers.

There are a few formalities for me to conclude and I may be on a flight to Brisbane by the coming weekend.

The people and staff and even strangers have been incredibly kind to me. I have to keep busy and keep my mind off leaving.

You are all heroes and friends and I will never forget you.

Peter D



Paul Harris Sapphires Presented to Athol, Chris & Bruno!



Club Messages/Cards

*If you know of any Current, Honorary/Past Member or family or friends of or Rotary Club who could benefit from a card or message please get in touch with **Lia Wolfe (P.P. Pat's daughter)** who will arrange for an appropriate card to be sent on behalf of our Club.*

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