

# Pascoe Vale Tales

Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale Bulletin

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<http://www.pascoevalerotary.com.au>

***“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: Nil***

***Anniversaries: Nil***

This Week's Speaker: ***President of RSL Pascoe Vale Sub branch Mr Brian McNaughton***

– Subject – **Club Renovations**

***Last Week:*** Last week we had our distinguished Assistant Governor Pat talk to us about "Regionalisation." Thank you Pat for your informative & professional presentation.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 19<sup>th</sup> July - ***Combined Rotary Mtg of Clubs at Windy Hill*** Please book <https://www.trybooking.com/CAUXN>
- 21<sup>st</sup> July - ***No Rotary Meeting due to combined Rotary Meeting at Windy Hill on 19<sup>th</sup> July.***

- 21<sup>st</sup> July – *Board Meeting at President’s Residence*
- 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July -*Garage Sale at Vera D’Aprano’s 13 Francis St Hadfield.*

28<sup>th</sup> July -*Rtn Paul Lloyd from Southern Mitchel Rotary in Kilmore. Speaking on Project L.E.M.U.R - Lift Every Malagasy Up Rotary (Relief for the People of Madagascar 2022)*

- 15<sup>th</sup> September -*DG David McPherson Club Visit*
- 9<sup>th</sup> October -*Moreland Rotary’s “Lift The Lid Walk” at Coburg Lake. Pascoe Vale Rotary is cooking the BBQ!*
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October -*Zone 8 Rotary & Rotaract ‘BETTER TOGETHER’ Conference -Canberra*
- 27-31 May 2023 -*Rotary International Convention -Melbourne.*

## CLUB NEWS

- President Bruno:

Hello Everyone!

Hope everyone is well & getting used to these cold mornings.

We are slowly putting things into place for this Rotary year, especially after 2.5 years of Covid lockdowns. The new Board will meet next week & we will report back to the Club the following week.

- A.G. PP Pat:

For those who want more information on “Regionalisation” please click on link:

<http://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/>

Also from PP Pat:

**CLUB INFO**

**RECYCLED STAMPS AND  
EMPTY BLISTER PACKS:**  
Stamps and Blister Packs are being collected by Julie Morris for the Span Community House, Northcote. The aim is to raise funds to help wipe out Trachoma, an eye disease still rampant in the Northern Territory.



Your help in supplying these items would be greatly appreciated. Place your collection in the box at dining room entrance table.

**IMAGINE** RI President-elect Jennifer Jones imagines a Rotary where members act to make their dreams become reality and they make the most of their club experiences. She urges members to engage more with each other and use these connections to build partnerships that change the world.

- **President Elect Heather:**

Summary of meeting with Launch Housing

On Friday July 8th Pat Solibakke and I had a meeting with George Hatvani from Launch

Housing with a view to discuss what Rotary can do to assist in alleviating homelessness in the Moreland area.

There was much discussion around how to streamline services for this demographic and how to ensure there was a more integrated response to their multiple and often complex needs. He

presented some sobering facts e.g. Food bank is serving 50,000 per day, and many of these are the “working poor”, who are unable to feed their families as well as pay private rental. In the

past decade or so, the government has invested \$20B in the 1st Home Buyers Grant and the

major effect it has had is to have increased house prices and made home ownership an ever

diminishing dream for many Australians. He noted if the same amount of money had been

invested in social housing, this would have provided 60,000 additional dwellings. Using census

data, Launch Housing projects there is a need for provision of social housing to 200,000 in the next 10 years! He spoke of the need for supportive housing for specific needs clientele which would be purpose-built with support and security on-site. For example, there is already family support housing in Dandenong but what is needed in general is a much higher community awareness of the issue of homelessness and of ensuring this community awareness is translated into political action i.e. lobbying of political parties. It appears that the Greens and the ALP have given more thought to this pressing social issue and we must all approach our local members of every party and ask what they intend to do about this dire issue.

There are many drivers of homelessness including older women, mental health issues, disability, refugees, asylum seekers, chronic unemployment, non-citizens — the list goes on...

George heads up a project called Functional Zero - an initiative from the U.S. and mainly financed philanthropically. It takes a more assertive approach to homelessness and aims to “turbo-charge” homelessness reduction by actively seeking out rough sleepers, rather than waiting for them to approach social services. In the US this has resulted in a much improved and longer lasting welfare outcome in participants. In Moreland this requires 2 specific extra workers who would carry out this demanding role.

Ways in which Rotary might help could be - inviting a speaker from Launch Housing ( e.g. Bronwyn James in LH fundraising, or Jenny Smith from CHP or Kate Colvin from Affordable

Housing Co-op) to come and speak at a meeting or arrange a cluster meeting of Rotary Clubs to have these speakers come to. He strongly recommended we attend other clubs' meetings and newsletters, develop a cluster aid model perhaps, where a number of clubs collaborate to bring about social change. It was a great meeting and I think gives Rotary an opportunity to give meaningful assistance to alleviate this very pressing social issue.



### 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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