

# The Pascoe Post

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale – September 08, 2022

The Club meets at the Pascoe Vale RSL each Thursday night at 6.30pm. We have some great speakers. Visitors\* - Please join us for dinner – our shout!

Contact the editor for more details

Pascoe Vale  
**Rotary**



## THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE

Hi Guys,

hope you are all well.

As of Monday, I will be on leave for 10 days (Bali).

While I am away, our District Governor, David, will be visiting our Club on the 15th September. He will meet with briefly with the Board & then attend our Meeting.

This would be a good opportunity for bringing your partners to our meeting.

As always,

Yours In Rotary Service,

Bruno D'Aprano PHF  
D'Prez

## Last Week's Speaker

Without doubt, the largest project that Pascoe Vale Rotary has been involved in is the construction of Edith Bendall Lodge. In association with the Strathmore Lions club, the first planning meeting was held in 1980. After many challenges, 16 "independent living" units were opened on September 20, 1987. The second building followed in 1991. Peter Arnheim, pictured with President Bruno, gave us glimpse of those early years. Chris Lang followed, outlining the challenges the EBL board is currently facing. A recent benchmarking review and an external review last year suggested that a stand alone operation would be difficult to maintain.

On October 1, 2022, Edith Bendall Lodge will transition its business to



Mayflower. Highlight of the night was the appearance a copy of the opening day program, signed by Bob Hawke, the then Prime Minister of Australia. Thanks to Don and Joan Cox for bringing that along.

## Upcoming Events

8 <sup>th</sup> September	Meeting tbc xxxx
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Hearing Tests
13 <sup>th</sup> September	RIMERN – 10am – 1pm. <b>Volunteers Needed</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> September	DG David McPherson Club Visit
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Lunch at Holgate Brewery, Woodend – See Pat
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Bunnings BBQ,
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Moreland Rotary's "Lift The Lid Walk" at Coburg Lake. Pascoe Vale is cooking the BBQ!
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Mock Interviews, Pascoe Vale Girls High, see Kevin F.
28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Zone 8 Rotary & Rotaract 'BETTER TOGETHER' Conference - Canberra
17-19 March 2023	9790 District Conference
27-31 May 2023	Rotary International Convention -Melbourne.



### Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, and Optimists to hold joint service week



For a second year, Rotary International, Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, and Optimist International are working together to celebrate and give back to our communities with a weeklong service event, to be held 11-17 September.

Rotary and Rotaract clubs are encouraged to partner with local Kiwanis, Lions, and Optimist clubs on a project that will have a long-term impact in their community. To get started, work with a local social service organization or with local government officials to learn what the community needs and how you can plan the most effective project. Imagine the difference we can make when we harness the power of our four organizations' 3.4 million members, all of whom share a passion for taking action and creating lasting change.

### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

- Birthdays:  
 Brian McDougal
- Anniversaries:  
 Nil

### REMINDER



District Governor David McPherson will be attending our meeting next Thursday, September 15.

### Hearing Tests – Volunteers Needed

Hi PV Rotarians,  
 We are conducting our regular "Hearing Tests for Preschool Children" this coming Saturday, 10th. September. To run successfully I need the help of some Rotarians for the following tasks:

- 8am Put out signs to direct families to entrance.
- 4pm Collect signs and tidy.
- 9am - 4pm 1 or 2 Rotarians (on roster throughout the day) to greet families and direct to waiting areas.
- 9am - 4pm 1 Rotarian (on Roster Throughout the day, may be included in the above) to assist with Morning Tea, Afternoon Tea and Lunch for Student Testers.

I will be in attendance all day and we don't want or need a large crowd of helpers, but here is an opportunity to show Rotary at work and experience one of our most successful projects.

Let me know on Thursday night if you are available. Thanks Bruce.





## “What Started Edith Bendall Lodge”

Lloyd Bendall, a member of the Strathmore Lions Club in the late 1970’s bought 11 Park Street Pascoe Vale, complete with a “MANOR HOUSE” which had been used as a “Cleaning House’ for law offenders before their re-entry to everyday life.

Lloyd had very strong thoughts about the establishment of a Retirement Village for aged people who could to a degree, care for themselves, with residents having their own room, three meals a day, health care services, security and assistance with laundry and social activities, as his personal experience in trying to find a permanent place for his aged mother to live out the rest of her life had been extremely frustrating.

Upon the acquisition of Park Street, he passed it on to his Lions Club to develop into a community asset.

The two storey house, with the support of the then Broadmeadows Council, had the ground floor converted into a Day Care Centre while the first-floor area was converted to be the Lions Club home for meeting and activities etc.

In the late 1970’s the recently chartered Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale was considering how it could service a community undertaking in Pascoe Vale. A site came to their attention but after much consideration it was agreed a larger site was required. While still considering a project, word filtered around of the project that the Lions Club of Strathmore had developed at 11 Park Street and discussions between the two clubs then developed.

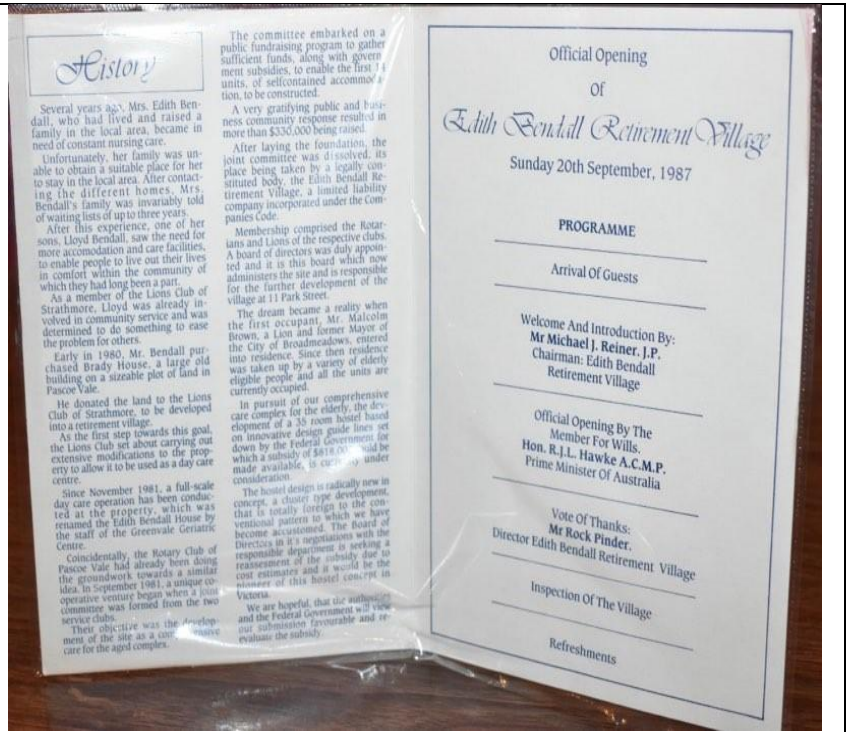
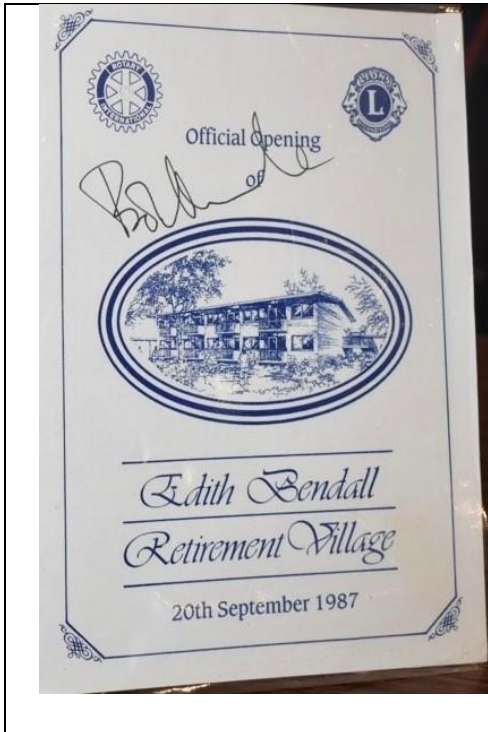
While the objects of the respective clubs in community development differed, agreement was reached and a unified approach prevailed.

Retirement units were the first development of the site at 11 Park Street but the overarching development of the site however was to be a 36-bed hostel.

A legally constituted company was established “Edith Bendall Retirement Village” with the members of both clubs now joined together in the one organisation.

Two blocks of retirement units were established through Government grants and community activity. The 14 units opened to the public in 1985 with full occupancy achieved within a few months. The pursuit of a 36-bed hostel now became a reality.





The “Grand Old House” was now to be brought down and be a clear site within 30 days of the sale date of 4 November 1989, the owner being “Edith Bendall Retirement Village Hostel”.

In September 1981 the Company embarked on a public fundraising campaign, aided by a Government Subsidy, for a target raising of \$500,00 and led by Mr. Noel O’Brien – Chairman of O’Brien Catering Pty Ltd and a Director of Spotless Group Pty Ltd with an appeal banquet to be held on 2 November 1989.

Development got underway with the Prime Minister of Australia – Bob Hawke and his wife Hazel to turn the first sod for the hostel followed by their inspection of the Retirement Units and meeting with the occupants in June 1990.

The rest is now history with the construction of the 36 Unit hostel, the subsequent extension to 46 Units and with a property acquisition and some available land to the now 60 units.



### Lift Every Malagasy Up Rotary

Pascoe Vale Rotary is proud to support Southern Mitchell Rotary with this worthy project.

The project is designed to support 1,500 Primary School children and their teachers at St. Vincent's Primary School in Ambovombe, Androy Madagascar. The area has suffered 4 years of successive drought in addition to the Covid-19 pandemic. Donations will be used to source food, clean drinking water, medicine and school equipment to help parents keep their children fed and stay at school. The project intends to also build a water well on school facility if enough donations are obtained.

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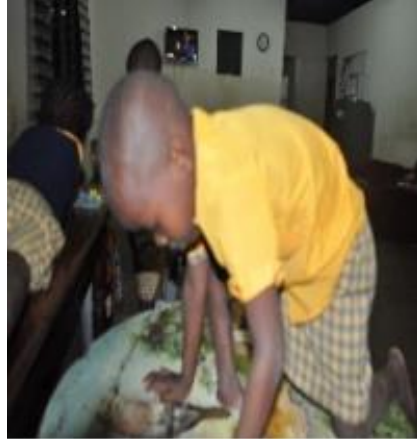


Above - Pascoe Vale Rotary President Bruno D'Aprano presents Project Manager Paul Lloyd with our donation.





## Umoja Orphanage



## RIMERN Report

Pat, Heather, and I volunteered at the Brunswick warehouse last Tuesday. Simple tasks – picking, washing, and steam cleaning – but tasks that need to be done to keep things moving. We are rostered on again NEXT TUESDAY, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

Grant

### ALARE - REPORT JULY 2022

By social worker Aisha

Jibaba's (Alare's) favourite house aunt had gone for an annual leave. Since then, he has been doing quite well and did not act childish of crying any howly, like when he sees Aunt Lozi (his favourite). He has never cried and does everything he is supposed to do without being pampered. He is used to be pampered to the extent that when he doesn't like certain food then he will slowly go to her and say whatever he wants. He sees Aunt Lozi as his mother as she has raised the twins since they came to Umoja at 5 months.

For now, he has been eating anything available and even going for a surplus. The only issue with this is that he likes playing away from the house and when the food is ready. He has to be called by his name otherwise won't come even if he hears the bell. He would take his time to come and sometimes the other children may have completed eating. You will only see him running if the bell for food rings only if he is starving, as that's when he will not play far from the house. For the whole month, I have not heard him complaining that I don't want certain type of food which means that he consumes everything its only that he is taking advantage of Aunt Lozi.

# Read the full report on the attached file #



### 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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