

The Pascoe Post

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale – August 31, 2023

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



THIS WEEK

Greetings fellow Rotarians.

Another busy week.

- I attended Preston Rotary meet last Wednesday night to hear Bob from DIK speak about what is happening in that area. Always interesting.
- On Sunday I went to A Taste of RYLA held at the Coburg RSL and met up with 11 young RYLA members and shared the morning's activities on leadership skills with them. Many had traveled quite a distance, and all were very enthusiastic attendees. They made me most welcome and their Co-ordinator Linda was eager to let us know they very much appreciated our support.
- A discussion regarding the Regionalisation pilot vote took place last meeting. We await further input but there is a probable revote about to happen sometime before September 17th.
- Tomorrow I am representing our Rotary club and my Environmental portfolio at a roundtable discussion regarding the health of the Merri Creek in relation to platypus being reintroduced. Other attendees will be representatives from Merri-Bek Council, Friends of Merri Creek, Melbourne Water representatives, RMIT Professor Vincent Pettigrove from AQUEST (Aquatic Environmental Stress Research Group), and sundry interested parties. It should be most absorbing.

Stay safe and well.

Heather Harris PHF, President, Pascoe Vale Rotary



Spark Engineering Camp 2023

Lacie Pridan, the Melbourne Students Logistics Manager will give a short presentation about what Spark is, what we do, who we do it for, etc. before Pheonix talks about her experience at the camp.

Join us online!

**## NOTE ## –
Change of Meeting
Access code**

Following some difficulties with getting Zoom up and running, we now have new meeting details.

ZOOM meeting details
(available every week)

Click on the link to join our meetings, everyone is welcome.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86340912240?pwd=cZlUGFLWFNSUTU2SmRDQlFudogoZzo9>

Meeting ID: 863 4091 2240
Passcode: 4SnEt6



Upcoming Events

31 st August	Phoenix, Report on Spark Engineering Youth Camp
7 th September	Club Meeting
16 th September	Rotary Club of Whittlesea 25 Years Celebration
19 th October	DG combined visit, other clubs to attend.
22 nd October	Let's walk for mental health
24 th October	World Polio Awareness Day
26 th October	Partners Night, wear purple/red for Polio Awareness
7 th November	Community Raffle drawn (Cup Day)
19 th November	RYLA 2023
April 2024	2024 District Conference Shepparton, 19 th , 20 th & 21 st

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays:

None

Anniversaries:

None

A message from Kenyan

Following on from Peter Wilson's visit to Kenya, we have received a thanks from Cathy Booth, The Orphanage Co-Ordinator.

Hi Members of Pascoe Vale Rotary Club,

Firstly, I would sincerely like to thank all members of the club for your incredible donation of the Television. You cannot imagine how happy the children and staff were to receive this amazing gesture. They are still talking about it!!



I also want to let you know what a wonderful, wonderful person you have in Peter to be in your club. Peter's leadership with the volunteer group was second to none.

Merri BirdWatch



The September set of Merri Creek BirdWatch surveys will be held on Sunday 10 September and Sunday 17 September from 8:45 – 10:30am.

Beginner-birders are welcome to our surveys, as well as experienced birders. More details at

<https://www.friendsofmerricreek.org.au/merri-birdwatch>





Without him, I doubt we would have achieved our goal of repainting the first children's home interior and exterior. And to boot with a little bit of time on his hands, he organised for the external of the farm boy's home to be painted. I would have Peter on any team any time again! So... Maybe he deserves a beer or 2 to be shouted to him LOL (Ed; Treasurer says No!)



I also hope you enjoy any presentation Peter may do in the future on the Umoja Project. It was lovely speaking to some of the members on Zoom from Kenya. The staff and children really enjoyed it.

Attached is Alare's reports - (Editor; Alare report next week) Now that little boy was in heaven to have 'his sponsor' come to him. Alare would not have understood that a 'club' sponsored him, so we just said Peter. At his age and being a Kenyan, he has no perception of such a thing.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our little solitary man with the big smile. I think he won Peter's heart.

Most kind regards
Cathy

Last Week - Zone 8 Rotary Regionalisation Pilot Project discussion.

At last week's club meeting, we discussed the progress of the pilot program. The district Presidents held a meeting on Sunday 20th August. After considering the President's comments at that meeting, the District 9790 Committee of Management met and has asked Clubs for their views on District 9790 continuing to participate in the Regionalisation Pilot. Further details are available from the President or the Secretary.



On Tuesday night, Ivanhoe RC hosted a fundraiser at Thornbury Picture House. The film was 'The Giants' – the story of the Tasmanian forests, Bob Brown, and his journey against damming the Franklin River. AG Pat attended and says she enjoyed learning more about the role of ancient forests (up to 2,000 years old), the history of Lake Pedder and the Franklin River. Monies raised will went to the Bob Brown Foundation.





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 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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