

# The Pascoe Post

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale – December 14, 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*

We're still on a break

## Next Week

Our first meeting for 2024 will be a picnic in the park on January 18 – weather dependant, of course.

## WELCOME TO 2024!

### Picnic - Next Thursday Night January 18th

**Weather dependant**  
but that won't be a problem – we're in Melbourne!

To start the year off, we are having a picnic at Payne Reserve, 12 McCracken Avenue, Pascoe Vale, starting at 6.00 pm. Facilities are limited, so bring everything – chairs, picnic tables food and drinks. There will be a small BBQ, so we will be able to cook sausages, if you wish.



## Upcoming Events

<b>2024</b>	
18 <sup>th</sup> January	First Meeting for 2024 – Picnic, details TBA
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Club Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Australia Day BBQ – at Bunnings
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Club Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> February	The Cambodian Project – Robyn Angus
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Membership Drive, Anna Deamicis
April 2024	2024 District Conference Shepparton, 19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

### Birthdays:

Pat Solibakke  
Kevin Fernandes

### Anniversaries:

Colin & Joan McKenzie



### COMBINED MEETING, 2024

JANUARY 16, 7:15pm for 7:30pm

FREE PRESENTATION EVENT – PLEASE ADVISE ATTENDANCE BY EMAIL:

[bookings@strathmorerotary.org.au](mailto:bookings@strathmorerotary.org.au)

LOCATION: WINDY HILL VENUE

Cnr Napier & Brewster Streets, Essendon, 3040

LIMITED MEALS AVAILABLE IN BISTRO FROM 6:00PM

Bookings for Bistro meals: Phone - 8371 0300 Website: <https://windyhillvenue.com.au/the-bistro/>



### Guest Speaker - Professor Cheryl Dissanayake AM

Chair, Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre



Professor Dissanayake AM was the Founding Director and inaugural Chair of Australia's first research centre dedicated to autism: the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre established in 2008. She has been an autism researcher since 1984, when she began her PhD at Monash University. On completion she undertook a postdoctoral fellowship in the Sigman lab at UCLA, and has established and led an active research program since joining La Trobe University in 1996. In addition to her scholarly

activities, with numerous grants and publications, Prof. Dissanayake was instrumental in bringing together Victorian and Australian autism researchers, having co-founded the Autism Victoria ASD Research Group (in 2003), the Australasian Autism Research Alliance (in 2005), the Australasian Autism Research Collaboration (in 2009) and the Australasian Society for Autism Research (2011), a member based society of which she was vice-President until 2020, when she was honored with a Lifetime Membership. She was on the bid team and has been a Project Leader in the Cooperative Research Centre for Living with Autism (2013-2021).

Professor Dissanayake has been recognised as a Research Field Leader for five consecutive years by The Australian (2018-2022) and as one of nine Global Research Leaders in 2020. She was amongst the first ten scholars to be inaugurated as a Fellow of the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) in 2018, and was elected vice-President of INSAR in 2019. She serves on the Senior Global Leaders Committee of INSAR, representing the Western Pacific region, and chairs its Fellows Committee. In 2022, Professor Dissanayake was elected as a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences Australia. She was recognized with an Order of Australia (AM) in the same year.





Bookings to [bookings@strathmorerotary.org.au](mailto:bookings@strathmorerotary.org.au)

**Mental Health First Aid Course** Feb 2024

Workplace Training | 100% Online Delivery

Learn how to provide support and assistance to someone experiencing a mental health crisis

*Day Session*

**Facilitated sessions**

Wed 21 and Thu 22 February 2024 (must attend both sessions)

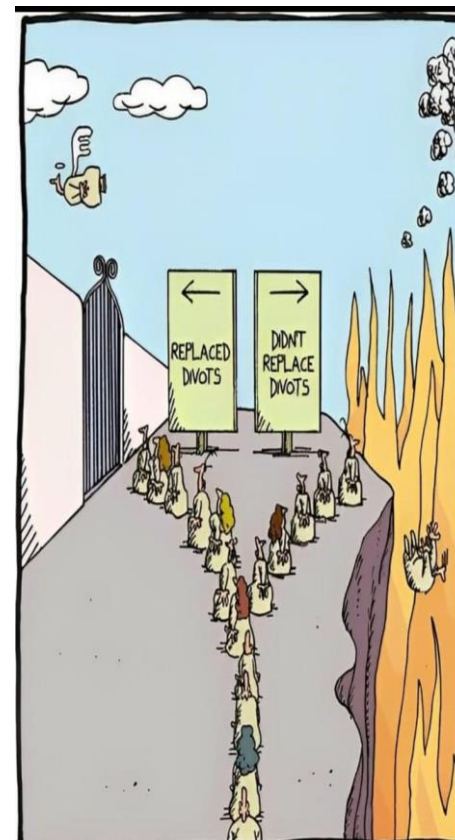
9:30AM - 12:00PM (AEDT) both days  
Online via Zoom

**Component 1**  
Self-paced online e-Learning modules (5-7 hours)

**Component 2**  
2 x 2.5-hr online facilitated sessions led by Licensed Mental Health First Aid Instructor via Zoom

**Course Fee \$255 plus GST**

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Tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com/online-mental-health-first-aid-course-february-2023/tickets>

**Join us online!**

We continue to search for the best option for our online presence. Our trial with Microsoft TEAMS has proved unsuccessful, so we have reverted to ZOOM

**ZOOM meeting details**

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89097292529?pwd=Y2NWNFFeEeHFpCg9JMENTnNztUEgXUTog>

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





### 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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