

# The Pascoe Post

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale – March 14, 2024

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

### Anna De Amicis

How can we increase Rotary's membership and community profile?

### **Social media**

- What would you want the Marketing company to do
- What level of financial investment is each club prepared to invest?
- Over what period do we want to trial the social media strategy?

**Public Image** (or, do you just bbq sausages?)

- Improving our Public Image to recruit new members
- What can we showcase to make our club appealing to new members?
- What does our Club Health Check reveal about what our current members think of the Club?

Greetings fellow Rotarians

As I write this, Melbourne begins its' 3rd day of over 38C temperatures. Please take care, stay in the shade (better still, stay indoors), drink lots of fluid, and refrain from attending any of the bush music raves which are currently in full swing for the Labour Day long weekend! At least there is no decision needed on whether to attend the Moomba Parade.....

Looking forward to the next combined meeting this Thursday where Anna will present her second membership workshop.

Tomorrow will find me packin' and stackin' at RIMERN for a couple of hours, as I do every fortnight. They are always looking for another pair of hands to help them meet the demands of the project. We should have one of our meetings there so anyone who's not seen the set-up can get an idea of its scope. What do you think?

I want to say well done to all those who have assumed the role of Chair at our weekly meetings. Every one of you has done the job so competently and it gives all our members an opportunity to play an active role in the well-being of our club.

Stay safe and well

Heather Harris PHF, President, Pascoe Vale Rotary Club





## Upcoming Events

March 2024	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Membership Drive, Anna De Amicis - Part 2
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Club Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Bipolar, Bruno D'Aprano
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Rotary World Bipolar Day
April 2024	2024 District Conference Shepparton, 19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Bunnings BBQ, ANZAC Day. 1.00 pm start
25 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day - No Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Police Awards
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Hearing / Vision Tests, Pascoe Vale South Primary

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

### Birthdays:

None

### Anniversaries:

Christine and Grant

## Last Week

Interplast Co-ordinator, Janette Etherington told us of the great work that Interplast is doing.

In 2022 - 23, Interplast organised 6 surgical visits to the Asia / Pacific area, seeing 534 patients. They conducted 1,772 health personnel training opportunities and conducted 5,712 online training sessions.

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**REMEMBER - \$2,000 will change a life**





**The Rotary Club of Heidelberg** invites all Rotarians to their  
Evening Rotary Meeting  
Mon Mar 25, 2024, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
RSL on BELL 180 Bell Street, Heidelberg Heights

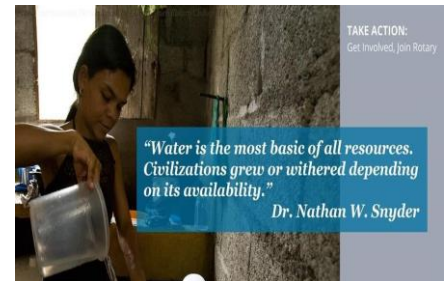
**Please register** with KEN NORMAN no later than 10.30 AM Thursday  
21st March to 0437 770 831 OR ken.norm5@bigpond.com

**Guest Speaker - PDG Tim Moore, on Regionalisation**

Tim’s Rotary life has spanned many opportunities, as a long-term member of the Rotary Club of Berwick, president, an array of club and district responsibilities, Assistant Governor and then District Governor for 9820 in 2013-14. More recently he has represented District Governors on zone membership committees and helped train Governor Nominees and Elects. Locally he has been IT and membership chair of his district. He especially enjoys working with clubs and districts on strengthening and growing membership as an Assistant Rotary Coordinator. He is a Board member of Rotary Down Under representing Victorian and Tasmanian districts.

This Rotary year has seen a new role as a Rotary Coordinator for 13 districts in Australia working closely with other Rotarians and Coordinators in our Zone and NZ. His role is to publicise and encourage all Districts and Clubs to promote and practice the objectives of Rotary International and our Zone.

**Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month**



WASH Rotary Action Group supports and ensures sustainable long-lasting safe water, sanitation, and hygiene programs to communities in need.

Find out more at [Home Page | Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group \(wash-rag.org\)](#)



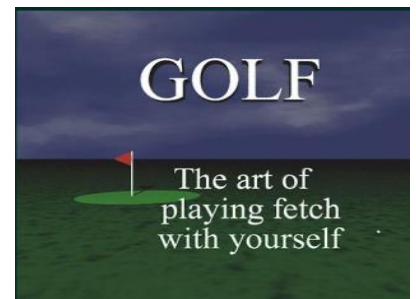
**ALARE - REPORT**

JANUARY 2024

By social worker Aisha



Alare once said when he goes to his mother, he won’t want to come to Umoja ever again. After spending time with her in December the narrative has now changed in that he does only want to go there on December alone and he must be assured that he will come back to Umoja when school is open. According to how he explained to me, it seemed they were living a





reasonable life. He said his mother has rented a house and how he has explained to me it's like the house is a self-contained house. The house consists of two bedrooms, a kitchen and inside toilet. The house has electricity and water which is unusual. It's built with stone and iron sheet roofing with a ceiling board on it. It also has tiles. In short according to the description it seems to be a nice house.

## Bunnings BBQ Report Saturday March 9.



He says their mother is working or out of the house, and is rarely home during the day. Her off day is on Sunday only that's when she stayed home with them. The mother mostly came home very late at night as she is working in a hotel industry he thinks, and by that time, they are already asleep. She wakes up also very early in the morning to prepare herself for work. When his mother is up, he also wakes up. That's the time they can make stories and share what they have for each other. He says his mother normally brings them snacks when she comes from work. After she finishes preparing herself, she leaves them under a custody of a lady who was responsible to cook for them and do all house chores. They have not skipped any meal since they went there, and it was real, as his health and that for his twin sister was very good.

On the Sunday when their mother is at home, he really enjoyed having her around. He played and enjoyed everything together. Some Sundays they were taken out by their mother to have fun like going to the beach. I thought that was the thing which might made him not miss Umoja but it's the opposite. Despite that he got all the pampering, he still wants to go come to Umoja as his home and takes the mother's home as a break only.

What a hot day it was. A very big thank you to Gerard, Colin, Chris, Kevin, Aaron, Steve and Lois.

As usual lots of laughs, and fun by all. A big thank you to Bunnings for the extra tent and small fan for the cooks.

Next BBQ will be Anzac Day.

Thanks again everyone

Matt





Alare was sharing the same room with his twin Alexis and the same bed. His mother was sleeping with their uncle which I guess is their mother's boyfriend. He referred to him as uncle Shaban. Alare said he is also working as he leaves with mama very early in the morning and would come home late like their mother. He doesn't know what job he is doing but what he knows is that he is also working.

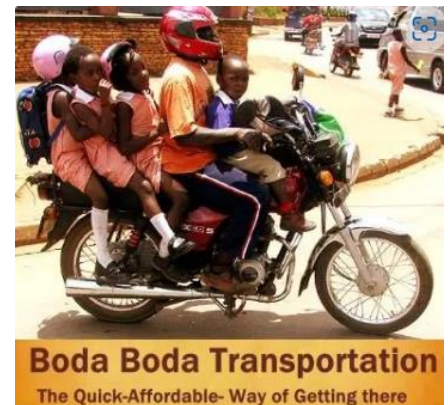
He said he has been beaten by his mother once. He was riding his friend's bicycle and then the friend pushed him while cycling. He injured his leg and when he went to his mother to report, he was the one who was beaten. Alare likes bicycles very much. I tend to imagine how he would react once he is bought one. I am sure he will be the happiest man on earth and would be smiling and laughing every time.

On 5th January 2024, at around six in the morning the twins had already arrived in Umoja. They were brought by their mother using a bodaboda. The reason why they were brought very early was that that was the day which all Umoja children were supposed to report. His mother was going to work and didn't want to be late thus decided to bring them that early. She left using the same motorbike they used. She didn't stay even for a minute and said that she was late for work. He had been shaved very well ready for school on Monday.

To my mind, this having been the first time Alare has been with his mother, since coming to Umoja as a baby. It will take time to bond a lot with her. It is more difficult that she works such long hours as we don't know where she works, and it is sad that she is not interested in taking care of her twins or getting back to us about future visits they might have. It is also a good thing she is working and has an ok home so who knows what the future may bring, but Alare is adamant he is only going there in the December break.

He has been promoted to grade three. This is the year in which he will be registered to do his first national exam. The good thing is that all the requirements needed to register the children are available. I have hopes that he will do well. The exam doesn't have specific dates and mostly it's a practical exam which some of the marks will be added in his grade six national exam.

Alare was bought everything in the lines of books and stationary that was needed for school with great thanks to his sponsor. He was also bought some new school uniforms, school track pants, sox and shoes. I made sure that the uniforms which he was purchased were also big enough which would last him for a long time.

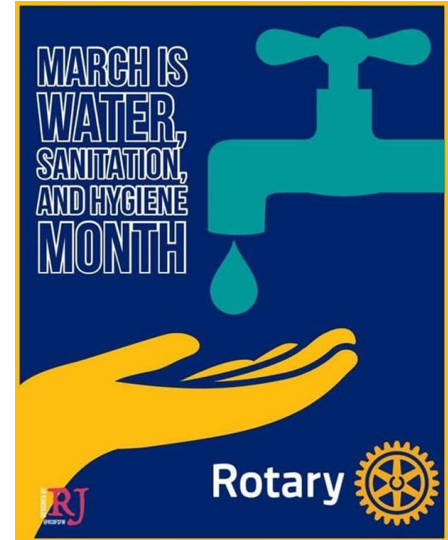




He has been doing good for the whole month since his return and was obviously in good health when he returned to us. For that we are happy and hope the bonding continues by perhaps the mother coming to visit her twins on her day off at some point. Let's hope.

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

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hjQ25RUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84414016743?pwd=ckp0T1BNTjUvdTJNK2RVdUhjQ25RUT09)



**Meeting ID: 844 1401 6743**

**Passcode: 970776**

### 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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