

# The Pascoe Post

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale – December 04, 2024

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

Contact the editor for more details.

Pascoe Vale

**Rotary**



A member of District 9790

## This Week

### President's Post

#### President's message

#### Hello fellow Rotarians

December is the busy month– for families and for PVRC. Apart from the Big Day, there are at least another 3 birthdays in my family to celebrate, and PVRC BBQ's and working bees to do.

Last week 8 PVRC members travelled to the RYLA Doxa camp at Malmesbury and joined with other Rotarians to share in a combined meeting with the current RYLarian group completing their leadership week. What a great night and many thanks to all those who put such effort into making it so successful.

We've had a request from RIMERN seeking help with movement of some garden mulch to their site in Brunswick. Anyone free and has a trailer? Let me know. I've put all details on our WhatsApp as well including contact details.

Am off to the Merri Paddle meeting on Tuesday – there are plans for joining Clean Up Australia Day next year and including several Rotary clubs in it. Watch this space. We will also be planning further water quality field days for 2025.

Last but not least, many thanks to Jerry for soldiering on with the newsletter production last week even though he was feeling ill.

Stay safe and well

Heather Harris PHF  
President  
Pascoe Vale Rotary



Start with Rotary  
and good things happen.



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Our RYLA participants, Lucy Mil and Andrew Leondorakias, receiving their certificates of participation from District Governor Stephen and Carol, following the completion of their inspiring week at RYLA 2024

- NETWORKING
- COMMUNICATION
- CONFLICT RESOLUTION
- PLANNING AND ORGANISING
- TEAMWORK
- GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

- EMPATHY AND RESILIENCE
- PROBLEM SOLVING
- INITIATIVE
- SELF-MANAGEMENT
- GOAL SETTING
- REFLECTIVE LEARNING

RYLA... "AN EMPOWERING CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS"



Pat S. Presentation of school award to Michael at Coburg Special Developmental School





### Upcoming Events

5 <sup>th</sup> December	PVRC Club Meeting W/ Speaker Dr. Peter Ewer Re: "Friends the Merri Creek"
8th December	Bunnings BBQ
12 <sup>th</sup> December	PVRC Club Meeting w/ Speaker Lucy Re: her experience @ RYLA
11-13 April '25	District Conference - Albury



### Laughter is still the best Medicine!

1"Rotary meetings: where jokes are mandatory, even if the punchlines are as old as Rotary.

2"Every Rotarian knows the secret handshake — it's the handshake followed by a quick donation request.

3"Joining Rotary is free; staying in it costs you all your free time.

4"Rotary's motto: 'Service Above Self' — but try saying no to the committee chairman!

5"Four-Way Test": The first test — can you remember all four when under pressure?

6" Rotarians love meetings so much, they create committees to plan meetings about other committees.

7"Who needs a dating app? Just attend Rotary socials — instant connections, usually business-related.

### ROTARIANS FROM OVERSEAS.....

#### Rotarian Astronaut Cristoforetti's Stellar Achievements



Italian astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti, a Rotarian, carried her Rotary club's banner to space as part of her personal items, strictly limited to 3.3 pounds.

Her passion for space exploration began in her childhood, fueled by adventurous outdoor experiences and books. As a high school exchange student in Minnesota, she attended Space Camp in Alabama, where she simulated a 24-hour mission, further igniting her dream. Upon returning to Italy, Cristoforetti pursued engineering and became one of the first female fighter pilots in the Italian Air Force. Her dedication and love for learning paved her extraordinary journey to becoming an astronaut.





**SAVE THE DATE**

**Rotary**  
District 9790

**THE MAGIC OF ROTARY**

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2025**

11TH, 12TH, 13TH  
APRIL 2025

ALBURY, NSW

*Hit the high notes  
@ District Conference  
Unite. Inspire. Transform.*

**THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:**

Birthdays:

Gerard Hannan  
1st Dec

Glady Bergan  
8th Dec

Anniversaries:

- Bob & Elsa Valastro  
2nd Dec





## 1905: Rotary begins

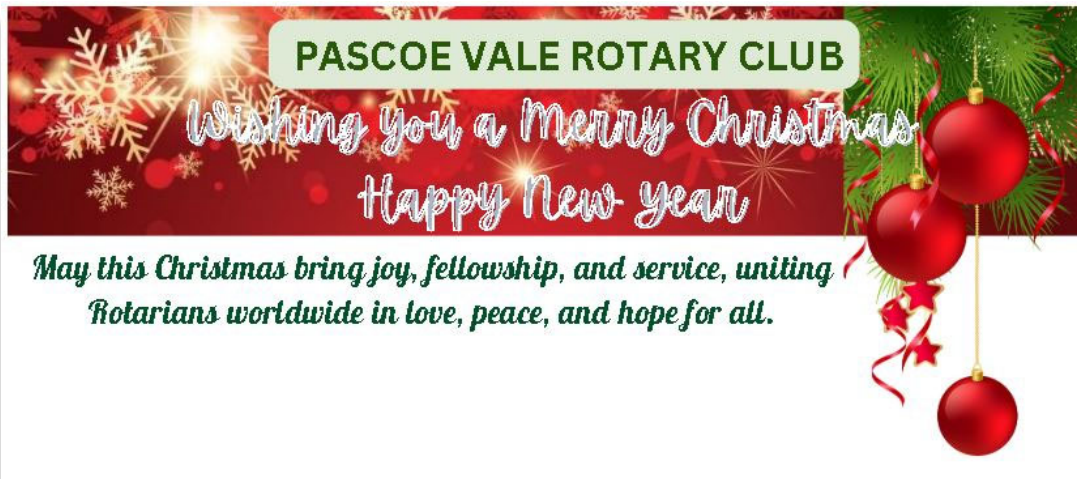
Attorney Paul P. Harris convenes the first Rotary meeting on 23 February in Chicago, Illinois, USA. Harris envisions a professional club that brings together local men from a variety of vocations.



The first four Rotarians: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris.



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### 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 Pat Solibakke who will arrange for an appropriate card to be sent on behalf of our Club.

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