



**PASCOE VALE ROTARY CLUB**  
DISTRICT 9790



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# THE PASCOE POST

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rotarians

Happy New Year! I do hope you've all had a great break over the Christmas break. In early January I thoroughly enjoyed an art weekend with similarly minded people. 2025 is now well launched and we are about to have our first club meeting for the year next Thursday 16 th Jan at our annual picnic. Usual place, 6pm. BYOG + food. PV Rotarians Peter W, Bruno D and myself spent two days this week doing some touchup painting at the RIMERN warehouse. The weather was a tad hot but it was so heartening to see how spritely the warehouse walls now look with a splash of fresh paint. A big thank you to all who came along and helped.

The recent devastating fires in the Geriwerd area in SW Victoria are a sober reminder that the fire season is upon us. BlazeAid is already initiating fence reconstruction teams in that area. What can we do to help? All of us need to have a fire plan, even those living in the suburbs - the horrifying wildfires in suburban Los Angeles are a potent reminder that we all are potentially at risk from deadly bushfires.

See you all soon!

**Heather Harris PHF**

**President**

**PVRC**

## Quote of the week

"The future depends on what you do today."

*Mahatma Gandhi*



## CLUB MESSAGES AND CARDS



If you know of any current, honorary/past members of family or friends of the Rotary club who would benefit from a card or message, please get in touch with Pat Solibakke who will arrange for an appropriate card to be sent of behalf of our club.



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# WELCOME TO 2025!

## THURSDAY NIGHT PICNIC - JAN 16TH



To start the year off we're having a picnic at Payne Reserve, 9 McCracken Avenue; Pascoe Vale, starting at 6:00 PM.

Facilities are limited so bring everything- chairs, picnic tables food and drinks.

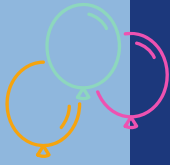
There will be a small barbecue available so we will be able to cook sausages if you wish.

(This event is weather dependant but don't worry because we're in Melbourne!)



Notice in courtesy of Grant Stantfield

### BIRTHDAYS



#### *January*

Kevin Fernandez  
Pat Solibakke

A very happy birthday to you all!



### ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to **Colin and Joan Mckenzie** on their anniversary!

## *Funny Bones*

### *New Year Edition*

**Why did the calendar look so excited on January 1st?**

It had a lot of "dates" lined up!

**Why don't resolutions last very long?**

Because they go in one year and out the other.

**What should people never eat on New Year's Eve?**

Fire crackers.





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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Grant and Chris picked up 13 bicycles from Docklands this morning and delivered them to Broady Bikes. Pictured are Nick, Grant and one of the boys. Only cost was Grant's toll charges.

## LAST CHRISTMAS...



### DID YOU KNOW?

District 9100 which comprises 14 West African Countries is recognized as the largest geographical District in the Rotary world. It was created in 1985 and uses three official languages - English, French, and Portuguese.



*From the PVRC*

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

WISHING YOU A YEAR FILLED WITH LOVE, JOY, AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES. HERE'S TO FRESH STARTS AND BRIGHT BEGINNINGS IN 2025!

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# DISTRICT UPDATES

## *We're Kicking Goals!*

The numbers are in, and we've got something to celebrate!

At the start of this DG year, we committed to recognising the small wins along the way. Well, this one is anything but small—it's tremendous.

The membership numbers for the first half of 2024/25 have been released for Zone 8, and guess which district is sitting in 4th place out of 19 Districts? That's right—District 9790! We should all take a moment to feel proud of what we've achieved together.

Our collective focus on membership engagement and growth is making a real impact:

- One club in our district leads the way with a net growth of 7 members.
- Many other clubs have achieved net gains of 1 to 5 members, while many have maintained steady numbers.

If your club hasn't seen net growth yet, don't lose heart. Sometimes, external factors play a role. But if there's something you haven't tried yet, now is the perfect time to give it a go.

Looking for fresh ideas?

Join us for the Membership Day at Oxley—it could be the spark your club needs.

**Date:** Sunday, 16 February 2025

**Time:** 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

**Location:** Oxley Shire Hall, [1157 Snow Road, Oxley VIC 3678](#)

**RSVP by 1 February to District Secretary Marg Crisp at**  
[margswweb2@bigpond.com](mailto:margswweb2@bigpond.com)

We're champions of bravery in the membership space, and it's inspiring to see so many of our clubs stepping up to the challenge. Be bold, keep experimenting, and let us know how we can support your efforts.

Congratulations to everyone—let's keep the momentum going with a strong focus on engagement and growth!

Yours in Rotary,

*DG Stephen & Carol O'Connell*



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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Left to right: Nada Mohamed, Maha Ahmed

Left to right: Nada Mohamed, Dalia Azzat



## ART MEETS AWARENESS: EGYPTIAN STUDENTS TACKLE CERVICAL CANCER

An art exhibition at the Cairo Opera House grounds showcases 36 medical illustrations by fourth-year Ain Shams University students, highlighting the fight against cervical cancer. Organized through the Rotary-led initiative United to End Cervical Cancer in Egypt, supported by a \$2 million Programs of Scale grant, the project emphasizes HPV vaccination and screenings to reduce cervical cancer cases in Greater Cairo.

Inspired by a presentation from Dr. Amal El-Sisi, a Rotary member and pediatrician, art professor Doaa El-Saati encouraged her students to create awareness through visual art. The students, previously unaware of cervical cancer, learned about its causes, symptoms, and prevention before crafting their works. In March 2024, local Rotary members, Rotaractors, and public figures attended the exhibition, which included prizes for standout pieces. The initiative aims to support Egypt's national strategy against cervical cancer and plans to continue the exhibition annually throughout the four-year campaign.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



Your old phone could save a life. DV Safe Phone collects, repairs and gives free mobile phones to domestic violence survivors, through over 360 Domestic Violence and Law Enforcement Agencies, Safe Houses and Hospitals Australia -wide.

Make a real difference in the lives of those currently experiencing domestic violence, by donating funds or your old phones today!

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