

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rotarians,

Looking forward to the 7pm Strathmore RC cluster meeting tomorrow night to hear two

RYLA candidates speak of their experiences - one will be Lucy, sponsored by our club

and grand-daughter of our esteemed. Treasurer.

Following the first 2025 RIMERN zoom meeting yesterday I can report this worthy

Rotary community initiative is going from strength to strength. The service has

distributed more than 10,000 items to clients to furnish their new homes. From Jan-

Dec 2024 RIMERN assisted over 700 people with almost 15,000 major item second

hand goods valued at over \$600K and saved tons of valuable furniture from landfill.

Pretty impressive! They need another selection host whose happy job it is to escort

new clients around the warehouse as they select their furniture. Anyone interested?

Contact Susie Cole or Ros McMaster on

donatedgoods@rimern.org.au

Last week our speaker Mandy Gosetti put forward a proposal for our club to assist in

setting up a Basic Car Maintenance course. Many car owners do not know how to even

open the car bonnet, much less how to safely change a tyre. It sounds like a very

worthy initiative - watch out for further developments.

Stay well and cool. Be kind.

Heather Harris PHF President PVRC



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12TH OF FEBRUARY 2025

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Quote of the week

"Let the love you give come back and find a place in you."



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 Faye Coker who will arrange for an appropriate card to be sent of behalf of our club.





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COMMUNITY NEWS



The Home of Residential Recycling

RIMERN couldn't support as many vulnerable
Melburnians as we do without many hours of
volunteering from so many terrific people, meet
just a couple of the team on page 5.
We always need MORE quality donated goods,
MORE regular volunteers and MORE funds to
help us supply everything on our clients' orders.
Please spread the word, invite friends to sign up
to our newsletter (via the home page of
www.rimern.org.au)

and we'll be able to help MORE clients set up homes to be proud of (like those on page 4.) Thanks as always to our Editor Cath Stahel (Rotary Balwyn) and for your valued support!

> Susie Cole RIMERN Chair



https://www.facebook.com/groups/495145215239091 we've got 2000+ supporters there all sharing our RIMERN story!

Also herewith the URL link:

https://mcusercontent.com/c6fddebbe7a97d060adf6cf73/files/945cfc3bec34-8717-5ccd-f00a25e18423/Rimern_12.pdf? mc_cid=4dc902d876&mc_eid=93d0657897



February

Elsa Valastro Sue Harrison Damian Nippard Denise Johnson Christine Shortal

A very happy birthday to vou all!



ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Lanny and Beryl de Almeida on their anniversary!



Valentine's

What did one lightbulb say to the other on Valentine's Day?

I love you watts and watts!

Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?

Because they're scentimental!

Why did the skeleton break up with their Valentine?

They just didn't have the guts to commit.

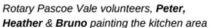






RIMERN PASCOE VALE ROTARY CLUB TEAM!!!







The completed job

MEET OURNEW REFERRAL AGENCIES OR PROGRAMS

Merri Refugee Welcome Group

Part of the CRISP (Community Refugee Integration & Settlement Pilot)
Learn more about the program here:
https://refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/.



City of Port Phillip Family Support

Learn more about them here: https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/family-youth-and-children/family-support.



Berry Street (Youth Housing)

Learn more about them here: https://www.berrystreet.org.au/what-wedo/young-people



Open Place

Open Place(Relationships Victoria) _
Supporting the forgotten Victorians who lived in orphanages, were child migrants or stolen generation people prior to 1990.

Learn more about them here:
https://www.openplace.org.au/faq/

THANKS TO OUR DONORS!

We're always grateful for our community donor's furniture and appliances, and recently for commercial quantities of sofas, TV stands, desks & more from Quest Apartments & assorted furniture from Aveo Sackville Grange Kew, Thank you everyone!!







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Recommendation for a

Romantic Date in Melbourne

Thirty Eight Chairs
Restaurant
South Yarra

<u>Gerald's Bar</u> Bar

© Carlton North

Grill Americano
Restaurant

Melbourne, CBD

<u>The Valley Cellar Door</u> Bar

Moonee Ponds

<u>Manze</u> Restaurant [⊙]North Melbourne

IMPRESS THE MISSUS WITH THESE SPOTS THIS VALENTINES DAY!

CLIENT HOMES CONTINUE TO IMPRESS....

We ask every client to share pictures of their newly set up home, all say "of course!!" most don't follow through, but the ones who do send pics show us just how great surplus homewares from a variety of sources combine to make stylish, comfortable homes to be proud of!





LAST EPISODE IN CAMBODIA PROJECT



The Cambodia & District 9790 Partners in Education Project raised \$15,000 to support Siem Reap's education. In January 2025, 17 Rotary Volunteers will mentor students, provide essential resources, and empower communities, guided by the Rotaract Club of Siem Reap.



Once a majestic empire, Angkor thrived with grand temples and bustling markets. Its people, skilled artisans and wise scholars, celebrated a vibrant culture. Khmer kings built awe-inspiring Angkor Wat, symbolizing spiritual grandeur. Today, Angkor stands as a testament to Cambodia's rich history,



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DATE

UPCOMING EVENT

THU 13FEB

PVRC MEETING

THU 20FEB

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THU 27FEB

PVRC MEETING

THU 24MAR HEIDELBERG ROTARY GOLF CHALLENGE







PASCOE VALE ROTARY CLUB

DISTRICT 9790



"FOSTERING PEACE, PREVENTING CONFLICT GLOBALLY"





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1' to discover Rotary news

Peace and Conflict Resolution: Rotary's Commitment in February

February is dedicated to Peace and Conflict Resolution in Rotary.

As an international organization, Rotary believes that peace is not just the absence of war but the presence of justice, understanding, and opportunity.

Through its global network, Rotary actively works to prevent conflicts by promoting dialogue, supporting education, and addressing the root causes of violence—such as poverty and inequality.

Rotary's Peace Centers train leaders to become effective mediators and changemakers in their communities.

At the local level, clubs engage in projects that foster social cohesion, provide humanitarian aid in crisis zones, and support refugees.

By building bridges between cultures and communities, Rotarians contribute to a more harmonious world.

This month, let us reflect on our role in promoting peace and finding solutions to conflicts.

Every action, no matter how small, can make a difference in creating a more peaceful future.



Rotary Peace Building & Conflict Prevention Month focuses on fostering global harmony and resolving conflicts. It emphasizes education, dialogue, and community projects aimed at reducing violence and promoting peace. Rotary clubs worldwide collaborate on initiatives to build understanding and cooperation among diverse groups. By addressing root causes of conflict and supporting peace-building efforts, Rotary aims to create sustainable, peaceful communities. This month is an opportunity to highlight and support

these vital endeavors.

SUNNINGS warehouse



DID YOU KNOW?

27. 6 million Americans gave Valentine's Day presents to their pet dogs in 2020, and more than 17.1 million picked up gifts for their cats. All in all, American households spent an estimated \$751.3 million on gifts for their pets on Valentine's Day.



Don't forget to tell your loved ones you love them everyday and as Rotarians, let's not forget to spread the love to the world!





PASCOE VALE ROTARY CLUB

THE MAGIC

'FOOD TRUCK OF LOVE'
SERVES 2,000 MEALS PER DAY TO FIRST AFTER TRAGIC PLANE CRASH IN SOUTH KOREA

On December 29, a devastating plane crash at South Korea's Muan International Airport

claimed the lives of 179 people, including a Rotary member, when Jeju Air flight 7C2216 collided with a runway barrier. In response, Rotary District 3710, led by Governor Hyun Ok Baek, mobilized quickly to support emergency responders at the scene. The district's Service Above Self Team, a disaster-response unit, deployed within hours. Volunteers equipped with the "Food Truck of Love" and supplies like bottled water, coffee, instant noodles, and toiletries arrived just eight hours after the crash. Despite restricted access to the site, Rotary's clear purpose and preparation earned them entry. The team prepared over 2,000 meals daily, including rice cake soup, kimchi stew, and warm drinks, to sustain responders working in freezing conditions. Rotary also distributed 700 kilograms of kimchi, bolstered by leftovers from their annual kimchi-making event. Volunteers worked around the clock, some pulling 24-hour shifts and sleeping in makeshift tents. Despite exhaustion and injuries, their determination never wavered. One responder, covered in soot, expressed gratitude, saying, "This cup of coffee saved my night."

Rotary's support extended beyond immediate relief. Baek, a counseling professor, is organizing grief support sessions for victims' families, while new programs will help children cope with the loss. Rotary members also assisted with funerals for 22 victims. The tragedy has inspired hope. Many locals, moved by Rotary's response, are forming a new club, set to charter in February.

"We stood with responders, offering food, warmth, and assurance they weren't alone," Baek said. "Even in dark times, there's room for hope and growth." Rotary's efforts exemplify resilience and compassion in the face of unimaginable loss.



Rotary District Governor Hyun Ok Baek, third from left, and other Rotary members in Korea provide food and other necessities to emergency responders working at the crash site of Jeju Air flight 7C2216 near South Korea's Muan International Airport.



Emergency responders work at the crash site of Jeju Air flight 7C2216 near South Korea's Muan International Airport.









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