



## 19th of March 2025

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Don't forget to be happy



### 13 YEARS AGO..... Colin, Bob, Gerard and Peter

Let us view the past not as a distant echo, but as a testament to perseverance and hope. In reflection, we find strength to move forward, aware of how far we've come—and how far we can go....

### THROWBACK OF 2012 EDITION



### THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

This Thursday, at 9 am, we will be presenting a "Peace Pole" to Corpus Christi Primary School in Glenroy.

A Peace Pole is defined as "an internationally-recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each Peace Pole bears the message May Peace Prevail on Earth in different languages on each of its four or six sides". It would be great if as many Rotarians as possible could attend.

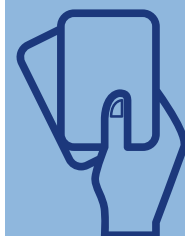
Nourishing Neighbours. We met with Vaisy at NN this week. Since the Coburg Special School relocated from its Gaffney Street premises about 12 months ago, her tenure (and ours) at the sheds has been under a cloud. She has been searching for new premises and thought she had found one. Unfortunately, the new site is much smaller than her current shed, and is unsuitable for her expansion plans, so the search goes on. Should you become aware of a vacant council space in the Coburg, Coburg North area, please let Vaisy know.

**Grant Standfield PP PHF**  
**Co-President and Secretary**  
**PVRC**

### Quote of the week

*"The life in front of you is far more important than the life behind you."*

**Joel Osteen**



### 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 on behalf of our club.



**PASCOE VALE ROTARY CLUB**  
DISTRICT 9790



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# LAST WEEK'S PVRC MEETING



Rtn Bruno D Aprano expressed the gratitude on 30 yrs of service in Rotary



Rtn. Bob Taylor Spoke on 14th "Monty" Montgomery Community Police Awards



Rtn. Faye Coker delivered the minutes

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION IS AWARDED TO PVRC FROM FAWKNER PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Rtn. Matt Whittle Updated us on International projects



Rtn. Kevin Fernandes Spoke on Tax reports & SES

## THE PEACE POLE PROGRAM REPORT



**SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

### Rtn. Deborah D'Aprano PHF

The Peace Pole program, which had its beginnings after the Second World War in 1955 was developed by the World Peace Prayer Society Founder, Masahisa Goi. He recognised the pain and destruction that war brings and understood that we all have a part to play in promoting Peace throughout the world.

This is a global project and more than 250,000 Peace Poles stand in approximately 200 countries around the globe, symbolising the common wish for a world at peace. It is a timely reminder when we see that so many live in fear, with war, destruction and uncertainty. To mark the Centenary of Rotary in Australia, The Rotary club of Canberra Burley Griffin, ACT set a goal to see 100 Peace Poles donated to 100 schools to recognise 100 years of Rotary service in Australia in 2021. This goal has been achieved through collaboration with schools, organisations and Rotary clubs around Australia. Today there are over 400 Peace Poles in every state and territory. Planting peace poles follows Rotary's 4th Avenue of Service – the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace. Peace begins with you, in your home, your school and your community. The message you send will make our schools, community, country and the world a more peaceful place. Pascoe Vale Rotary are proud to present the 414th Peace Pole to the Corpus Christi Community.

## BIRTHDAYS

### March

Deborah D'Aprano  
Heather Harris

A very happy birthday to you all!

## ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to **Grant and Christine** on their anniversaries!

## Funny Bones

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes.

*She gave me a hug.*

What did the 0 say to the 8?

*Nice belt!*

I started a band called "Blanket."

*We mostly do covers.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**19TH MARCH**

**ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR**

**20TH MARCH**

**Visit to Fawkner SES**  
1161 Sydney Road  
Hadfield  
6:30PM

**27TH MARCH**

**PVRC MEETING**  
GUEST SPEAKER:  
EMMA DAVIES-  
INCOMING DG

**10TH APRIL**

**PVRC MEETING**  
GUEST SPEAKER:  
ROBYN-  
LISA FROM IVANHOE  
RE: CAMBODIA

**11,12,13TH APRIL**

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2025**

**01st MAY**

**14th "Monty" Montgomery Community Police Awards**

## DID YOU KNOW?

During World War II, a Great Dane named Juliana was awarded the Blue Cross Medal. She extinguished an incendiary bomb by peeing on it!





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Pascoe Vale Tales

Hello Change Makers,

Please join us at our next meeting to hear guest speaker Rtn David Motta speaking about his passion for the Tiny Homes project. Meeting Thursday 20th March 2025, 7.45pm for an 8pm start. Finish 9pm (AEDT)



Our Next Zoom Meeting 8pm Thursday 20th March 2025.

Guest Speaker Rtn David Motta "Tiny Homes".

David is a retired building services engineer, who last worked as the building engineer for Central Park, Perth's tallest office building.

David joined Rotary in 2010. While working in the city he became concerned about the homeless rough sleepers and thought that as a wealthy society this was unacceptable. When he found out that Rotary WA had a Homeless Hub group, he joined it to see what he could contribute. He instigated the Rotary Supporting My Home project, which furnished 18 tiny homes being built by a charity for senior women. He is enthusiastic about the Tiny Home project, which he will talk about. This is a Rotary WA project currently being set up to install Tiny Homes in the backyard of carers to accommodate young people and assist them to develop work skills.

Rotary e-Club of Change Makers

Time: March 20th, 2025 - 07.45 PM for an 08:00 PM start, Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney AEDT.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85154879994?pwd=nldY4lo3XAs8G5YDGIYtKn93SszGLxU.1

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Regards

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Rotary e-Club of Change Makers

Website: www.rotarychangemakers.org.au

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/www.9790erotary.club/

The SHARE Shed Working Bee, Saturday 29th March, 9am to 3pm 39 Mollison St, Broadford.



FAMILY TREE OF VINCENT VAN GOGH

(Pronounced Van Go)

His dizzy aunt ----- Verti Gogh

The brother who ate prunes----- Gotta Gogh

The brother who worked at a convenience store ----- Stop N Gogh

The grandfather from Yugoslavia --- U Gogh

His magician uncle ----- Where-diddy Gogh

His Mexican cousin----- A Mee Gogh

The Mexican cousin's American half-brother --- Gring Gogh

The nephew who drove a stage coach ----- Wells-far Gogh

The constipated uncle ----- Can't Gogh

The ballroom dancing aunt ----- Tang Gogh

The bird lover uncle ----- Flamin Gogh

The fruit-loving cousin ----- Man Gogh

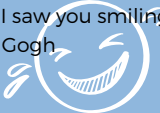
An aunt who taught positive thinking ----- Way-to-Gogh

The little bouncy nephew ----- Poe Gogh

A sister who loved disco ----- Go Gogh

And his niece who travels the country in an RV ----- Winnie Bay Gogh

Who thinks up these things!!!!!! I saw you smiling ----- There ya Gogh



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS MEETING 12TH JULY 2012



PVRC PRESIDENT 2012-2013 WAS MICK NOONAN



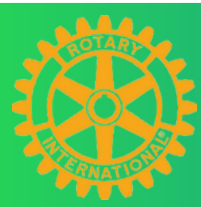
PVRC PAST PRESIDENT WAS BOB TAYLOR



PVRC CHANGEOVER PHOTO 2012-2013

IN THIS JUNCTURE

PVRC CLUB IS CELEBRATING 36 YEARS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE



# Turkish Teacher Honored with 2025 Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award

Ayda Özeren, a member of the Rotary Club of Izmir-Gündoğdu in Izmir, Turkey, has been honored with the 2025 Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award by Rotary International. This prestigious award recognizes Rotary members who have significantly advanced women's roles within the organization and their communities.

With a professional background encompassing political science, international relations, and marketing, Özeren transitioned from a successful banking career to become an author, mediator, and professional speaker. Her dedication to empowering women is evident through her extensive work in financial literacy. She initiated seminars aimed at supporting female entrepreneurs, which later expanded through Rotary to reach women in rural areas, factories, and schools. Over the years, she has visited more than 100 factories and small manufacturing companies, educating approximately 8,000 women on financial independence and economic empowerment.

Beyond financial education, Özeren has been instrumental in organizing mentorship opportunities and tutoring programs for girls. Demonstrating her commitment to education, she authored a book and donated all proceeds to fund scholarships for girls. Her leadership extended to disaster relief; during her tenure as governor of Rotary District 2440 in 2023-24, she spearheaded efforts to assist victims of the 2023 Turkey-Syria earthquakes.



Özeren's journey with Rotary began over two decades ago, starting with Rotaract. She maintains strong connections with Rotaractors, reflecting her enduring commitment to nurturing future leaders. Her colleagues commend her heartfelt dedication, meticulous planning, and inclusive leadership style. Yeşim Yöney, a member of the Rotary E-Club of District 2440 and co-nominator for the award, remarked, "I find her remarkable and inspiring, because whatever she does, she does it with her heart."

The Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award, named after Rotary's first female club president, honors members who actively work to advance women within Rotary. Established by Rotarians in 2017 and officially recognized by the Rotary International Board of Directors in 2021, the award supports the goal of increasing the number of women in Rotary, particularly in leadership positions.

Özeren's recognition underscores her unwavering commitment to women's empowerment, education, and community service, embodying the core values of Rotary International.

## 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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RIDDLE ME ANSWERS: 1. A keyboard  
2. Footsteps

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