



PASCOE VALE ROTARY CLUB
DISTRICT 9790



THE PASCOE POST



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A busy week this week with six Pascoe Vale Rotarians along with the 175 students, with teachers and parents from Corpus Christi Primary School in Glenroy at the opening. The Peace Pole, the 414th to be unveiled in Australia since 2021 is an internationally recognised symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family.

Last Thursday, we held an off-site meeting at the Fawkner SES facility on Sydney Road. The facility was opened in 2023 and is one of the largest in Victoria. It services the Merri-bek area to the south and extends to Craigieburn area in the north. Manned by 63 volunteers, with many more volunteers on a waiting list, the unit attended 612 emergencies last year. Some of the more interesting emergencies were 52 instances of car v building and 5 landslides in Pascoe Vale. Sixteen of us attended the briefing and the tour, punctuated by pizza and soft drink for dinner. Thanks to Kevin Fernandes for organising.

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.



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LAST WEEK'S PVRC MEETING AT VICSES



PVRC Rotarian SES Visit

This week, our regular Thursday meeting was held off-site, at the VICSES Fawknor facility.

VICSES is celebrating 50 years of service this year, after transitioning from the Victorian Civil Defence Organisation in 1975. Our 16 members were given a presentation on the SES and the Fawknor Unit and then were given a tour of the facility. The SES is a volunteer-based organisation that provides emergency assistance and response to minimise the impact of emergencies and strengthen the community's capacity to plan, respond and recover when emergencies occur. They are the control agency for earthquakes, floods, storms, landslides, tsunamis, and Road Crash Rescue.

The Fawknor unit has 63 volunteers and responded to 612 emergency requests, spending 2,500 hours at these emergencies last year.



The main reasons for these SES requests are Tree events (270), Storm events (153), and flood events (53). Interestingly, they have responded to five landslide events in Pascoe Vale recently. The unit is about to publish a children's book designed to inform and educate young children about the SES and what to do in an emergency. The book, titled "GRI to the Rescue", will be distributed to local kindergartens and libraries. Proceeds from our June Bunnings BBQ will be donated to the Fawknor SES to help with printing and distribution costs.

-Grant Standfield

UPCOMING EVENTS

27TH MARCH

PVRC MEETING
GUEST SPEAKER:
EMMA DAVIES-
INCOMING DG

3RD APRIL

PVRC MEETING

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**

BUNNINGS
warehouse

Strathmore
Community Bank® Branch
Bendigo Bank

BIRTHDAYS

March

Heather Harris

A very happy birthday
to you!

ANNIVERSARIES

**Keep Watching
this section!**

Funny Bones

What did the janitor
say when he jumped
out of the closet?
"Supplies!"

Why can't your nose
be 12 inches long?
Because then it would
be a foot!

Why do cows have
hooves instead of
feet?
Because they lactose!



DID YOU KNOW?



The world's longest
concert lasted 453
hours!



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DISTRICT NEWS

MORELANDER MARCH 2025

All in this edition!

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PVRC ARE PROUD TO PRESENT 414th PEACE POLE TO CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY 12TH MARCH 2025



-Cr Oscar Yildiz JP - Rotarian
Giving a Message to ponder

Rtn Deborah D Aprano
leading the children in planting
peace poles



"Hope united through Peace Poles."

Amidst the challenges & uncertainty in our world, yesterday we came together to unveil a "Peace Pole" at Corpus Christi Primary School Glenroy - A symbol of hope & a reminder of our shared desire for harmony.

This inspiring global initiative has seen over 200,000 Peace Poles planted in more than 200 countries, standing as a testament to the universal wish for peace.

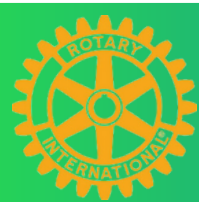
With so many experiencing the devastation of war, fear, & instability, the significance of this moment cannot be overstated.

We are proud to celebrate the unveiling of Rotary Pascoe Vales's Peace Pole!

A heartfelt thanks to Principal Angela Ferro & staff & Rotarians Deborah, Oscar, Heather, Grant, Bruno & Pat for making this possible.

-Cr Oscar Yildiz JP

President Grant's role in presenting the Peace Pole at the opening ceremony highlights a powerful symbol of global unity. Originating after WWII, these poles embody a shared desire for peace. Rotary Australia celebrates 100 years of service by planting over 400 Peace Poles in schools—fostering goodwill, harmony, and hope within communities.



Providing public toilets: Early Rotary service

In 1907, just two years after its founding, the Rotary Club of Chicago embarked on one of its earliest service initiatives: advocating for the establishment of public toilets, then referred to as "comfort stations," to address the city's growing sanitation needs. These facilities were typically underground structures situated in high-traffic areas such as parks and public squares, aiming to provide accessible sanitation options for the public.

Rotary founder Paul Harris, alongside fellow member Donald Carter, collaborated with other club members and local organizations to develop a comprehensive plan for these public amenities. Their efforts culminated in October 1907 when the Chicago Daily Tribune reported that the Rotary Club had commissioned plans for comfort stations in the downtown district known as the Loop. Later that month, the club organized a forum to discuss the initiative, featuring representatives from the city and various local organizations. The discussions emphasized the necessity for Chicago to adopt modern municipal improvements, deliberated on funding strategies, and considered the potential impacts on public health and sanitation.

The initiative garnered attention beyond Chicago. In December 1907, "Charities and the Commons," a New York-based weekly journal focusing on social issues, highlighted a study revealing the scarcity of public comfort stations in Chicago, further underscoring the significance of the Rotary Club's advocacy.



However, the project faced opposition from entities such as the Chicago Association of Brewers and the Association of Department Stores on State Street. These groups represented businesses that already offered public restrooms and were concerned about the potential impact on their establishments. During this era, societal norms allowed men to use facilities in bars or their workplaces, while women's access was largely confined to department stores, where there was an expectation of making purchases. This early endeavor by the Rotary Club of Chicago exemplifies the organization's commitment to community service and its proactive approach to addressing urban challenges. By identifying a critical public health need and mobilizing resources and support, the club laid the groundwork for Rotary's enduring legacy of civic engagement and societal betterment.

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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