



Apologies for missing last week's meeting, but Chris and I headed off to the country for a four-day break. It was our first caravan holiday, so we thought a short 90-minute trip up the highway to Castlemaine would be far enough. I'm pleased to report that we had a great time in our confined area and that Castlemaine is a great place for a visit. As we start the last quarter of the Rotary year, preparations (for next year) and finalisations (for this year) are ramping up. We have a busy program ahead.

This Wednesday, a large group of us are off to Parliament House to meet with Anthony Cianflone (Rotarian and MP) and have a tour of Parliament. More on that next week. This Thursday's meeting will be a low-key "Reports Only" meeting.

The meeting next Thursday, 10th April, will also be low-key as many of us will be off the District Conference on the weekend. Some, including me, are heading off on Thursday morning.

For the meeting on April 17, we will have the Cambodian trip report which will feature Peter and Gerard. I'm looking forward to that one!

Anzac Eve (24/4) is currently up in the air. Given the RSL will be in full preparation for Anzac Dawn services, this meeting will likely be canceled.

The Police Awards will be held on May 1st, details have just been released.

Sisters and Misters will be our special guests on May 8th. And don't forget about the Rotary Club of Broadmeadows 18th Annual Paul Harris Birthday Celebration Dinner which will be held at the Glenroy RSL, Glenroy Road, Glenroy on Wednesday 16th April, 6.30 for 7.15 pm. Details in the district newsletter.





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"It is never too late to be who you might have been" **George Elliot**



A SLUB 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



SOLAR BUDDY







Deborah explained about Rotary and SolarBuddy to students at Pascoe Vale Primary School. Bob, Bruno and Pat helped students to put their lights together

Thank you to teachers Anne-Marie (former PV Rotarian) and

Marla

UPCOMING EVENTS

2ND APRIL

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

SUNNINGS warehouse

Strathmore
Community Bank® Branch
Bendigo Bank

BIRTHDAYS

April

Matthew Whittle Geraldine Hernandez

A very happy birthda<u>y</u> to you!

ANNIVERSARIES

Keep Watching this section!

Funny Bones

I told my wife I was going to make a belt out of watches.

She said, "That's a waist of time."

I got a job as a personal trainer...

But my first client quit because I told them to exercise patience.

My dog used to chase people on a bike.

It got so bad, I had to take his bike away.



DID YOU KNOW?

There's a planet where it rains molten glass sideways. HD 189733b is an exoplanet with winds of over 5,400 mph, and it rains molten glass—definitely not vacation-friendly!



PASCOE VALE ROTARY CLUB

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2025 COMMUNITY POLICING AWARDS





Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale Victoria Police, Merri-bek Local Area,

Community Policing Award 2025

(The Ivor "Monty" Montgomery Memorial Award)

On Thursday May 1st at 6.30 for 7.00pm our Club, in conjunction with the Merri-bek Local Area, Victoria Police will celebrate the 14th annual Community Policing Award.

Once again it is dedicated to the memory of <a href="Ivor-"Monty" Montgomery, an esteemed member of the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale, who sadly, passed away in 2023. Monty's passion for the police force came through in this award which he instigated 14 years ago.

This partnership between our Rotary Club and Victoria Police can only strengthen the bond between them and the community of Merri-bek in these challenging times.

Venue: Northern Golf Club, 97 Glenroy Road, Glenroy (note venue change)
When: Thursday May 1st at 6.3 opm for 7.0 opm

Please book via:

https://www.trybooking.com/CZXMM

RSVP: 20 April 2025

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Bob Taylor on 0425 757 382 or email to treasurer18287@outlook.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Hi Everyone

Attached is an invitation for you to attend this years awards.

I hope you are able to attend what promises to be another wonderful night highlighting our club and the great work performed by Merri-bek Police.

Regards

Bob Taylor Treasurer







"The Unbreakable Bonds of Friendship"

- "Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one.'" - C.S. Lewis
- "Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together." Woodrow Wilson
- "A true friend is someone who is always there during the ups and downs, the good times and bad, and never judges but listens and supports."
- "Friendship is not about being inseparable but about being separated and knowing nothing will change."
- "Friendship is the purest love.
 It is the highest form of love where nothing is asked for, no condition, where one simply enjoys giving." Osho



PASCOE VALE ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 9790 INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Immigrant Finds Community and Purpose Through Rotary

After immigrating from Venezuela to the United States in November 2021, 23-year-old Andrés Briceño settled in The Woodlands, Texas, seeking new opportunities and a sense of community. His prior involvement with Rotary in Venezuela—through the Rotary Club of Las Delicias and the Rotaract Club of Las Delicias Leone Rossi—led him to connect with the Rotary Club of The Woodlands. The club members warmly welcomed him, providing a supportive environment that eased his transition into American life.

By June 2023, Briceño played a pivotal role in establishing the Rotaract Club of The Woodlands, which received its official charter on June 22. Just days later, on June 25, Briceño was involved in a severe car accident after a long shift at the restaurant where he worked. The crash left him in a coma for two weeks and resulted in multiple injuries, including a traumatic brain injury, a broken left hip, and a fractured right clavicle.

Throughout his recovery, the Rotary community became an essential source of support. Members of the Rotary Club of The Woodlands visited him in the hospital, offering encouragement and assistance during his rehabilitation. This unwavering support reinforced Briceño's sense of belonging and highlighted the profound impact of Rotary's fellowship.

Briceño's journey underscores the challenges immigrants often face and the vital role community organizations like Rotary can play in providing support and fostering integration. His experience exemplifies how service-oriented groups can bridge cultural divides, offering newcomers a sense of purpose and a platform to contribute meaningfully to their new communities.









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