



PASCOE VALE ROTARY CLUB  
DISTRICT 9790



# THE PASCOE POST



## THE PRESIDENTS REPORT



Last Wednesday, 20 local Rotarians (16 from PV and 4 from Moreland) were guests of Anthony Cianflone (MP and Rotarian) at Parliament House. After a brief introduction, we were guided into the Lower House chambers, while Parliament was sitting. The house was debating the current rental situation in the usual parliamentary style, with plenty of banter and interjections.

Next, we went into the caucus room, the room where the government of the day set policies and agendas. In this room, we were addressed by Tim Richardson, MP for Mordialloc, who is a senior government figure and a close associate of Anthony's. Tim outlined some of the initiatives the government was taking in the areas of Family Violence and Mental Health. While the government is still struggling to find the right answers, it is comforting to know that these issues are high on the agenda. Star of the discussion was Dalia, Sara's Primary school daughter, who kept Anthony and Tim on their toes with her inciteful questions. After a tour of the beautiful and serene Parliamentary gardens, we settled on the rear courtyard for some general discussion and a welcoming, Victorian-produced, refreshment.

Thanks for the invitation Anthony, we all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

**Grant Standfield PP PHF**  
**Co-President and Secretary**  
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**10th of April 2025**

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## **SPECIAL EDITION** **PVRC IN PARLIAMENT**

### *Quote of the week*

*"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."*

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**



## **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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## PVRC ROTARIANS IN PARLIAMENT



Pascoe Vale Rotary embodies service, leadership, and community engagement, fostering meaningful discussions on social issues while inspiring future generations to create change.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

10th APRIL

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

11,12,13TH APRIL

DISTRICT  
CONFERENCE 2025

17TH APRIL

PVRC MEETING

24TH APRIL

PVRC MEETING

01st MAY

14th "Monty"  
Montgomery  
Community Police  
Awards

### BIRTHDAYS

April

Rebecca Lang  
Manaja Wuriti  
Bob Valastro

A very happy birthday  
to you!

### ANNIVERSARIES

Athol & Ursula Jackson

## Funny Bones

1. "A hearty laugh is like a free prescription—no side effects, just pure joy and healing."
2. "When life hands you troubles, respond with laughter; it's the ultimate antidote for the soul."
3. "Laughter doesn't cure everything, but it's the perfect painkiller for a heavy heart."
4. "They say laughter is contagious—spread it around and watch the world feel better instantly."
5. "A good laugh is the shortest distance between a bad day and a brighter one."

### DID YOU KNOW?

Water Covers 71% of Earth:  
Yet, only 2.5% is  
freshwater. Protecting it is  
vital for our future.





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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 14<sup>th</sup> annual Community Policing Award.

Once again it is dedicated to the memory of 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 6.30pm for 7.00pm

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](mailto: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

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### PVRC ROTARIAN LOVE STORY

#### A Timeless Bond: Ursula and Athol's Journey

In 1954, amidst the charming streets of Hobart, young Ursula and Athol crossed paths in elementary school. What seemed like innocent puppy love to Athol would later bloom into a lifelong romance. Time went on, and their lives diverged after those childhood years. Yet, fate had its own plans. Ten years later, Athol returned to Hobart, his heart still quietly drawn to Ursula. With renewed confidence and unwavering affection, he proposed—and Ursula said yes. Together, they embarked on their journey of love and commitment, building a family that would become the centerpiece of their lives. By 1975, Athol joined the Salvation Army as a trainer, dedicating himself to service and compassion. Two years later, his altruistic heart led him to Rotary, where he found a community that mirrored his values of helping others. Alongside Ursula, they balanced their roles as parents, grandparents, and pillars in their community. Their love became the foundation for their four children and eight grandchildren, who thrived under their unwavering care and guidance. When asked about the secret to their successful marriage, Athol shared words of wisdom: "It is a give and take, trust, and a commitment for life. Together, we found peace." Their bond exemplifies the beauty of mutual respect, understanding, and enduring love. Ursula and Athol's story is a testament to the power of love and devotion, proving that sometimes the heart knows what it wants—even as a child.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS



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## The Presentation Secondary School has established its own Interact Club.



Students from Wexford's Presentation Secondary School have become part of a global network of young leaders dedicated to service and community engagement. The school has established its own Interact Club, a youth division of Rotary International, which is designed for young people aged 12-18 who want to connect with others, make a difference in their community, and expand their global awareness.

The official ceremony, attended by students, their teacher Marcella Kelly, and Wexford Rotarians Lucy Nevins and President Maree Lyng, was a "proud moment for the school" according to Marcella.

"The enthusiasm displayed by the founding members was commended by the Rotary representatives, who spoke about the importance of fostering leadership and service in young people," she added.

The Presentation Interact Club has already hosted its first event, a school run for the Irish Heart Foundation, and members will collaborate in the coming weeks to decide on their next project. Lucy mentors the group and expressed admiration for the energy and focus the girls have brought to Interact.

"They are such a passionate group of young people and we are so proud of all they have achieved since holding their first meeting which was only in November." The establishment of this club, which is only the second in the county, reflects Presentation Wexford's dedication to "empowering students and nurturing a spirit of service that will benefit both the school and the wider community" she said.

## SCIENCE & ENGINEERING Challenge 2025

Join Us Celebrate the 25th anniversary of Science & Engineering Challenge by having your school compete  
Register Your Interest today!

The La Trobe Bundoora event is organised by the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale and the School of Computing, Engineering & Mathematical Sciences at La Trobe University

Monday, 16 June 2025  
09.00-3.00 PM

Our Location  
LATROBE UNIVERSITY  
BUNDOORA

### Meet the Doctor & Engineers in the field

Digital Construction Industry:  
Guiding Students in Applying  
Building Information Modelling  
(BIM) for the Future of  
Construction Engineering.

### Interactive Sessions

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collaborative tasks to learn and  
work together, achieving  
objectives for the betterment of  
the community

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