



**30th of April 2025**

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**MAY 1 REMINDER !**



**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 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/czxmfm>

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!*

**THE PRESIDENTS REPORT**

The Bunnings Anzac Day BBQ was a huge success again this year. Congratulations to Steve, Lois, and the team for a great job. Again, this year, we were able assisted by Sgt Robert and constables Adam and James from the Fawkner Police Station. Proceeds from this fundraiser went to Interplast Australia. Initially a joint project between Rotary District 980 (now 9800) and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Interplast Australia was established to provide voluntary medical teams to carry out plastic and reconstructive surgery in developing countries.

Last night, I attended a meeting for Presidents in the cluster. I am always amazed at the scope and variety of the causes our local Rotary clubs are supporting. Intergenerational visits between kindergartens and the elderly, school support in Cambodia, youth support at local schools, and support in Nepal are a few that were discussed last night. Also discussed last night was the Zone 8 Pilot, which seems to be on a bumpy road.

This week we have the Police Awards on Thursday, and the Basic Car Maintenance programs on Saturday. No rest on Sunday either, as it is an early start to get to the District Assembly in Benalla.

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

*Quote of the week*

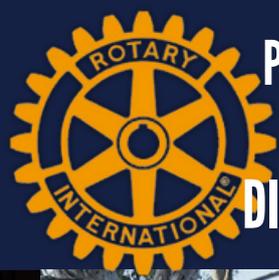
*"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."*

**Franklin D. Roosevelt, a U.S. President & Rotarian**



**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



## DISTRICT CONFERENCE -INTERPLAST NEWS



Interplast volunteer surgeon David Morgan shared a proud moment alongside Carol O'Connell and her partner, District 9790 Governor Stephen O'Connell, demonstrating the spirit of Rotary service at its finest. The conference was made even more inspiring by the remarkable generosity of Andrew Kotzur, a local businessman and steadfast supporter of humanitarian causes. Andrew pledged to match every donation made to Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) with an equal donation to Interplast—an incredible act of goodwill that captured the Rotary values of Service Above Self.

By the end of the conference, the combined efforts of Rotarians and Andrew's philanthropic initiative led to nearly \$5,000 being raised for both ALWS and Interplast. These contributions will have a transformative impact, improving lives and delivering hope to communities across the Pacific and Asia. This is Rotary in action—compassion, partnership, and lasting change.

### BIRTHDAYS

**April**

Joe Calabro

**May**

Anthony Cianflone

A very happy birthday to you!

### ANNIVERSARIES

Watch out for more anniversaries next month!

## *Funny Bones*

**Why don't emus vote in elections?**

*They'd just emu-late the other birds!*

**What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?**

*A stick... or a failed investment!*

**What's the difference between Vegemite and a cricket bat?**

*One's a sticky Aussie icon... and the other's used for cricket!*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**01st MAY**

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

**08th MAY**

**PVRC MEETING SISTERS & MISTER WILL BE PERFORMING @ RSL**

**15th MAY**

**PVRC MEETING GUEST SPEAKER: STEPHEN BOURIS**

**22nd MAY**

**PVRC MEETING GUEST SPEAKER: CHRISTINE STOW**

**29th MAY**

**PVRC MEETING**

**05th JUNE**

**PVRC MEETING**

### DID YOU KNOW?



In 1923, four Albany, WA, schoolboys rowed out to King George Sound at dawn to honor the ANZACs—starting an unofficial tradition that later became formalized.



## DISTRICT CONFERENCE - INTERPLAST NEWS



Representatives of ALWS, Interplast Rotary Coordinator Janette Etherington and Andrew Kotzur in the conference Showcase.



Volunteer surgeon David Morgan speaking about Interplast and his experiences on programs in Tonga.

Interplast deeply appreciates Carol O'Connell's dedication, whose passion has greatly contributed to fundraising success. Her commitment embodies the true spirit of service that inspires Rotarians worldwide.

We also sincerely thank the Rotarians and Rotary Clubs of District 9790 for their generous support. Your contributions create real change, proving that Rotary's strength lies in both action and shared purpose.

A special acknowledgment goes to Andrew Kotzur, whose generosity has amplified these efforts. His example highlights how collaboration and innovation can spark lasting impact.

For young Rotarians eager to make a difference, now is your chance. Join us in bringing hope, implementing sustainable solutions, and shaping a brighter future. Your energy and ideas are key to continuing this legacy of service and driving meaningful change. Let's redefine what it means to make an impact—together!

**L** **LOOKING FOR AN ACTIVITY TO DO WITH YOUR TEENAGER?**

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- the basics of your engine
- checking and topping up fluids
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3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2025 at SES Fawker, 1161 Sydney Road Hadfield

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**P**

Proudly hosted by the Rotary clubs of Pascoe Vale, Moreland and Strathmore.

Pascoe Vale, Moreland and Strathmore Rotary Clubs are combining to provide a 3 ½ hour hands-on Basic Car Maintenance course for 15 – 23 year olds. Whether you're an L plater, P plater, looking for something new to do with a teenager or just purchased your first car this course will take you through:

- How to check the fluids;
- How to change a tyre and put air in the tyres;
- What to do if you break down on the side of the road;
- Understanding a car manual and how important it is;
- And lots more

**Date: Saturday, 3rd May**  
**Time: 9am – 12.30pm**  
**Venue: State Emergency Service Centre, 1161 Sydney Road, Hadfield**  
**Cost: \$30 per person (parents are encouraged to attend)**  
**Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/DATIA>**

## ROTARY CLUB OF IVANHOE Say NO to Domestic Violence



Rotarians from across Victoria, including Robyn, Stuart, and Lisa, united at the 9790 District Conference in Albury to walk against domestic and family violence. Through Albury's streets and scenic riverbanks, participants reflected on the hardships faced by victims. Rotary Clubs play a crucial role in raising awareness, fostering change, and supporting affected communities.



PASCOE VALE ROTARY CLUB

DISTRICT 9790

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



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#Rotary25



The Rotary International Convention in Canada stands as a beacon of collaboration, foresight, and global impact. As thousands of Rotarians gather under one roof, the atmosphere buzzes with innovation and shared purpose, weaving together diverse perspectives from every corner of the world.

This year's convention emphasizes not just the challenges we face today but the opportunities that lie ahead. Through powerful keynote speeches, Rotarians dissect critical issues—climate resilience, technological equity, and sustainable solutions for humanitarian efforts. Panels feature dynamic leaders who offer real-world strategies, ensuring that the spirit of service remains forward-thinking and adaptable in an ever-changing global landscape.

One of the most compelling insights from the convention is the urgency of fostering youth leadership. The discussions highlight how young Rotarians, armed with fresh ideas and enthusiasm, are redefining service—leveraging digital tools to amplify impact, embracing inclusive solutions, and driving initiatives that reach the underserved. Their voices resonate, proving that the future of Rotary is in bold, capable hands. The foresight woven into the convention is equally inspiring. Strategic partnerships take center stage, unveiling visionary collaborations between Rotary and key global organizations. These alliances promise breakthroughs in healthcare, education, and environmental restoration, ensuring that service evolves alongside emerging challenges.

Beyond structured sessions, the convention's heartbeat lies in its interactions—the moments where Rotarians connect, share stories, and forge new collaborations. The energy fuels optimism, reinforcing that Rotary's power is not just in action but in unity.

As the convention draws to a close, one message rings clear: Rotary is not just responding to the present—it is actively shaping the future. A future driven by innovation, inclusivity, and unwavering commitment to global progress.



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