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Rotary Club of Heidelberg Inc. Zone 8 – District 9790 – Club No. 18278 ABN 91 870 845 490

18th May 2026

RSL on Bell 12.30 for 1.00 pm

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PROGRAM 2025-26

MAY

- 18 RSL 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm
Guest Speaker Deborah D'Aprano, Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale, "Peace Poles"
- 20 Board meeting 6.30 pm Bowlen Duncan and Associates
- 24 **Bunnings Barbeque contact Tony Bowlen**
- 25 Sycamore Tree 10.30 am

JUNE

- 1 RSL 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm
Guest Speaker Lisa Wait, Rotary Club of Ivanhoe, "Partners in Education - Siem Reap" project and trip scheduled for January 2027. tbc
- 3 PALZ
- 8 King's Birthday no meeting
- 10 Board meeting 6.30 pm Bowlen Duncan and Associates
- 15 RSL 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm
- 22 Sycamore Tree
- 29 tbc

- * RSL = RSL on Bell – 180 Bell Street Heidelberg Heights
- * OE = The Old England Hotel - 459 Lower Heidelberg Road Heidelberg
- * Sycamore Tree Coffee Shop = 185 Burgundy Street, Heidelberg
- * Second Bite (volunteer roster)
- * Bowlen Dunstan and Associates – 38 Beetham Parade, Rosanna
- * Rotary Club of Ivanhoe - Ivanhoe Uniting Church Hall, Seddon Street, Ivanhoe
- * RIMERN 32 Lincoln Street East Brunswick (corner of Moreland Road)

ATTENDANCE

Members are reminded to advise Ken Norman 0437 770 831 or ken.w.norm@gmail.com before 9.30 am Monday, of their planned attendance or apology
Ken maintains Club stats including attendance records and liaises with venues.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Rotary week, even though not a fifth Monday in a month, was indeed “something different” as we approached our table at the Sycamore Tree. The pictures shown here, certainly don’t tell all, but do give and a flavour! If we have been able to support a new initiative, help advertise it, it will have been enjoyable and worthwhile: even if not likely to impress our



cardiologists and dietitians! During the week there have been more useful discussions around the Olympics project, and some follow-up from our second PALZ meeting. Even as we welcome back Allison from her journey, we still have Peter, Jeff and partners a-wandering. Tony will be very pleased to hear from anyone who is able to help with the upcoming BBQ, currently our major source of income for the projects we wish, or will wish in the future, to undertake. Our recent attempt to provide members with greater understanding of RIMERN’S activities, and our opportunity to help with Monday openings, is likely to be repeated after we had to cancel Susie Cole’s visit owing to too few members attending. One of our members is currently

looking to utilise this “avenue of service”, and those of us who have benefited from such support, will need no convincing of its value. Maybe my last formal meeting as President can be opportunity for Susie to meet and speak with more of our members and “Friends”?

Richard L

Background for Monday’s speaker, via Secretary Elect Nancy, whose work commitments prevent her attending

*****MONDAY’S SPEAKER

On Mon, Mar 30, 2026 at 1:32 PM Deborah D'Aprano <deborahdaprano@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Nancy,

Thank you for your email. I am looking forward to visiting your club on 18th May.

Background information:

I am a recently retired Primary Teacher who joined Rotary in 2024 and have been involved in Pascoe Vale Rotary for over 40 years as a partner.

My husband Bruno became a Rotarian 44 years ago. I was inspired to join after visiting Melbourne and Singapore World Conventions and considering how I could remain active in the community when I retired.

After joining Pascoe Vale I looked at the Peace Pole Project and approached the club to install a Peace Pole at my workplace, Corpus Christi Primary School. The response was overwhelming and has grown from there.

Retirement has been a time to pursue my interest in gardening, travel and family activities.

Peace Poles have become a passion project for our club and one that offers hope during these times of uncertainty and destruction.

Looking forward to working with you.

Deborah D'Aprano

*****FROM TONY BOWLEN: re BBQ

G'day All

As you are aware, we are burning snags and onions all day on Sunday 24 May. A number of members have already put their hands up to help, but we need more!

We operate in three shifts each of 3 hours starting from 8.00.

Please let me know your availability.

I shall bring a clipboard on Monday to complete a roster.

This is not only a good fundraiser, but also a great way for us to publish Rotary and attract potential new members. Not only that but it is actually good fun and fellowship.

Thanks in advance.

Tony Bowlen

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