

Rotary Hamilton

Annual Report

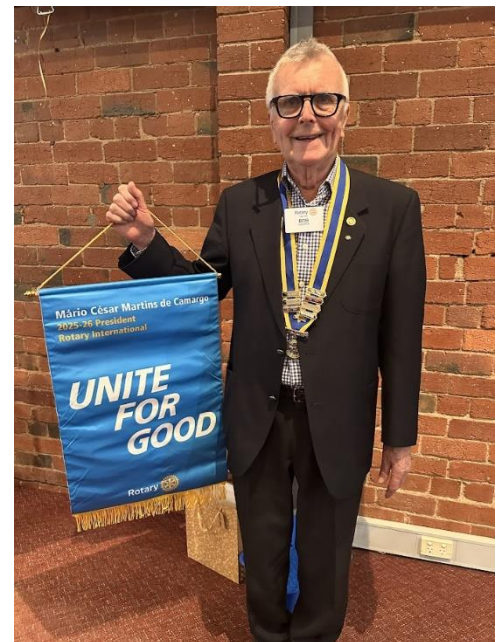
2025-26



Welcoming, Respect, Integrity, Enjoyment

Unite for Good is a reminder that when people come together with a shared purpose, they can create lasting positive change in their communities.

For our club, *Unite for Good* reflects the way members work alongside local organisations, volunteers, businesses, and community groups to address local needs. Whether supporting families through our Domestic Violence Awareness Project, promoting literacy through Books for Babies, improving environmental outcomes, or helping those in need, we achieve more by working together than we ever could alone. Through service, friendship, and collaboration, our club continues to unite for good and make a meaningful difference in our community.



President

Bob Cadden

Rotary Hamilton

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Lorraine Wilson

Public Image Chair

President's Message

Bob Cadden

Overview of the Year

I am pleased to report on another successful year for Hamilton Rotary. We have again focused our efforts on the key Rotary service categories.

Rotary Avenues of Service

• Community • International • Youth • Vocational • Environment

Community Impact

We supported our annual cause with a donation towards upgrading the WDHS mammogram facility in Hamilton.

Campaign against Domestic Violence

We are now in the third year of this programme, which focuses on awareness and education. The club team, led by Kevin Safe, has worked tirelessly to support this important initiative.

Fundraising and Club Life

Fundraising activities throughout the year enabled the club to support a range of donations and service initiatives.

Special thanks to:

Avenues of service directors for promoting their activities within the planned budgets Brian Jenkins & the team for the art show.

Simon Wilson & the team for the Sheepvention catering job.

Bruce Warburton & the team for several other catering jobs Kevin Safe & the team for the Campaign against domestic violence

Bruce Wheeler for risk assessments.

John Main for programmes and speakers

Lorraine Wilson for regular bulletins, website & social media

Rotarian partners whose contributions are invaluable.

Members continued to enjoy regular weekly meetings featuring a variety of engaging speakers, along with social evenings that strengthened fellowship within the club.

Club Administration

Volunteer groups can only function with members willing to contribute time & effort to lead the club. Thanks go to all board members and especially to Secretary Lyn Christie for managing the administration and to treasurer Geetha Yoga for assisting with keeping the finances in order.

Membership

The club began the year with 36 members, and we close the year with 39 (38.5% female), reflecting encouraging growth in membership.

The year ahead

Incoming President Meg Watson has attended the district leadership training sessions & with the support of all members, is well equipped to lead the club in the 2026-27 year ahead.

As I hand over to Meg with best wishes, I express my personal thanks to all members for the opportunity to serve this club and the community

Bob Cadden

11 June 2026

Board Members 2025-26

President Bob Cadden

President Elect Meg Watson

Vice President Brian Jenkins

Immediate Past President

Noel Howard

Secretary Lyn Christie

Rotary Foundation Simon Wilson

Public Image/Social Media/Bulletin Lorraine
Wilson

Treasurer Geetha Yoga (Bob Cadden)

Community James Dishon

Environment Marg Moffatt

Vocational James Dunn

International Glenn Howell

Youth Leo Cummins

Membership Brian Jenkins

Catering Bruce Warbur

Other Key positions for 2025-26

Risk Assessment Bruce Wheeler

Club History Ian Black

Child Protection Officer Heather Ward

Welfare Rose Howard Bruce Wheeler

Art Show Director Brian Jenkins

Domestic Violence Project Chair

Kevin Safe

Programs John Main



Membership 2025-26

Active Current	38
Inductions	4
Resignations/Deceased	2

Jenni Barke PP PHF	Kim Joyce PHF
Ian Black OAM PP PHF+1	Barry Little PHF (Deceased 19/08/2025)
David Burows PP PAG PHF	John Main PHF
Bob Cadden PP PHF	Margy McIntyre
Dawn Cay NEW	Damien Meagher PHF
Lyn Christie PP PHF+1	Murray Menzel PP PHF
Leo Cummins PP PHF	Margaret Moffatt PHF
James Dishon PP PHF	Josh Nelson NEW
James Dunn PP PHF	Peter Radley PHF
Murray Elliott Resigned 30/06/26	Kate Rainsford NEW
David Garfoot PP PHF+1	Kevin Safe PP PHF
Gerri Griffin PHF	Cindy Storrie NEW
David Hayes PHF	Sandy Vanrenan
Noel Howard PP PHF+7	Bruce Warburton PP PHF+1
Rose Howard PP PHF +7	Heather Ward PP PHF
Glenn Howell PP PHF	Meg Watson
Jenny Hurse	Bruce Wheeler PHF
David Indian PHF	Lorraine Wilson PP PAG PHF+1
Peter Irvin PP PHF	Simon Wilson PHF+1
Brian Jenkins PP PHF	Geetha Yoga



Vale Maxwell "Barry" Little" PHF

Joined Rotary 22 August 2001

Died 19 August 2025

Retired Farmer

Fondly remembered

Director's Reports

Over the past year, our Club has continued to make a meaningful difference in our community through a wide range of service projects, partnerships, and initiatives. Despite the challenges that inevitably arise, our commitment to Service Above Self has remained strong.

We have built on the successes of previous years, embraced new opportunities, and strengthened our capacity to serve both locally and internationally. The dedication, generosity, and enthusiasm of our members have enabled us to deliver projects that create lasting benefits for those we support.

The reports that follow, submitted by the directors of each portfolio, provide an overview of the activities, achievements, and impact. Many of our projects encompass several areas of service and may be mentioned several times.

Community Service

James Dishon

Our major ongoing activity was again our **“Say No To Domestic Violence”** program. I personally take no credit for the success of this activity and will leave it to the program’s coordinator -Kevin Safe and his committee to provide a separate comprehensive report.

The major financial donation made during the year was to **Western District Health Service** for the upgrading of their mammogram equipment.

Other generous donations made by the club from funds raised during the year were to Hamilton Christmas Hampers (St. Vincent de Paul and the Uniting Church), Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal, Hamilton Eisteddfod, Live4Life (Hamilton), Australia Natural Disaster RAWCS (Floods & Bush Fires), Books for Babies, Rev. Peter Cook’s Charity, Standing Tall Mentoring Program & purchasing a skip for the Second Bite Food Program in Warrnambool.

Members willingly assisted with the collection of food from Warrnambool for the Uniting Church Food Distribution Program and assisted with The Golf Day for WDHS fundraising and several other catering events.

"Through these contributions and hands-on involvement, our members have continued to demonstrate Rotary’s commitment to supporting the health, wellbeing and resilience of our local community and those in need beyond our region."



Breakfast in the Gardens



WDHS Golf Day



Drought Rural Resource Boxes

Domestic Violence Awareness project

(Committee – Kevin Safe, Peter Irvin, Meg Watson, Geetha Yoga. Jenny Hurse, Dawn Cay, Lorraine Wilson)

In 2023, our Club adopted a major community initiative aimed at raising awareness and educating the community about domestic and family violence. Guided by a series of Community Conversations, the project continues to promote **respectful relationships**, prevention strategies and improved access to support services.

During 2025–26, we built on the strong foundations established through previous grant funding and community partnerships.

A highlight was the **Domestic Violence Awareness Round**, held in partnership with the Hamilton Kangaroos Football and Netball Club, where players, officials and supporters united to reinforce the message that violence has no place in our homes, relationships or communities.

The annual **Domestic Violence Awareness Walk**, held in November, saw a small but dedicated contingent, led by two pipers, walk in solidarity against domestic and family violence. Participants then gathered at the PAC to hear from representatives of our Club, Southern Grampians Shire Council, Victoria Police and Western District Health Service, reinforcing a shared commitment to supporting those affected and promoting respectful relationships.

The Club also hosted a well-attended **Community Breakfast**, bringing together community leaders, educators, service providers and residents to share information, strengthen partnerships and maintain momentum towards positive community change

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An important initiative during the year was the rollout of the **Behind the Toilet Door** posters at WDHS, Shire facilities and local hotels and cafes. Placing information in these private spaces provides a discreet and accessible way for people experiencing violence, or those concerned about someone they know, to access support services and emergency contacts. The project has increased the visibility of help available within our community, encouraged conversations about respectful relationships, and reinforced the **message that support is available and no one has to face domestic violence alone**.

The Coffee Cup Campaign, held during May as part of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month, once again delivered positive messages about respect and healthy relationships through local cafés and businesses while highlighting available support services.

We greatly value our ongoing partnership with Mulleraterong, whose clients have assisted with community flyer distribution and delivering thank you certificates to local businesses involved in our Domestic Violence Awareness Project.

Special recognition is due to Peter Irvin for his leadership, vision and dedication in progressing the important **Respectful Relationships, Rights and Resilience Professional** development initiative. Through his efforts, funding was again secured through an SGSC Grant, together with a generous philanthropic contribution from Jigsaw Farms. This professional development event, to be held in September, will bring together teachers from local primary schools to share knowledge, collaborate and strengthen the delivery of the program within their schools.

The continued success of this initiative reflects the dedication of our Club members, a committed committee and **the strong partnerships** developed with Southern Grampians Shire Council, Western District Health Service and Victoria Police. Together with volunteers and other community

organisations, we are helping to build awareness, foster respectful relationships and create lasting cultural change across our community.



International Service

Glenn Howell

Our club receives emails every month asking for support of worthy projects - this includes Rotary and non-Rotary organisations. This year we aimed to support organisations whose main international activities are in the Pacific region.

Also included in our budget was an allowance to take an apprentice builder to the **Rotahomes project in Fiji**. We did not manage to get a full team for Rotahomes so deferred the building team trip until next year. This allowed that money to be used for an alternative donation to a project that our Rotarians have visited previously, Ryder-Cheshire.

Ryder-Cheshire's motto is 'For the Relief of Suffering'. They operate units in Melbourne providing accommodation for people who have family in hospital. And units in Mt. Gambier for people with disabilities. We donated to their **Klibur Domin** (meaning Sharing with Love) operation in Timor Leste where they have three main programs: the Inpatients Program, providing care for patients; the Community Based Rehabilitation program, which supports children and adults with disabilities and provides respite and education; and the Tuberculosis (TB) Program, which provides care for patients with TB.

Other organisations we supported this year include:

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) who work in PNG and Timor Leste providing bed nets and other projects to reduce malaria. Instead of a gift for guest speakers, we donate \$10 a head to RAM

RARE (Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment) is a program for distributing obsolete medical and educational equipment to disadvantaged communities in Australia and overseas.

Polio Plus: For the eradication of Polio in the world. The 'plus' is to reflect the inclusion of other health conditions, as well as polio, in the program. In practice, the 'plus' part of the polio eradication campaign varies from place to place depending on what is seen as a local need. This may include disease prevention and responding to disease outbreaks, as well as enhancing health care in needy communities.

Interplast works across the Asia Pacific region to improve access to safe, timely, and appropriate surgical, medical, and rehabilitation services. Their programs focus on building local medical capacity through training and mentoring.

Disaster Aid Australia aims to provide, and assist, in delivering sustainable humanitarian aid relevant to people affected by natural and other disasters, including safe water and shelter.



MAF delivered 41 bales of mosquito nets to Lapalama PNG



The facility in Timor Leste

Youth Services

Leo Cummins

The Youth Group has had a successful and engaging year, providing young people with valuable opportunities for personal growth, leadership, and service.

Our major financial commitment has again been to **“Standing Tall”** in Hamilton however we are only one part of a larger group of individuals and businesses providing support. This program continues to grow, supporting 92 students at the start of the year and these across 17 local schools and education providers.

We also support **Baimbridge College** directly by providing 3 student **scholarships**. These were chosen by the staff and handed out on speech day. This year we also started to help provide the students with breakfast before school. Although this breakfast is provided one day a week, mostly from school resources, we have been asked to help on one day per term.

We have also provided sponsorship for the **Great South Coast Science and Engineering** project at Deakin which is arranged by the Warrnambool club and a group from Good Shepherd College participated.

We continue to support the Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarship (**used to fund graduate level studies abroad**) recipient Tori Ball who is doing a PhD in Anthropology at Durham University. This year some of the field work has been done at Deniliquin.

This year we have helped support the Rotary/Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Project with a local senior Sergeant.

The **LLEN (Local Learning and Employment Network)** in Victoria, Australia, partners with **Rotary** (specifically through Rotary Districts 9780) to facilitate "Enhance Work Experience" and structured workplace learning programs and one of our members supported a student placement.

Disappointingly we received no applicants for the **Defying the Drift Program** at Longerenong, But we have one for this year. Similarly, we were unable to attract an applicant for **RYLA**.

We participated in the Southern Grampians Youth network; The **Southern Grampians Youth Network** is a strategic network facilitated by the [Southern Grampians Shire Council](#). It brings together local schools, tertiary providers, employment agencies, and community groups to coordinate youth services and ensure young people are seen, heard, and supported in the region.



Baimbridge College Breakfast Good Shepherd College Science

Live 4Life presenters

Vocational Service

James Dunn

We have concluded an interesting year with several meetings held at different venues, which has given us an insight into the working lives of others in our community.

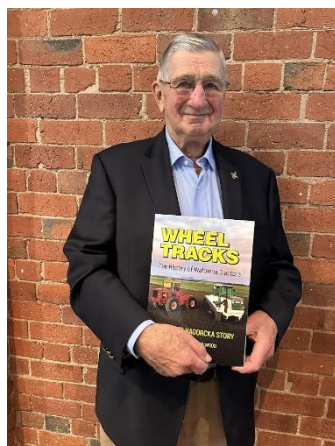
Places visited included The Hamilton Pastoral Museum, Hamilton Bowling Club, Parklands Golf Club, combined meeting with Rotary club of Casterton in Coleraine.

We had many interesting speakers throughout the year, Landscape Architect Geoffrey Sanderson, Youth Mental Health Amy Lewis, Damian Meagher - Navigating Challenges in the Wool Industry, Medical Students from Deakin University, Visit to Fur Life Veterinary Centre, James Nagorcka author of "Wheel Tracks" the history of Waltana Tractors, Tori Ball (Rotary Foundation Scholarship) and Youth Live4life Southern Grampians.

One of the rewarding aspects of Rotary is the opportunity to learn about a diverse range of vocations that we may never otherwise have the chance to experience.



**Cindy Storrie and with
Deb King Community House**



James Nagorcka



WDHS Medical Students Jacob and Sherry



Visit to VetCare



Damien sharing his story



Tori Ball sharing her journey

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank President Bob Cadden for his excellent leadership of our Club, and a big thank you to the Vocational Service team.

Supporting the Environment

Marg Moffatt/Gerri Griffin

The past twelve months have been relatively quiet due to the prolonged dry conditions. However, we held a couple of working bees at **Brumley Park** to undertake essential maintenance and upkeep. In the coming months, we will organise another working bee at Brumley Park to carry out weeding and replace plants that did not survive the dry spring and summer conditions.

The NINJA playground equipment from Patterson Park has now been removed and relocated to Brumley Park. Once installation is complete, there will no doubt be opportunities for members to assist with landscaping around the new play area.

We contributed funding to the **Hamilton Institute of Rural Learning (HIRL)** for the construction of a new frog pond fence. A donor plaque will be placed on each panel once the project is completed, which remains a work in progress

Following her inspiring presentation to the Club, we also donated to support Shelley Burrows and her **Wildlife Rescue project**. Shelley dedicates countless hours to rescuing, rehabilitating and caring for injured and orphaned native wildlife, while also educating the community about the importance of protecting local habitats.

Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme (Tomra) is an important part of the work that is transforming Victoria's waste and recycling system. We continue to encourage members to collect recyclable eligible drink containers with funds being directed to our club. Many thanks to Noel Howad who takes larger loads to Warrnambool for processing.

Although it has been a quieter year, these projects demonstrate our ongoing commitment to improving local community spaces and supporting environmental initiatives.



Noel's trailer full of cans (VCDS)



Shelley Burrows from Wildlife Rescue



HIRL frog pond under construction



Brumley Park Playground

The Rotary Foundation - Doing Good in the World

Simon Wilson

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary International's charitable arm, transforming donations into life-changing projects that build peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, grow local economies, and protect the environment. Since 1917, the Foundation has invested over US\$4 billion in sustainable service projects around the globe.

Rotary's areas of focus:

- ☐ Peace building and conflict prevention
- ☐ Disease prevention and treatment
- ☐ Water, sanitation, and hygiene
- ☐ Maternal and child health
- ☐ Basic education and literacy
- ☐ Community economic development
- ☐ Supporting the environment

A key strength of The Rotary Foundation is its excellent stewardship of donations. Administrative costs are covered by earnings from investments, ensuring that nearly 90% of contributions go directly to programs. This efficiency makes the Foundation one of the most trusted and effective charities in the world.

Local Impact through District Grants

Our contributions don't just support global initiatives—they also return to our own communities through District Grants. These grants fund local, short-term projects aligned with Rotary's mission. Our club has benefitted from this support, demonstrating how every dollar we contribute has both global and local impact.

Recognition of Paul Harris Fellows

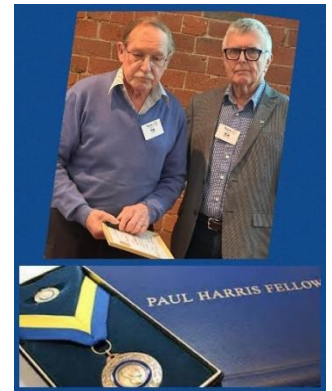
Our Club is proud to recognize two **individuals at our last changeover** **David Indian and Kim Joyce** as Paul Harris Fellows, honouring their dedication to our Club. Named after Rotary's founder, this recognition celebrates those who contribute, or have contributions made in their name, of US\$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation.

This year **Lyn Christie** was awarded a **PHF +1** for her dedicated work as Secretary of the club continuing for a number of years. It was presented to her at our June 17 meeting as she will be on leave during changeover.

Many of our club Rotarians have made substantial personal contributions to the Foundation.

Together, through our support of The Rotary Foundation, we continue to create lasting change across the world and in our own community.

"Every Rotarian, Every Year." Let's keep the momentum going.



Public Image/Social Media/Bulletin

Lorraine Wilson

The Club continues to strengthen its **public profile** through a range of communication channels that keep members informed, promote our activities, and showcase the impact of Rotary within our community.

Facebook remains our primary platform for sharing news, project updates, and event information, while **Instagram** provides a visual record of our activities. Our **Club website, powered by ClubRunner**, is regularly updated with stories, meeting information, club bulletins, and member resources.

The dedicated **Rotary Art Show website** continues to support one of our major community events but has proved a little difficult to managed and will be reviewed.

Regular coverage in *The **Hamilton Spectator*** has helped highlight key projects throughout the year, particularly our Domestic Violence Prevention initiatives, Rotary Art Show, and other community programs. Our weekly bulletin remains an important tool for keeping members connected and informed and is distributed widely to other members of the community and district clubs.

Throughout the year, we have produced a range of **promotional materials**, including social media content, flyers, brochures, banners, and event signage. These resources have enhanced the visibility of our projects and strengthened Rotary's presence in the community.

Looking ahead, we will continue to explore new ways to engage our audience through storytelling, video content, and member profiles, ensuring Rotary remains visible, relevant, and connected to the community we serve.

Some of the ways of promoting our club. Newspaper, Posters, Flyers, Facebook, Website, Showcase at Multi District Summit in Horsham.



Annual Art Show

Brian Jenkins Art Show Director

Another fantastic all of Club effort. Our sales for the 2025 Art Show were well below average over the life of the show which is a below average result. This is a sign of the current economic situation and drought conditions. We received many compliments throughout the show on the quality of the art works and for the show in general.

The judge, Horsham Regional Gallery Curator **Lauran van Katwyk**, was also very complimentary about the look of the show. Our Guest Artist long time local exhibitor was **Carol Sherek** known for her stunning oil paintings inspired by the Australian landscape.

We couldn't do this project without the support of our members and their partners. Setting up the show over the Tuesday and Wednesday has markedly improved the layout and tone of the display panels. It's great to see such a good roll-up at the preview evening, during the show and Sunday pack-up which ensures that we all get home at a reasonable hour. The quality of the food prepared by members and partners continues to be second to none.

We are extremely grateful to the **Hamilton business community** for their ongoing support of the show whether as prize sponsors, screen sponsors or providing in-kind support.

Of course, we couldn't run such a successful show, year on year, without the support of the public, whether from Hamilton and surrounds or from further away in Victoria, who attend the Preview Evening, purchase paintings or buy raffle tickets.

The main points are summarised below:

- 32 paintings sold which is 11.7% of total entries; (In 2024 we sold 43 which was 18.4%)
- Entries were down by 2 on last year (245 plus 28 Young Artist entries);
- Value of paintings sold was \$21,115 – down by \$8,643 on 2024. Well below average but a great recovery from the \$2,500 worth sold at Friday night;
- It is the 8th lowest since records were kept in 1985;
- Average price of painting sold - \$660 (last year \$692);
- The winner of the People's Choice Award was Painting No. 191 "Ethereal – Great Egret" by Brett Jarrett, with 15 votes;
- Our sponsorship profit was up by \$650 from 2024 which is now \$1,900 above 2023;
- Attendance at opening night was about the same as last year's which is about 250 people;
- General attendance throughout the remainder of the show was about 225 people which is down 35 people on last year;
- A profit of \$13,300, about \$1,700 less than last year.
- Since 1985, the Art Show has sold \$1,117,194 worth of art, of which our com commission is \$279,300.



2025 Rotary Art Show

Rotary  **A Show Art**
Hamilton

THE AWARD FOR
BEST WORK - ANY MEDIUM

Leanne Onley

Art Show Director

NEWS

Horsham curator is a judge

THE curator at Horsham Regional Art Gallery, Lauren van Katwijk, will be the judge at Hamilton Rotary's Annual Art Show.

Ms van Katwijk is responsible for a public collection of more than 2500 artworks and oversees a dynamic program of around 12 exhibitions each year.

Rotary Art Show Director, Brian Jenkins, welcomed Ms van Katwijk's involvement and said that a high profile judge was paramount to mounting a successful show.

Mr Jenkins said that, "the annual Rotary Art Show has been held for 45 years with all proceeds used to fund the club's programs, which include local organisations and students, national projects such as donations to emergency relief projects and Rotary International projects such as the eradication of malaria and polio from the world."

More than 300 paintings are expected to be exhibited at the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre throughout the show's duration from the gala opening on Thursday 9 October through to Sunday 12 October.

Mr Jenkins said that entries come from local, Victorian and interstate artists.

Mr Jenkins said that Ms van Katwijk will judge the nine competition categories including the best work in the show, Young Artist's awards and a range of other sections.

"The popular People's Choice award will occur again this year," he said.

Some \$600 in prize money will be distributed to the various winners.

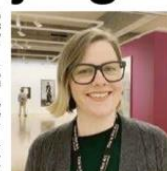
Lauren's work focuses on connecting people with art through audience engagement, innovative curatorial projects, and strong support for artist-led ideas.

[TINA] Over the years, she has worked with artists at all stages of their careers, delivering everything from large-scale public events to intimate, youth-driven exhibitions and creative festivals.

A passionate advocate for young adult participation in the arts, Lauren helped establish projects like the Art Factory at MRAG and Newcastle's Youth Advisory Group.

Her thinking was shaped by a formative curatorial internship at Tate Modern and Tate Britain, where she contributed to the Tate Collective youth program.

Lauren is committed to growing vibrant regional arts communities through mentorship, collaboration, and inclusive programming. Outside of work, she enjoys up-cycling, is learning Japanese, and is always looking for ways to make art more accessible and meaningful to everyone.



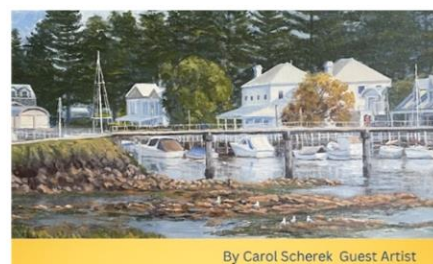
This curator at Horsham Regional Art Gallery, Lauren van Katwijk, will be the judge at Hamilton Rotary's Annual Art Show. (Supplied)



The 2024 major prize winner was Leanne Onley (centre) in the category best work any medium, for her painting 'Predictably Unpredictable' claiming \$2500 in prize money. Standing with art show director (left) Brian Jenkins and judge Joshua White, Hamilton Gallery Director.



Last year's Rotary Art Show was a great success.



By Carol Scherek Guest Artist

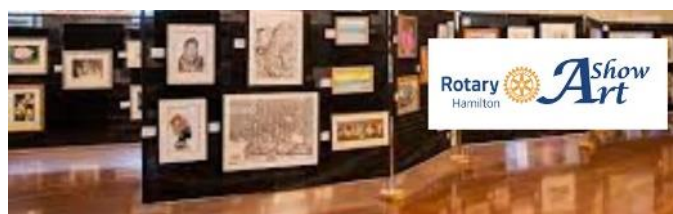
Rotary  **A Show Art**
Hamilton

Hamilton Performing Arts Centre
9-12 October 2025

Major sponsor



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Gala Preview Evening

Thursday 9 October 2025



**Some of the publicity for our
Annual Art Show**

Catering

Bruce Warburton

We have enjoyed another busy and successful year of catering, providing valuable service to our community while raising significant funds to support Rotary projects.

A highlight was catering at **Sheepvention**, which was a mammoth undertaking and a great success. Thank you to Simon, Ainsley and all club members who contributed their time and effort to this major event.

We were also pleased to provide community BBQs at Cavendish and Mirranatwa for farmers affected by the fires, offering an opportunity for people to come together and support one another during a difficult time.

Catering at the **Dunkeld Races** was another successful project, making good use of leftover supplies from Sheepvention, supplemented with fresh stock. Thank you to everyone who assisted.

Our club also conducted a sausage sizzle at the PAC for the **Walk Against Domestic Violence**, where we were able to showcase our branded gazebos.

Other catering activities included:

- Providing lunch for 140 guests at the Research Farm (RIST).
- Cooking an egg and bacon roll breakfast by Lake Hamilton for the Black Dog motorcycle ride, with all proceeds donated to support mental health initiatives.
- Assisting with lunches at the WDHS Golf Day.
- Providing breakfast for Women on Farms at the Hamilton Botanical Gardens.
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These activities would not have been possible without the generous support of our Rotary members. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and energy throughout the year, and to those who continue to keep our Rotary shed and storage facilities organised and in excellent order.

The success of these events demonstrates the strength of our club and the important role that teamwork plays in serving our community.



Black Dog Ride



All hands-on deck

Program 2025-26

Jul		Venue	
2	No Meeting		
9	Club Night	Speckled Frog	
16	Tanatswa	Speckled Frog	Deakin Medical Student introduced by Meg
23	Rowan Garfoot	Speckled Frog	Personal Wellbeing
30	Sheepvention Preparations	Speckled Frog	Simon Wilson
Aug			
6	Sheepvention	No Meeting	Members on duty for Sheepvention
13	Geoffrey Sanderson	Speckled Frog	Landscape Architect introduced by Wendy Radley
20	James Nagorka	Speckled Frog	BOOK - Designing and Building Farm Machinery
27	Tori Ball	Speckled Frog	Durham University UK and Deniliquin Update
Sep			
3	Caledonian Hotel	Away	Social Night Speckled Frog not available
10	Diana Lawrence	Speckled Frog	Carriage Driving cancelled
17	Hamilton Bowls Club	Away	Dinner with sweets catered by Bowls Club
24	Shelly Burrowes	Speckled Frog	Hamilton Wildlife Centre
Oct			
1	Brian Jenkins	Speckled Frog	Art Show Briefing
8	Art Show	No Meeting	Members on duty at Art Show 9 th October
15	Amy Lewis	Speckled Frog	Youth Mental Health Live4Life
22	Damien Meagher	Speckled Frog	Navigating Challenges in the Wool Industry
29	No Meeting		Fifth Wednesday of the month
Nov			
5	Annual General Meeting	Speckled Frog	Reports and nominations for all positions
12	President Update	Speckled Frog	
19	Social Night Parklands	Away	Parkland Golf Club Dinner
26	Bowling Night	Away	Hamilton Bowling Club catered by Bowls Club
Dec			
3	Club Information Night	Speckled Frog	
10	Visit Fur Life Vet	Speckled Frog	Dinner then visit to veterinary centre
17	Christmas Dinner	Speckled Frog	Members and partners celebrate the festive season

Jan		Venue	
7	No Meeting		Summer recess
14	No Meeting		Summer Recess
21	Social Night	Parklands Golf Club	BBQ bring salads and sweets
28	Club Night	Speckled Frog	
Feb			
4	Constitution and Bylaws	Speckled Frog	Adopt updated Club Constitution and Bylaws

11	Josh Nelson	Speckled Frog	New Member - My Life Experience (Radio Announcer)
18	Social/ Information Night	Speckled Frog	
25	Joint Meeting with Casterton Rotary	Away	National Hotel Coleraine at 6pm and Arboretum visit
Mar			
4	Project Update	Speckled Frog	
11	Alison Richmond	Speckled Frog	Director of Aged Care WDHS
18	Jane Murray	Speckled Frog	Australian War Museum Canberra (Travelling Exhibitions past curator)
25	Debra King	Speckled Frog	Coordinator Hamilton Community House
Apr			
1	Sandy Vanrenen	Speckled Frog	Member - Exchange and where it leads to.
8	Budget Plans	Speckled Frog	
15	Home Hosting	Away	Hosted at members homes
22	Budget Plans	Speckled Frog	
29	No Meeting	Away	Fifth Wednesday of the month
May			
6	Jaboc and Sherry	Speckled Frog	Deakin Medical Students WDHS
13	Parklands Golf Club	Away	Two course Dinner \$35 and drinks at bar prices Catered by Golf Club members
20	Pastoral Museum	Away	BYO Drinks and Glasses Annual Event Catered by members of Pastoral Museum
27	Simon Wilson	Speckled Frog	Google Drive Review
Jun			
3	Club Service Budget Plan	Speckled Frog	Planning for 2026-27
10	Craig Goodman	Speckled Frog	The Art of Making Scrap Metal Art
17	Brooke McLeod	Speckled Frog	Science and Engineering Challenge
24	End of Year Dinner	Speckled Frog	Changeover Dinner

Our meeting program is expertly coordinated by **John Main**, with valuable support from Rotarians who contribute ideas for guest speakers, venues, and meeting topics. We are fortunate to enjoy a diverse range of speakers who both inform and inspire our members, including several club members who have generously shared their own personal stories and experiences.

Social

Social activities continue to play an important role in strengthening friendships and fostering connections between members. Encouraged by our incoming President, a few members have participated in Parkrun as a way of increasing Rotary's visibility within the community while promoting health and wellbeing. Thursday morning bike rides involving Rotarians and friends have become a regular and enjoyable activity, while Friday morning coffee gatherings at The Rox provide an informal opportunity to catch up and share fellowship. Members have also enjoyed home-hosted gatherings and a range of social evenings held at local venues including the Speckled Frog, the Bowls Club, Parklands Golf Club and the Pastoral Museum. These activities provide valuable opportunities to build friendships, welcome partners and friends, and strengthen the sense of camaraderie that is such an important part of our Club.

Financial Statement (Provisional as of 20 June 2026)

Geetha Yoga and Bob Cadden

1. Notes & Bank Balances
2. Service fundraising for the year.
3. Service spending for the year.
4. Profit & Loss statement
5. Balance sheet

Report prepared by treasurer Geetha Yoga & Bob Cadden.

Finances to be reviewed by Peter Irvin for presentation to club members at the November 2026 AGM

Notes & Bank Balances:

- The accounting is managed using Reckon One software for which we currently pay \$46 per month.
- The required reporting to CAV as a fundraising organisation has been submitted.
- The required reporting to ATO for not for a not-for-profit organisation has been submitted

Bank account balances at the finish & start of the Rotary year were as follows:

Ref bank statements:

Bank Accounts:	20-Jun-26	1-Jul-25
Service account	\$18,065.03	\$15,265.73
Admin account	\$5,395.99	\$9,857.05
CADV account	\$26,000.60	\$2,679.10
Debit card account	\$451.86	\$716.69
Petty Cash	\$100.00	\$100.00
TOTAL CASH	\$50,013.48	\$28,618.57

Service Income & spending:

\$ 55,203 Total Fundraising earnings for the year (profit) Includes

\$ 23,698,13 grant from Southern Grampians Shire Council and Jigsaw Farms for the CADV project.

\$ 29,470 Total expended on Service & donations for the year

A service spending budget was set at the start of the year. This was adjusted in line with member & board approved changes during the year.

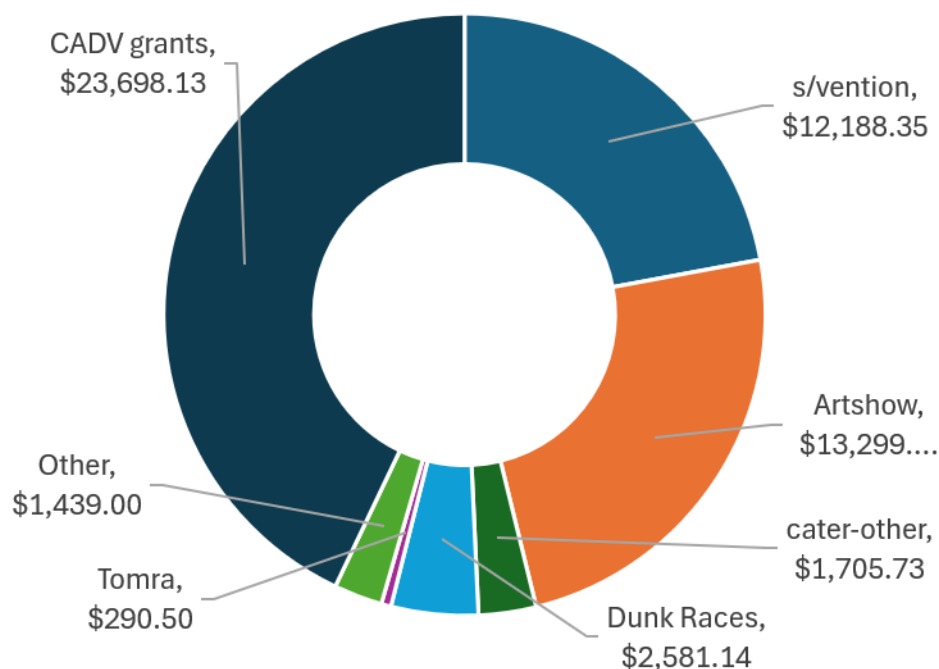
Service Fundraising for the year:

Net service fundraising to 30 June 2026

Sheepvention	Sheepvention	\$12,188.35
Art Show	Art show	\$13,299.92
Catering other	cater-other	\$1,705.73
Dunkeld races	Dunk Races	\$2,581.14
Tomra	Tomra	\$290.50
Other (inc. member donations)	Other	\$1,439.00
Grants for CADV	CADV grants	\$23,698.13
	Total	\$55,202.77

Year to Date Fund Raising as at 16 June 2026

\$55,202.



SERVICE SPENDING FOR 2025 - 2026 at 30 June 2026	ACTUAL	BUDGET
INTERNATIONAL (inc RF)		
RAM (RAWCS PNG Mossie Nets)	\$500	\$500
Disaster - international (As Required) Interplast, dis aid aus	\$1,100	\$500
Fiji Rotahomes - changed to Klibur Domin (Timor)	\$1,200	\$1,500
RARE (DIK)	\$300	\$250
ROTARY FOUNDATION (polio plus)	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total International (Incl Rotary Foundation - Polio Plus)	\$5,100	\$4,750
COMMUNITY		
Hamilton Xmas (St Vinc & UC)	\$500	\$500
Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal	\$500	\$500
Community other (sec bite food skip, Black Dog)	\$1,200	\$1,000
Hamilton Eisteddfod	\$500	\$500
Aus Rotary Health or Alternative (Live4Life Hamilton)	\$500	\$500
Aus disasters (Aus flood & fire relief funds)	\$2,631	\$4,000
Books for Babies WDHS	\$15	\$300
Mammogram appeal (Annual Cause)	\$7,000	\$7,000
Community total	\$12,846	\$14,300

Campaign Against Domestic Violence	\$6,474	\$3,000
ENVIRONMENT EX		
Shelley Burrows (Wildlife Rescue)	\$500	\$500
Fence panels HIRL	\$400	\$400
Environment total	\$900	\$900
YOUTH		
Science Experience	\$1,000	\$1,000
Defy the Drift	\$250	
Other - possible student exchange support		\$2,000
Standing Tall	\$2,000	\$2,000
Scholarships, Baimbridge College	\$900	\$1,000
Youth development programmes		\$500
Youth total	\$4,150	\$6,500
VOCATION		\$400
TOTAL AOS SPENDING ACTUAL / BUDGET	\$29,470	\$29,850

INCOME

CI-004	income member subs	\$10,260.00
CI-006	other	\$335.00
CI-010	CLUB MEALS IN	\$4,893.00
CI-012	CLUB RAFFLE	\$1,828.65

Total CLUB ADMIN INC \$17,316.65

FI	FUNDRAISING INC	-
FI-116	CADV	\$23,698.13
FI-102	Cat oth	\$8,214.90
FI-106	HRC	\$800.00
FI-108	OTHER	\$1,439.45
FI-112	Tomra	\$290.50
FI-AS-150	AS raffle	\$3,542.65
FI-AS-152	AS Opening	\$4,260.00
FI-AS-154	AS sponsor	\$13,300.00
FI-AS-156	AS other	\$170.00
FI-AS-158	AS entries	\$2,435.00
FI-AS-160	AS door	\$2,925.00
FI-AS-162	AS cater	\$146.50
FI-AS-164	AS artsales	\$21,115.00
FI-SV-180	SV Other	\$560.00
FI-SV-182	SV sales	\$23,984.05

Total FUNDRAISING INC \$106,881.18

TOTAL INCOME \$124,197.83

EXPENSES

9610	Disposal-Write off	\$924.74
FC-AS-612	AS catering	\$859.68
FC-AS-602	AS venue	\$4,162.48
FC-AS-604	AS prizes	\$8,450.00
FC-AS-606	AS P & S	\$1,495.16
FC-AS-610	AS advertising	\$2,652.66
FC-AS-608	AS commission	\$15,926.25
FC-AS-600	AS other	\$898.00
FC-SV-802	SV site	\$1,315.00
FC-SV-804	SV other	\$2,142.81
FC-SV-806	meat	\$7,100.67
FC-SV-808	gas	\$447.60
FC-704	FR bank costs	\$10.75
FC-SV-810	Bread	\$1,349.62
FC-502	catering other	\$3,928.03
FC-700	FR INSURANCE	\$1,440.00

Total FUNDRAISING COSTS**\$52,178.71**

RS-500	ENVIRONMENT	\$900.00
RS-400	YOUTH	\$2,900.00
RS-204	community other	\$11,680.67
RS-206	Hamilton Xmas	\$500.00
RS-208	RCH-GFA	\$500.00
RS-212	Australian disasters	\$150.00
RS-214	Baby books	\$15.34
RS-202	CADV	\$6,630.08
RS-302	Interplast	\$500.00
RS-304	International Other	\$1,300.00
RS-306	International Disasters	\$500.00
RS-308	RARE (DIK)	\$300.00
RS-402	Science Experience	\$1,000.00
RS-404	Defy the Drift	\$250.00
RS-310	RAM	\$500.00
RS-350	ROTARY FOUNDATION	\$2,000.00

Total ROTARY SERVICE OUTGOING**\$29,626.09**

CE-059	Accounting Fees	\$384.00
CE-050	sub-RI	\$5,239.76
CE-052	sub-rdu	\$1,426.81
CE-054	sub-9780	\$2,160.00
CE-056	Club Admin other	\$3,975.54
CE-058	Bank Charges	\$649.09
CE-060	MEALS OUT	\$6,199.38

Total CLUB ADMIN EX**\$20,034.58****TOTAL EXPENSES****\$102,764.12**

Balance sheet

Rotary Club of Hamilton (Vic) Inc
For the year ending 30 June 2026, accrual basis

ACCOUNT CODE	ACCOUNT NAME	BALANCE
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
-	Debit Card Account	\$451.86
-	CADV account	\$26,000.60
BANK-01	Admin Account	\$4,595.99
BANK-02	Service Account	\$18,865.03
PC	Petty cash	\$100.00
9560	prepaid expense items	\$1,893.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$51,906.48
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
1500	Plant and Equipment	\$4,502.34
Assets	club fixed assets	\$8,183.00
1550	Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant and Equipment	\$365.00
Total Plant and Equipment		\$13,050.34
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		\$13,050.34
TOTAL ASSETS		\$64,956.82
NET ASSETS		\$64,956.82
EQUITY		
EQ-02	Opening Balance Equity	\$51,411.07
EQ-04	Retained Earnings Surplus/(Accumulated Losses)	-\$7,887.96
-	Current year earnings	\$21,433.71
TOTAL EQUITY		\$64,956.82