



Weekly Bulletin

News, Reports and Rosters



President	Brian Jenkins	Rotary Foundation	Noel Howard
Vice president	Simon Wilson	Community	Rose Howard
President Elect	James Dishon	International	Noel Howard
Immediate Past President	Lorraine Wilson	Vocational	James Dishon
Secretary	Lyn Christie	Youth	Heather Ward
Treasurer	Bob Cadden	Catering	Bruce Warburton
			John Main
Bulletin/Rosters/Webpage	Lorraine Wilson	Program	
District Governor	John Clue R Port Fairy	Rotary International	Shekhar Mehta
		President	
		RC Calcutta Mahanagar	
Assistant Governor Group 1	Ian McKay RC Lakes		

Please note change of email address for the bulletin bulletin@rotaryhamilton.org.au

Meeting held on June 1 Club Changeover

Forty-nine Rotarians, partners and guests enjoyed a wonderful night at the Blue Malt restaurant.

Guests include Assistant Governor Ian McKay and his wife Sherril who is incoming President for Mt Gambier West.

President Brian read his informative report which I have attached to the end of this Bulletin. He thanked the outgoing board for their support and enthusiasm and presented them with a small gift. Brian showed a slide show of the Year it Was. I will post this on our website next week.

James Dunn was recognised for his contribution to our club with a PHF. (See report further on)

President Brian was very pleased to be able to pass on the baton to incoming President James Dishon who responded with his vision for the coming year, and he introduced his new board for 2022-23



President	James Dishon	Foundation	Noel Howard
Past president	Brian Jenkins	Youth	Leo Cummins
Vice President	Simon Wilson	Environment	Marg Moffatt
Secretary	Lyn Christie	Vocational	James Dunn
Treasurer	Bobb Cadden	Community	Gerard Lucas
Media/Public Image	Lorraine Wilson		

PHF James Dunn

Congratulations to Past President James Dunne on his PHF recognition.

James was inducted into the former Rotary Club of Hamilton North on 11 May 2016. He was President during 2018/2019 and is an active member of the newly formed Environment Committee. James freely gives of his time at working bees, club functions and fundraising events.

The symbolism in this recognition is to say thank you for making a difference in your club and community and in the lives of less fortunate people in the world.

By accepting this pin, you will join a family of well over 950,000 Paul Harris Fellows worldwide.



The raffle made \$163 and the prize of a wine & cheese hamper, donated by Rose and Noel Howard, was won by our, Barrie Aarons. The prize for next week is being donated by Bruce Warburton.

Please note the following:

- Harness Racing roster –Friday 17 June.
- Sheepvention - Have members responded to Simon’s request to indicate if you can assist with Sheepvention?
- We still need a President Elect for 2023/2024

Movie for Polio fundraiser –

Thanks everyone for selling tickets and donating food. **STILL A FEW TICKETS AVAILABLE**
A message will be sent out about the organisation of the afternoon.

Roster for coming meetings						
	Cashier	Chairman	Social/bar	Fellowship	Property	Bulletin
June 1	Bob Cadden James Dunn	Brian Jenkins	Rose Howard Noel Howard	Leo Cummins	Kim Joyce	Lyn Christie



Bike Riders Thursday meet at Ansett Museum 9:00am New route planned with coffee at Tosca Browns Coffee @The Roxburgh Fridays 10:30am



Family of Rotary – all our members and their families are important to us.

Almoners Rose Howard and Bruce Wheeler .

.COVID is still about, and we ask members to take care and take a RAT test if feeling unwell.

Birthdays this week	Anniversary	Inductions
None	None	



District Notices

Assembly for Clubs “Going Places”

The link to registration is on the District 9780 webpage

<https://www.rotary9780.org/>

[District Change Over – 3 July - Ballarat \(12.00 noon to 3.00pm\)](#)

There are many excellent sessions that are now online

Coming up	
June - Rotary Fellowships Month	
8	WDHS, Update on MRI Appeal, Nick Starkie & Brigid Kelly
7 Tuesday	Movie Fundraiser for Polio Plus “The Duke” Tickets selling out today Friday 3 June
15	Address by medical students from Deakin University
17	Harness Racing Gates
22	Standing Tall Dee Barrera Program Manager
29	No meeting
August	Sheepvention home hosting is on again, please contact Lorraine for details. This is a good fundraiser as it is now \$100 per person per night.

Weekly Bulletin, Webpage and Facebook

The weekly bulletin will eventually be published through ClubRunner.

Our club webpage can be accessed on <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1943> It is now live. This will allow stories from our bulletins to be published on the webpage and information from the District and RI webpages (which also use ClubRunner) to be shared. Our club also has a Facebook page which shares stories and events, and this page is also shared to other Facebook pages to get our message out.

<https://www.facebook.com/rotaryhamiltonvicau>

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Introduction

It has been an honour to lead Rotary Hamilton through a year that has seen significant changes to how we operate and how we have embarked on the journey to what we aspire to become in an ever-changing environment. We have achieved a great deal this year with a declining membership and through trying times with COVID-19 restrictions. We are out and about again, and we are having fun along the way.

COVID-19 Disrupts Again

Following my induction as President we managed to get two meetings in person until COVID-19 struck for two weeks. Then after three weeks back at The Grangeburn, we were forced back on-line via ZOOM meetings until 3 November. I am proud to say that we only missed three meetings during that period, and we had many wonderful guest speakers present to the faithful who zoomed in. Hopefully we have now seen the back of lockdowns as we return to some sort of post COVID-19 normality.

COVID-19 saw the cancellation of Sheepvention and our Annual Art Show robbing us of the chance for the second year in a row to raise funds to distribute to local, Australian and International groups and projects. Our fundraising this year has included manning the Harness Racing Club’s horse gate and our very successful weekly raffle.

Re-branding and Strategic Plan

The Club held a special meeting on 14 July 2021 to consider a motion to change the Constitution to adopt a new name for our Club, being, the Rotary Club of Hamilton, Inc., which was duly approved by the members present. The club will be promoted as "Rotary Hamilton". A new logo was subsequently adopted.

Following a review of the Club over the past 12 months, a three-year Strategic Plan was adopted on 2 February 2022. A survey of members was conducted during March 2022 to inform the process to achieve the objectives of the Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan consists of four focus areas, including:

- Increase our impact.
- Expand our reach.
- Enhance participant engagement; and
- Increase our ability to adapt.

Some of the major outcomes of the Strategic Plan are to promote our brand and to be seen more in the community, have an annual cause, hold more social events, embrace social media, deliver more community projects, become more diverse and grow our membership.

Highlights

We have successfully promoted our brand with 19 articles published in the Hamilton Spectator since 1 July 2021 and one interview on 3HA.

The successful introduction of an Environment Committee led by Marg Moffatt and Gerri Griffin has seen participation in tree planting and weeding at the Hamilton Wetlands, planting and maintenance of the gardens around Brumley park, participation in Clean-up Australia Day and recycling plastic lids through Lids4kids. These works have resulted in the Club receiving an EnviroClub Bronze award. The assistance given by the Southern Grampians Shire Council is gratefully acknowledged.

The annual cause adopted for this year was the promotion of, and assistance with, Western District Health Service's MRI FOR U&I fundraising campaign to provide an MRI for Hamilton. This cause aligned well with Rotary International's theme for 2021/2022 of "Serve to Change Lives". The club provided volunteers for WHDS's Annual Golf Day held in November 2021. Unfortunately, other events that we were to assist with were cancelled due to COVID-19.

While we were inconvenienced by COVID-19, we still managed to hold successful meetings with interesting guest speakers, even holding our first "virtual meeting" where a guest speaker joined us at the Grangeburn via ZOOM. We had nine social events, made two vocational visits, had a combined social night with Casterton Rotary Club at Coleraine and organised the annual Group 1 combined dinner at Strathdownie. A successful introduction of providing a more varied menu of club meetings and events.

While our membership has fallen by four to 43 during this year, it is heartening to see a small band of "Friends of Rotary" who assist us with project delivery, working bees and attending meetings and social nights.

My thanks to the Board members for all your help, support and wisdom which is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to our Program Officer, John Main, who ensures that we have a well-balanced weekly program, to Simon Wilson who managed our ZOOM programs and to Lorraine Wilson for producing a very informative weekly club bulletin. My thanks also go out to all members who assist with running our meetings, manning the horse gate and so generously supporting the weekly raffle.

Looking Ahead

Under the direction of our incoming President, James Dishon, implementation of the Strategic Plan will be a priority for the coming year. Changes suggested by members will go a long way to revitalising our club.

Our major fundraising events, the Lamb Bar at Sheepvention and the Annual Art Show are back on again further enhancing our brand in the community.

Brian Jenkins PHF President 2021/2022

NOTE The Annual Report is currently being prepared

The new Rotary International Theme becomes relevant from July 1 Here is the information about its meaning

Posted on [January 28, 2022](https://blog.rotary.org/2022/01/28/people-and-connections-the-logo-of-the-2022-23-presidential-theme/) <https://blog.rotary.org/2022/01/28/people-and-connections-the-logo-of-the-2022-23-presidential-theme/>



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Imagine Rotary” is the 2022-23 presidential theme that RI President-elect Jennifer Jones [revealed on 20 January](#). She is asking Rotary members to dream big and take action: “We all have dreams but acting on them is a choice. Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.”

The logo for the theme was designed by Riki Salam, an Australian artist and graphic designer specializing in contemporary Indigenous art, design, and communications. He also created the 2023 Rotary International Convention logo which will be held in Melbourne, Australia, thus connecting the two by a shared visual language.

Meaning of the design elements

There is, of course, a deeper meaning behind each element of the design. The circle in aboriginal culture for instance, signifies our connections to one another. The dots around it represent people and there are seven because of Rotary’s areas of focus.

The circle and the dots together become a navigation star – our guiding light. The solid line underneath is what is referred to as a digging stick and it is used when doing hard work. And since Rotary members are people of action – it represents a tool for getting things done.

The colors

The colors green, purple, and white are not necessarily connected to aboriginal culture. President-elect Jennifer Jones asked the new crew of Governors to use one, two, or all three when dressing for official events instead of using a theme jacket. “As we celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion, I wanted all of us to be able to express ourselves differently in what we wear, but still have connection,” she explained.

There are several ways to interpret the colors: Purple for example stands for polio eradication, green for the environment, the newest addition to our areas of focus, and white for peace, our core mission. Together, they are the colors of the women’s movement, the Suffragette – a subtle nod to this history as Jones pointed out, since she will be the first female RI president.