

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**President Bob** welcomed members to the meeting. Our guest speaker tonight will be member Josh Nelson.

#### Notices

#### Community

Donation of \$2000 to Skipton Blaze Aid

**International** - in lieu of proposed Fiji project this years funds may be directed to Ryder Cheshire projects.

#### Domestic Violence Action Group.

- Behind the Toilet Door Posters will be distributed by Community group under James Dishon.
- Application for SGSC Grant has been submitted.
- Club members had a short discussion on the impact of this project.
- **5 March Warrnambool Daybreak Club invitation** to a joint meeting at Warrnambool RSL -topic Domestic Violence with guest speakers Shane Wilson A Big Life <https://www.facebook.com/biglifewarrnambool> and Jodie Hill CEO Women's Health and Wellbeing BSW. Opportunity to attend online. More details to come.
- Peter Radley volunteered to help load medical equipment to a container in Melbourne after a call out from Jim Hewitt Dunkeld **African Action** <https://www.africanaction.org.au>

**2027 Rotary Peace Fellowships** applications open until 15 May. Offered to Peace Builders (Rotarians or sponsored candidates) <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>

### District Notices

#### A new look Conference Multi District Impact Summit Horsham 27-29 March 2026

- Registrations are now open
- <https://www.rotaryimpactsummit.org/>

Numbers will be limited so register NOW

Special guest Past RI President Jennifer Jones from Canada



"He's Got the Mic... and Now He's Got Rotary!"



Rotarians were at it again last Saturday

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**18 February** TBA

**25 February** Joint meeting Casterton Rotary - Dinner at the National Hotel Coleraine at 6pm. Details to come.

**4 March** TBC

**11 March** Director of Aged Care WDHS Alison Richmond

**15 March** Catering **Black Dog Ride (Bruce Warburton)**

**18 March** Australian War Museum Canberra Jane Murray

**27- 29 March** Multi District Conference Horsham

Please note

Apologies must be submitted by 12 noon on the Tuesday before each Wednesday meeting. Please note that the number of meals ordered by that time must be paid for.

#### Weekly social events

**Bike Riding Thursday** 09:00 at the Ansett Museum, finishing for coffee at Tosca Browns, around 09:35

**Friday Coffee:** meet each Friday Morning, 10:30 at the Roxburgh, all welcome

**Saturday Park Run** 7:45am at the Adventure Playground Walk or run 5kms  
<https://www.parkrun.com.au/register/>

### Josh Nelson – New Member Profile

Josh Nelson is one of the newest – and youngest – members of our Club, and recently shared his story with us with humour, honesty and a real zest for life.

Josh grew up in the north-eastern suburbs of Adelaide. As a youngster he developed a love of radio, inspired by listening to well-known talkback host and DJ Bob Francis on 5AA. The spark was well and truly ignited at high school when a supportive teacher helped establish a lunchtime radio show, giving Josh his first opportunity to learn the ropes behind the microphone.

Josh openly acknowledges that he is on the Autism Spectrum and spoke candidly about both the challenges and strengths that come with that. Rather than limiting him, it has helped shape his focus, creativity and determination to pursue what he loves.

After leaving school, Josh took a position with Telstra, but soon realised it wasn't where his passion lay. Fortunately, he secured a place at the Australian Radio School, where his skills were refined and his enthusiasm for broadcasting grew even stronger.

Determined to break into the industry, Josh contacted numerous radio stations before being directed to ACE Radio's Edge FM in Deniliquin. After submitting a demo, he was offered his first role as a copywriter and announcer – a significant milestone in his broadcasting career. After 18 months, he made the decision to move closer to home, taking up a position at 5MU in Murray Bridge.

While at 5MU, Josh became involved in impressive community fundraising initiatives, including the "Toys and Tins" charity campaign, which raised an extraordinary \$40,000. It was also during this time that he joined the Mobilong Rotary Club – beginning his Rotary journey.

His next move has brought him to Hamilton, joining 3HA and Mixx 88.9 as Creative Writer and Afternoon Announcer.

In true radio style, Josh introduced himself on-air (and to us!) with the following self-written piece:

<https://aceloop.com.au/colac/colac-latest-loop-post-34/>

*"Not only is that newcomer your (not so) humble writer... he's also the new Creative Writer and Afternoon Announcer at Mixx88.9 & 3HA... he's... ME!*

*Really, he's Josh Nelson...*

*Now, he's BACK with a vengeance, ready to rock the Western District with unreal copy and one heck of an on-air presence.*

*Disclaimer: I wrote that myself. Whether you agree is up to you. Batteries not included, all the usual."*

The humour certainly drew plenty of laughs, but underneath it was clear passion, confidence and commitment to both his profession and his community.

We warmly welcome Josh to the Rotary Club of Hamilton and look forward to sharing many stories – on and off the airwaves – in the months and years ahead.



Invitation to join as a Special Guest at the Upcoming **2026 Peace Begins at Home - International Mega Meeting (Australia)**

- Tuesday 24 February
- 9:30pm (AEST)
- Registration - Click her to register <https://forms.gle/MHTV83qsom4HJO4BA>



**Celebrations:**  
 Birthday None  
 Wedding Anniversary - Ros and Noel Howard  
 Murray Elliot is now back in Coleraine - visitors are welcome.



**Editors note**  
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February 2026, the Rotary International monthly theme is **Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month**. This month focuses on promoting international understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship and service projects, aligning with Rotary's mission to address the root causes of conflict. The overarching 2025-26 annual theme is "Unite for Good".



- **World Understanding and Peace Day** (Feb 23): Recognized to promote goodwill, with specific emphasis on the theme "Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the Global Goals".

Visit the Rotary International Promoting [Peace page](#) and help us make a difference...

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**Other Key positions for 2025-26**  
**Risk Assessment** Bruce Wheeler **Programs** John Main **Club History** Ian Black  
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**Domestic Violence Project** Kevin Safe **Youth Protection** Heather Ward

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