

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Rotarians, partners John Barke, Peter Wilson & Gillian Jenkins and **Guest speaker Alison Richmond Executive Director of Aged Care WDHS (see report on page 3)**

Reports:

- As per the agreed Community budget, we made a \$500 donation to the RCH Good Friday appeal & also \$500 to support the Hamilton Eisteddfod.
- Roster for Second Bite food run to Warrnambool, a twice monthly job - Simon
- Catering for Black Dog – This coming Sunday. The meeting will be at Pedrina park which will be convenient for us, being so close to our equipment shed, Bruce Warburton.
- Catering the following Sunday breakfast for the Women on Farms Gathering in the Botanic Gardens
- DV programme update - Kevin Safe – toilet door posters & Breakfast
- Sheepvention – Simon Wilson, looking to get confirmation of key persons availability please let him know.

We welcome back travellers Rose and Noel, Murray Menzel has “gone fishing” and Heather Ward is negotiating the trip home from Malta (not via Doha)

Reflection

Events in the Middle East are again affecting global oil supplies, and we're already seeing this reflected in rising petrol prices at home – a reminder of how closely our world is connected.



Ageing is widely celebrated as a privilege, a new stage of opportunity, and a testament to a life lived, rather than merely a decline in youth. Famous figures emphasize that while getting older is inevitable, staying young in spirit, learning constantly, and embracing joy are choices that make the process beautiful.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 15 March** Catering **Black Dog Ride (Bruce Warburton)**
- 18 March** Australian War Museum Canberra Jane Murray
- 22 March** Catering Breakfast Botanic Gardens
- 25 March** DV Update Breakfast Invitation
- 25 March** TBC
- 27- 29 March** Multi District Conference Horsham
- 31 March** Art Show Meeting @ Brian Jenkins 5:30pm
- 1 April** Brophy Family and Youth Services TBC
- 8 April** Sandy Vanrenan
- 15 April** Home Hosting

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/>

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THE MEMBER WHO NEVER CAME BACK

It amuses me now to think that your organization spends so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time.

Don't you remember me?

I'm the person who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention.

I tried to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have her own friends to talk to and sit with.

I sat down among some unfamiliar faces several times, but nobody paid heed to me.

I hoped somebody would ask me to join a committee or to somehow participate but nobody ever did.

Finally, because of illness, I missed a meeting. No one had asked where I had been; I guess it did not matter whether I was there or not.

Who am I?

I'm the member who never came back.

Celebrations: this week

Birthday Josh Nelson 12th March Murray Menzel 16th March
And I think we may have missed Katrina Rainsford's significant birthday
Wedding Anniversary None
Inductions Marg Moffatt 15th March

District Notices

A new look Conference LAST CALL

Multi District Impact Summit Horsham 27-29 March 2026

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

Numbers will be limited so register NOW **Closes 15 March 2026**

Special guest Past RI President Jennifer Jones from Canada



WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH (WASH)

Key Aspects of Rotary's WASH Efforts:

Sustainability: Projects focus on training local communities to maintain infrastructure, ensuring long-term success rather than just installing hardware.

WASH in Schools: Initiatives provide toilets, water tanks, and handwashing stations, such as the comprehensive improvements at Dangan Elementary School.

Global Impact: Over 23 million people have gained access to safe water through Rotary projects.

Partnerships: Collaborations with organizations like USAID, World Vision, and UNICEF help scale up efforts.

Focus on Hygiene: Projects, particularly in schools, promote handwashing and sanitation to enhance overall health.

Action Groups: The WASH Rotary Action Group (WASH-RAG) offers technical expertise for developing high-quality, sustainable projects.

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Other Key positions for 2025-26

Risk Assessment Bruce Wheeler **Programs** John Main **Club History** Ian Black

Art Show Brian Jenkins **Sheepvention Catering** Simon Wilson

Domestic Violence Project Kevin Safe **Youth Protection** Heather Ward

Links to Club

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Meetings held

The Speckled Frog 6pm

Wednesdays

Guest Speaker – Alison Richmond, Aged Care Services

Members appreciated an informative presentation from Alison Richmond Executive Director of Aged Care WDHS (Western District Health Service) Alison was introduced by Rotary Partner Gillian Jenkins who is a Board member of WDHS

Alison outlined the range of aged care services available locally and explained how people can access support through the My Aged Care assessment process. She spoke about the eight funding levels now available, along with personalised care plans and individual budgets designed to support older people to remain independent and safe at home.

The presentation also highlighted funding for assistive technology and home modifications, as well as end-of-life care pathways. Alison noted that while many services are government funded, some participants may be required to make a small co-contribution depending on their circumstances.

Alison was more than happy to answer questions.

Key Contacts:

- My Aged Care: 1800 200 422
- Website: www.myagedcare.gov.au
- Western District Health Service Aged Care: www.wdhs.net/agedcare

The session provided a helpful overview of how the system works and the services available to help people maintain choice, independence and quality of life as they age.

