



Weekly Bulletin

News, Reports and Rosters



President	Brian Jenkins	Rotary Foundation	Noel Howard
Vice president	Simon Wilson	Community	Rose Howard
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Please note change of email address for the bulletin bulletin@rotaryhamilton.org.au

Meeting held on 11 May 2022 - Pride of Workmanship Awards

James Dishon welcomed Rotarians and guests to the meeting at the Grangeburn. Guests for the evening were: Carla and Brad Mayfield, Janine Cottrill, Daryl and Jeanette Albert, Heather and Colin Hilsdon, Rick and Melissa Shewell (plus baby)

President Brian Jenkins updated us on celebrations, upcoming meetings, and district notices. Several items of club business were advised:

- Board meeting next Wednesday at 4pm on Zoom (both old and new boards to attend)
- Film night for Polio Plus to be held on June 9. The movie is "The Duke"

Noel Howard mentioned several items:

- Bowelscan kits are available at James Dean Pharmacy. The program will be advertised in the Spectator and on 3HA
- The Rotary Foundation appeal for Ukraine has now closed, but donations can be made for other causes. The preferred method of donation is through MyRotary.



Simon Wilson spoke about Sheepvention. This year it will again be run over 3 days. A short meeting will be held after the normal meeting finishes for people prepared to help with organisation. Issues for discussion include:

- Do we have adequate people to erect and run our stall?
- Who will be available to work on the stall? – all members to contact Simon to discuss their availability
- Members to approach other people who might be prepared to assist us e.g. past Rotarians, family members and friends

Simon also asked members to review the current club directory and notify him of any required changes.

The raffle made \$132.50, and the prize of a hamper donated by Lyn Christie, was won by our guest Rick Shewell. The prize for 25 May is being donated by Murray Elliott.

Peter Hargreaves donated a bottle of wine for the raffle and it was won by Barry Little after Bob Cadden insisted on it being re-drawn as he doesn't drink wine.

Next Meeting May 18 Pastoral Museum

Apologies by midday Monday

\$30 pp, partners welcome

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Roast and sweets always a very good meal.

Pride of Workmanship Awards

James Dishon read the citations for the 5 awardees present and the 3 unable to attend and presented plaques to those in attendance.



James Dishon Darryl Alberts Janine Cottrill Heather Hilsdon Carla Mayfield Rick Sherwell Brian Jenkins absent Marten Chen, Ken Campbell and Jamie Caruana

Recipients were

- Rick Shewell (Proprietor of Shattered Phone and PC Repair),
- Heather Hilsdon (former proprietor of the Catalpa Restaurant at Tarrington),
- Daryl Albert (Manager of the Uniting Church's Argyle Shop),
- Marten Chin (Southern Grampians Shire Council Natural Resources Field Officer),
- Janine Cottrill (Practice Manager Fire Station Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic).
- Ken Campbell (HILAC Life Saver /Pool Attendant),
- Jamie Caruana (Manager Mr Magic Car Wash)
- Carla Mayfield (Robson's Guardian Pharmacy Dispensary Technician).

Roster for coming meetings						
	Cashier	Chairman	Social/bar	Fellowship	Property	Bulletin
18 May	Bob Cadden	NR				

District Notices

Assembly for Clubs “Going Places”

The link to registration is on the District 9780 webpage

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

- [Guide to District Website – 18 May Online 7.15pm](#)
- [Tour of Rotary Club Central - 26 May Online 7.15pm](#)
- [District Change Over – 3 July - Ballarat \(12.00 noon to 3.00pm\)](#)



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 Both Lorraine and Marg Moffatt have recently had eye surgery. Beth Wilkinson would love to have members drop by.

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

Birthdays this week	Anniversary	Inductions
Val Wilkinson 15 May		James Dunn 11 May - 6 years Bruce Warburton 11 May - 45 years



Coming up	
May - Youth Service Month	
16	Harness Racing Gates
18	Joint Board meeting of the outgoing and incoming Boards at 4.00pm on Wednesday 18 May by ZOOM. Social Night at Pastoral Museum
25	Nicole Kerr Walking the Heysen Trail SA
June - Rotary Fellowships Month	
1	Changeover at the Grangeburn Partners welcome
8	WDHS – Update on MRI Appeal TBC
9	Movie Fundraiser for Polio Plus “The Duke” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thursday 9 June 2022 ○ The film is “The Duke” starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren ○ We need a small committee to organise this event – please contact Brian ○ The cinema holds 120 people
17	Harness Racing Gates
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.

Water for Community

Thanks to the grant from Wannon Water "Ripple Effect" our drinking water station has been installed by Finchett's Plumbing at our Brumley Park Playground.

This completes our 100 Years of Rotary in Australia project.



Bendigo Bank Community Bank Beaufort



Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 June 10am - 5pm
Monday 13 June 10am - 2pm
Admission \$10 (includes Devonshire Tea)
Beaufort Shire Hall, Lawrence St, Beaufort

Official Opening
Friday 10 June 7.30pm
\$25pp
(bookings essential, ph. 0427 492 082)

Check out www.pyreneesartexhibition.org for more details.



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/rotaryhamiltonvica>

ROTARY & INTERPLAST A GOOD NEWS STORY

Bethany lives in Papua New Guinea. As a 3-year-old, she had burns contractures so severe that she had never had the opportunity to learn to walk.

Terrible burns to her right hip, sustained as a toddler, resulted in her knee and upper thigh being pulled up onto her torso as she grew older and the burnt skin contracted as it healed.

With her upper leg fused to her torso, Bethany could not straighten her right leg, let alone learn to walk and run and play with other children.

During an Interplast surgical team visit to PNG pre-COVID, Bethany was able to receive surgery that would literally repair her body and rebuild her life.

Despite losing power during the procedure because of a torrential tropical storm and resulting lightning strikes, relying on only 20 remaining minutes' worth of backup generator power to supply the ventilator, and iPhone torches held by nurses around the operating table for light, Australian specialist surgeon and Interplast volunteer Professor Mark Ashton remarked on Bethany's "life-changing operation" he was proud to have been able to complete.

"We have been able to release the scar on her right leg and right hip and through a series of local flaps, we have been able to take a graft from her left hip and use it to replace the skin on her right. In doing that, we have been able to get her leg completely straight," he explained post-operatively.

"Once the graft has taken, we will take the dressings off and she will be able to walk for the first time in her life, and hopefully, in two to three weeks, start running."



Bethany's Mum holding her little girl on the way to the operating theatre. Bethany's right leg shown in its contracted position.



Bethany with her Mum before her surgery

Burns are a leading cause of unintentional, life-threatening injuries among young children, particularly in developing nations across the Asia-Pacific, where open fires and burners that use fuel like kerosene or oil are often used for heating and cooking.

Both surgery and post-operative rehabilitation are essential to returning function after a severe burn, particularly in children where burn contractures will stifle ongoing growth, often resulting in disability.

"If Bethany had not had this operation, because her body would continue to grow, it would mean her hip would become slowly and progressively more disfigured and that she would end up with a dislocation of the hip, or her hip would become so deformed that it would be unusable," Prof Ashton explained. "(Now) for the first time she will be able to walk and when she is older, to run.

So, 30-40 minutes in an operating theatre and you can transform a life and make a child walk again. It's not a bad day at the office."

With Rotary's support, patients like Bethany can benefit from Interplast's help, even though our volunteer teams can't travel to our partner countries at the moment.

During the COVID-19 pandemic Interplast is funding surgeries for patients like Bethany, and continuing to provide remote training and mentoring for clinicians throughout Papua New Guinea and other developing Asia-Pacific nations.

For more information please contact your Interplast District Chair or Janette on janette.etherington@interplast.org.au



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