

President Noel welcomed members and guests Robin Landvogt and Margi McIntyre to our meeting. Welcome back to Kevin and Leo who have been actively involved in the fires out at the air base.

Club Notices

- Working Bee at Rotary Shed small number attended and need to make a checklist of tasks required.
- Letter from Tori Ball in Durham UK with updates on her studies.
- Tomra Can recycling – you need to reset app to select Rotary Hamilton as your charity.
- RYLA applications – do you know anyone suitable.

Blaze Aid Update

Current Numbers working and being fed range from 40 to 50

65 Properties have registered for assistance.

23 Properties or 32% are completed

138 Km of fencing has been cleared

84 Km of new fencing has been erected.

Over 3016 working days have been done.

2006 + Meals have been provided and the average age of the Volunteers is 56, with many backpackers helping to lower that.

The Coordinating Staff have been changing as needed for breaks.

District Notices

- District Conference Mar. 21, 2025 - Mar. 23, 2025
<https://rotary9780.org/sitepage/district-conference-2025/>

A Journey to Vietnam: Jenny and Robyn's Experience

Jenny Hurse and her sister Robin have been visiting Vietnam for the past 16 years. Robin having worked there in 2005.

During their recent travels, they had the opportunity to reconnect again with their friend Chai McCann, who has been dedicating her efforts to a wonderful cause: the Hearing and Beyond project.

Some of their introductory slides showed the vibrant culture and stunning landscapes particularly around Hoi An where the project is based.

The Success of Hearing and Beyond in Vietnam

Hearing and Beyond began as a modest initiative with just three students. Thanks to Chai's unwavering dedication and passion, the project has now expanded to support over 30 students. This growth is a testament to the power of perseverance and the transformative impact of providing opportunities for those with hearing impairment.

The students involved in this program receive education and support tailored to their unique needs. Many have achieved personal milestones, such as learning to communicate effectively and gaining confidence in social settings. Their successes not only enrich their lives but also inspire their communities.

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Birthdays

None

Wedding Anniversaries

Noel and Rose Howard 12/02

Sue and Peter Irvin 12/02

Induction Anniversaries



Coming club events

2025

19 February Brian Jenkins Northern Hemisphere Adventures.

24 March (Monday) Combined meeting with the RC Portland Visit to SW Fibre at Myamyn and dinner at the Condah Hotel.

Weekly social events

Bike Riders: meet each Thursday morning, 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

Launch of **Barrie Aarons Book**

Hamilton Library

Thursday 20th February 2pm

Booking essential Phone 0427 052 578



By contributing to this cause, you can help ensure that more students can learn and grow, making a lasting impact on their lives. If you wish to donate or learn more about the project, please reach out to Chai via their official website or contact information provided on their social media platforms. Together, we can support the incredible work being done in Vietnam and beyond.

www.hearingandbeyondinvietnam.org

February - World Understanding Month

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar because it includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated as the World Understanding and Peace Day.



February is peace month in Rotary

