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News and Notes from our Meeting 14 February 2024

@The Speckled Frog

Noel Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting including guests Ian Aranyosi District 9780 Chair for **Donate Life** and Shirley Marendaz, Rachel McLeod, and Glenis Watson, Shamim Mahabeer (ICU nurse WDHS) and Barrie Aarons.

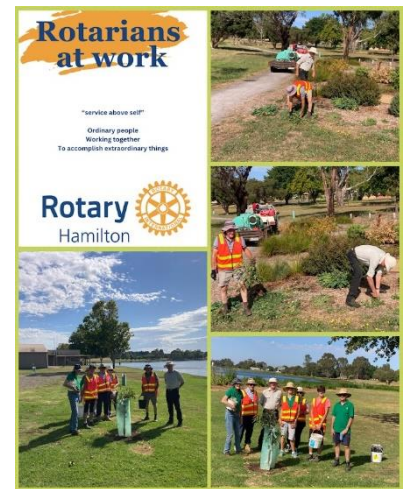
Club Notices

Environmental

Gerri Griffin reported on a successful WORKING BEE on Tuesday 13th down at the lake to fertilize all newly planted trees on the West side. 7 Rotarians and a partner were involved, and the task was completed in about an hour before a relaxing morning tea provided by Gerri and Marg Moffatt in the picnic rotunda.

Lids for Kids

Lids marked 2,4 or 5 or CSI, BEVCAP, or BERRI stamped inside are OK.
 Long-life milk 3 prong
 Large lids bigger than a credit card place in recycling bins
 Lids smaller than 10 cents are rubbish unless marked as above.
 Gerri will collect bread tags and lids.
 Anyone can drop lids into the Community House @19 Sedwick St.
 Please make sure lids are clean and if possible colour sorted.



New Year's Eve Family event

James Dishon and Simon Wilson reassured us that there is no reason why this should not go ahead. It was never a council issue (our challenge was with risk management from Rotary which can be solved by applying much earlier) Council is very supportive. A new coordinator is required as James is stepping down but will offer all support to his successor

Domestic Violence Committee.

Community Conversation meeting on 27th March at Hamilton Golf Club 6:30pm Guest speaker will be Simone O'Brien domestic violence survivor and advocate. The Shire of Southern Grampians, Hamilton Police and The Orange Door are supporting this initiative. Members will be asked to personally contact groups/people to attend.



District notices

Strathdownie meeting (meeting of formerly Group 1 clubs) will be on Sunday 19/5 at lunch time to allow Bordertown and Naracoorte clubs to attend.

Guest Speaker

Ian Aranyosi, accompanied by his partner Shirley Marendez, both from the Rotary Club of Bayside Geelon spoke on **DONATE FOR LIFE**.

Ian spoke passionately about Organ Donation, noting that there is a week (Sunday 28 July to Sunday 4 August) when awareness of this program is particularly promoted.

On the figures In Australia

- 170,000 deaths per year
- 80,000 deaths occur in hospital.
- 1,500 donors identified and available.
- 1,800 people are awaiting donation, or will likely die this year
- +1,400 people are on permanent kidney dialysis unless a donor is found.

Everyone is a potential donor and can sign up through <https://www.donatelife.gov.au/> with their Medicare number as the identifier. Ian noted that the old system registering through drivers' licenses is no longer current as it is now a national register. It is important to discuss your intentions with your family, as they need to give final approval of any organ donation.

On a personal level, Ian told of his wife Heather who died in hospital after a major car crash. She had pledged donation of her organs; Ian and his sons agreed to the decision when it was obvious that she could not survive. They have subsequently had cards of thanks from anonymous recipients to whom she gave life.

Some of those present were able to confirm or register as organ and tissue donors while Ian was there, and all are urged to become organ donors.



District Conference Registrations are open for **District Conference** Mt Gambier 15th to 17th of March 2024. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1120561>

Four members and partners have already registered. It would be wonderful to see a few more support our DG Ian Mackay. You will have a great time.

Club roster

Date	Cashier	Raffle Sales	Chairman	Computer Setup	Bulletin
21/02/2024	Bob Cadden	Bruce Wheeler	John Main	Simon Wilson	Jenni Barke
28/02/2024	Bob Cadden	Geetha Yoga	Noel Howard	Simon Wilson	David Indian

Coming Events

Date	Venue	Program	Other information
21/02/2024	The Speckled Frog	Sustainable Plastic Solutions Elisha Nettleton	Meal first then visits to site at Hensley Park
22/02/2024	Uniting Church Food Bank	Roster	Jenni Hurse and Heather Ward
28/03/2024	TBA		
06/03/2024	Coleraine Railway Station	Joint meeting with Casterton Rotary	BBQ
13/03/2024	TBA		
15- 17 March	Mount Gambier	District Conference	
20/03/2024		Locky Paterson	Elders Hamilton
27/03/2024	Hamilton Golf Club	Family Violence Community meeting	Guest Speaker Simone O'Brien

<p>Celebrations for February Birthdays None Wedding Anniversaries Peter and Sue Irvin 17/02 Induction Anniversaries Lyn Christie 10 years 19/02</p>
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<p>Bike Riders Thursdays - meet at Ansett Museum 9:00am Coffee at 9:35 at Tosca Browns Coffee @The Roxburgh Fridays 10:30am</p>
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