Rotary Hamilton Weekly Bulletin

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

14 OCTOBER 2026

Presidents Message

President Meg welcomed guest Jo Howell and guest speakers Holly Herrmann and Vicki Finch (CUC) Zoe Brinsden Manager CUC was an apology. She congratulated the club and particularly Art Show Director Brian Jenkins on a very succesful art show and announced upcoming club committments, and celebrations. The Rotary Art Show raffle was drawn by our guest speaker.

Emergency Medical Booklets available from James Dunn. This is one of our community prjects.

Please note that we have quite a few events coming up

21 October meeting Emily Eather - Amber Community Road Accident Support
26 October Harness Racing - 2 shifts to be filled see roster shared drive
28 October meeting Rural Aid - Noel Howard
29 October Art Show meeting 5:30pm at Brian's
31 October Emergency Services Day at Showgrounds (Promotion)
4 November meeting AGM guests invited Nomination forms available
1**3 November** WDHS Golf Day roster on shared drive
1**4 November** Dunkeld Races BBQ
Friday 27 NOVEMBER WALK FOR RESPECT see flyer
3 December DEECA Field Day Catering



Celebrations for the week ahead
Birthdays: John Main 15th
Wedding anniversaries: Simon and Ainsley Wilson 20th
Induction into Rotary None

Janet Ross was the first woman to join Rotary in Hamilton.
A nurse by profession
On leaving Hamilton she belonged to firstly Colac and finally Wendouree Breakfast Rotary. A long and valued Rotarian.

Please contact our **Welfare Officer** Margy McIntyre (0428 772 4030 privately if a fellow Rotarian could do with a friendly phone call, home or hospital visit



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 around Lake Hamilton
https://www.parkrun.com.au/register/

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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.

📢 **LEAD THE WAY IN 2027**

Call for Nominations at our November AGM

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is fast approaching this November, and we are officially calling on our passionate members to step into key leadership roles.

If you want to help shape our future direction, voice fresh perspectives, and make a tangible difference in our community, now is your time to step up!





October is designated as Economic and Community Development Month by Rotary International

https://www.rotary.org/en/our-work/growing-local-economies

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Other Key positions for 2026-27

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Art Show Brian Jenkins **Sheepvention Catering** Simon Wilson
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Meetings held
The Speckled Frog 6pm
Wednesdays

ART SHOW REPORT

Brian Jenkins, Art Show Director provided a report on a very successful art show thanking the many Rotarians and partners, sponsors, artists and guests that contributed to that success.

The quality of the art was impressive with entries from as far as Melbourne, Warrnambool and of course locally. The judge **James Henry** brought a fresh approach, especially with his inclusion of the artists in his presentation. Our guests artist Leanne Onley (3 times winner) expressed her delight at being asked. There was certainly a buzz in the room at our Gala Opening. We had wonderful sponsorship and 45 people now own a piece of art work thus enabling us to raise around $14,000 to contribute to funding our projects.

While everyone is valued. special acknowledgements went to Bob Cadden (managing finances. entries and sales), David Garfoot (and Helen), the receival team, Gillian Jenkins and Glenda Cadden for the hanging of paintings, Catering under the direction of Jenny Barke and Gerri Griffin, The bar managed by Rose Howard and team, Noel Howard for the screens and Bruce Warburton for the lighting. The Art Show committee including Lyn Christie (Sponsorship and flyers), Lorraine Wilson (Media/design, website and Facebook)

This was Brian's 10th Art Show and while he absolutely loves the role he encouraged others to think about taking on some of the major roles.

For more photos of the show including the winners check out our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/home.php

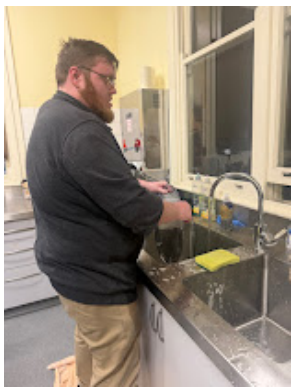




Judge James Henry with Young Artist Winnner Olivia Hardy



Brian Jenkins







Newest recruit Josh at the sink, some of the crowd and Guest Artist Leanne (RH) with Rotarian Kate Rainsford and Andrea Cross of Horsham

COUNTRY UNIVERSITIES CENTRE (CUC) SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS

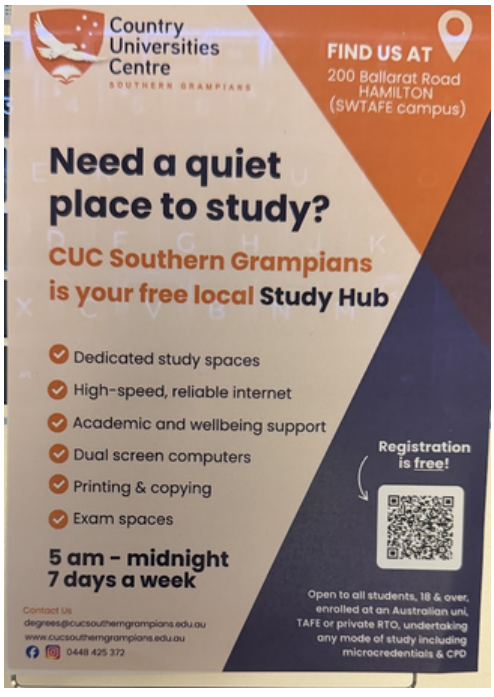
Our guest speakers Holly Herrmann and Vicki Finch introduced us to the **Country Universities Centre (CUC)** Southern Grampians, an initiative helping make tertiary education more accessible to people in our region. Located in Hamilton in the TAFE Ballarat Road Campus , CUC provides free study facilities, technology and academic support for students undertaking university and other eligible tertiary courses online.

The centre offers a quiet, supportive learning environment where students can study close to home, while remaining enrolled with their chosen education provider. CUC provides an important opportunity for local people to pursue further education, develop new skills and qualifications, and build their future without needing to relocate to a larger centre.

Funded Federally. The centre is already ahead of expectations, with 79 registered students as at 10 October 2026, exceeding its original first-year forecast of 75. The longer-term target is 200 students by June 2027.

More than 50% of students are the first in their family to study at this level, while 78% are women. Students are undertaking 12 different areas of study through 19 universities and TAFEs, as well as two private registered training organisations.
These figures demonstrate the demand for accessible further education and the important role CUC is playing in creating opportunities for people across our regional community.

Looking ahead, CUC aims to grow to 200 registered students by June 2027, while expanding its facilities and opportunities for community learning. Plans include providing Years 11 and 12 students with a study space beyond school or home, offering life, financial and lifestyle learning sessions, and building partnerships with universities, TAFE and local organisations.
Rotary was invited to visit the Hub, help spread the word to people considering further study, and explore opportunities to support a community education-focused project. This presents an opportunity for our club to learn more about CUC and how we might contribute to its future development.



Holly Herrmann. Widening Participation and Learning Skills Advisor
Vicki Finch Director for CUC Southern Grampians Ltd

