

Wednesday 16 April 2025

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President Noel welcomed everyone to the meeting including guests Beth Tonisson, Liz Cummins, Hugo Tang (Optometrist) Helen Clarke

Induction of new member

Margi McIntyre was welcomed as a new member with the classification hospitality and the portfolio of International. Her mentor is Heather Ward

Home Hosting

Many thanks to the four hosts (Cummin's, Radley's, Jenkins and Marg Moffatt, who graciously welcomed members into their homes. From all accounts the evening was a success with beautiful food, wine and great conversation.

Community Group meeting hosted at Hamilton. Clubs from our group met and Noel has accepted the position as RCL Rotary Community Leader

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District Governor

Birthdays

Bob Cadden 11/04

David Indian 13/04

Pam Wheeler 16/04

Barry Litle 19/04

Wedding Anniversaries

James and Colleen Dunn
17/04

John and Jenny Barke 18/04

Kevin and Carolyn Safe
19/04/1965

Induction Anniversaries

Rose Howard 18/04



Strathdownie

Around 60 Rotarians from the Border clubs gathered for our annual group get together at the Strathdownie Hall. Once again, the local hall committee provided us with a delicious casserole lunch.



This year was the inaugural Neil Dickins Memorial Challenge - Pétanque. A "hotly" contested competition saw Mount Gambier Rotary club take home the trophy.



Our team was knocked out in the first round (Jenny Barke, Rose Howard, John Barke, Lorraine Wilson and Peter Wilson)



Congratulations to Kevin and Carolyn Safe who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 19 April.

Noted that Kevin has been a Rotary member for 45 of those years

Happy Diamond Anniversary. Wishing you both continued love and happiness."

Coming Club Events

23 April NO MEETING

25 April Anzac Day – our club will lay a wreath at the Hamilton Service.

30 April TBA Fiji Projects

7 May Aggie Stevenson Native grasslands in Western Victoria.

14 May TBA

21 May Pastoral Museum

28 May Club Night

25 June Club Changeover

District Notices

- **PETS (President Elect Training) 24 May in Horsham**
- **District Assembly 25 May in Horsham**
- **District Changeover in Nhill June 6th**

Registration will be available online

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

The Rotary theme for April 2025 Environmental Month

April 22nd, Earth Day is a global day to raise awareness and action for environmental protection.

Every year since 1970, the day has been set aside to focus on mobilizing for action to protect our planet.

The [Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group](#) (ESRAG) assists Rotary clubs, districts and multi-districts in building awareness, inspiring action, and planning service projects that focus on environmental sustainability, awareness of climate change, and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Beth Tonisson: A Journey of Resilience and Achievement

Beth Tonisson is an inspiring local woman, whose life is a testament to resilience, adaptability, and success despite facing significant challenges. Diagnosed with cones and rods dystrophy (recessive gene) at the young age of seven, Beth has navigated life with limited vision, yet she has achieved remarkable milestones in her personal and professional journey.

Beth's diagnosis of legally blind meant that she would face significant visual impairment. Despite her condition, she completed her schooling with determination and perseverance. Her love for music became a driving force in her life, and she pursued it passionately, reaching the 8th grade in piano and studying at university. This dedication to music laid the foundation for her future endeavours.

Beth's musical achievements did not stop with her education. She became a teacher and a musician, sharing her love for music with others. Her role as a choir conductor showcases her ability to lead and inspire people through music, despite the challenges posed by her visual impairment.

Beth's journey is not without its difficulties. She experiences the world through wobbly shapes, and glare poses a significant issue for her vision. To navigate these challenges, she uses a cane and relies heavily on her memory and extensive practice. Tools like a magnifier assist her in managing daily tasks, demonstrating her ability to adapt and find solutions.

Beth's life is rich and varied. She is not only a dedicated teacher and musician but also a bike rider, enjoying the freedom and thrill of cycling with a tandem bike. Her personal life is equally fulfilling; she is a wife and mother, roles that she embraces with love and dedication. At home, everything has its place, and her family assists her in maintaining this order, highlighting the strong support system she has. A very inspiring guest speaker.



Beth and Noel



Heather, Margi and Noel

**Earth
Day
2025**

Our Power. Our Planet.

Notes

Blaze Aid District Appeal has raised \$34,000

Donation to Queensland Flood Appeal \$1000

Thank you from Black Dog Ride

Report on End Trachoma

HIRL fundraiser The Ted Kenna Story see flyer

2026 District Conference in Horsham and will be a Multi District event. (26- 29 March)