

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Bob welcomed members including guests Liz Cummins, Peter Wilson, Alison Richmond and guest speaker Jane Murray (full report on page 3)

Notes and Reminders

Black Dog Ride Breakfast catered for 140 riders with a \$220 donation to the mental health promotion charity. Thanks to those who helped. Bruce mentioned that the sound of their departure was 'Awesome!'

Rural Womens Breakfast this Sunday - 7am Botanical Gardens Serving 120 between 8:30am and 9:30am

Behind the Toilet Door posters distributed thanks to James Dishon for coordinating the volunteers

Global Scholarship Recipient Tori Ball requesting support in an application for further funding to complete her PHD (see short report of her current project) We will endorse her application.

Victoria Police Leaders Program request for support for this mentoring program The Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program (VPLMP) is a long-standing initiative designed to build leadership capability through partnerships with the business community and Rotary.



Rotarian Ian Black who is an avid historian and researcher with the Hamilton History Centre connected with Jane over some interesting historical photos found in Hamilton, and the book **Hamilton Remembers World War Two (1939-1945)**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 22 March** Catering Breakfast Botanic Gardens 7am
- 25 March** DV Update Breakfast Invitation 7am
- 25 March** Community House Debra King
- 27- 29 March** Multi District Impact Summit Horsham
- 31 March** Art Show Meeting @ Brian Jenkins 5:30pm
- 1 April** Sandy Vanrenan Hosting and benefits of Exchange Travel
- 8 April** TBC
- 15 April** Home Hosting

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.

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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TORI Ball- Rotary Foundation Global Scholarship Grant Recipient.

I am now in my sixth month of twelve months of fieldwork and research is going well. I have been conducting field visits on farms as well as interviewing farmers and other people involved in agriculture in different parts of Deniliquin and the surrounding region. While I am only half way through fieldwork and can't make conclusions just yet, I have already learned a lot about what climate change means in this part of the world, and I have learned a lot about the different social factors that are driving change in certain farming practices, as well as the factors that are making other changes harder to achieve. As well as volunteering at numerous community events with Rotary (they are a very busy club!) I have been volunteering with the film society, the women's garden and the Landcare group. All of these spaces have created opportunities for me to learn about climate issues off-farm, and have also enabled me to give back to the community who have been very generous in sharing their knowledge and time with me. I am still on track to finish fieldwork and begin writing up my thesis in October this year

Celebrations: this week
Birthday None
Wedding Anniversary None
Inductions David Hayes 24 years.

District Notices



MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH (WASH)

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Other Key positions for 2025-26

Risk Assessment Bruce Wheeler **Programs** John Main **Club History** Ian Black

Art Show Brian Jenkins **Sheepvention Catering** Simon Wilson

Domestic Violence Project Kevin Safe **Youth Protection** Heather Ward

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Meetings held

The Speckled Frog 6pm

Wednesdays

Guest Speaker – Jane Murray Insight into the Australian War Memorial

Those present enjoyed an engaging presentation from Jane, currently Volunteer Services Team Leader at WDHS, who previously spent 23 years working with the Australian War Memorial as Curator of Touring Programs.

Since 1999 the Memorial has developed a wide range of special and travelling exhibitions that bring stories of Australia's military history, remembrance and the human impact of conflict to communities across the country. Jane's role involved developing and coordinating exhibitions that could tour to regional galleries and museums, ensuring these stories were shared well beyond Canberra.

Jane spoke movingly about her favourite place in the Memorial, the **Roll of Honour**, where more than 102,000 names of Australians who lost their lives in service are recorded. The names appear without rank or Christian names, reflecting the idea that in death all are equal. To help visualise the number, Jane compared it to a full house of smiling faces at the Melbourne Cricket Ground—a powerful reminder that each name represents a life, a family and a generation affected by war.

Jane highlighted two travelling exhibitions that illustrate the personal side of military history. **Remember Me: The Lost Diggers of Vignacourt**, which was displayed at Hamilton Gallery in 2017, tells the remarkable story of portraits taken by the Thuillier family in a small French village during World War I. Australian soldiers passing through the area sat for photographs which were captured on glass plates, printed as postcards and sent home to loved ones. Discovered decades later in a trunk, the collection of more than 800 photographs provides a deeply human glimpse of young soldiers far from home.

Jane also spoke about **Ink in the Lines**, an exhibition exploring tattoos within the Australian Defence Forces. While tattoos can be expressions of identity and belonging, many also serve as permanent reminders of service, comradeship and those who have been lost.

In reflecting on her work, Jane noted that a successful exhibition needs to be memorable, capture attention, be built on strong research and sometimes challenge the way we think about history.

President Bob thanked Jane for a thoughtful and informative presentation that offered a behind-the-scenes look at how the Australian War Memorial shares powerful stories of service and remembrance with communities across Australia.

At the Australian War Memorial visitors will see the Roll of Honour, the Hall of Memory, military aircraft and vehicles, and exhibitions sharing the stories and sacrifices of Australians who served in war from the Boer War to Current times.

