

Presidents Message

President Meg welcomed members and guests Liz Cummins and Scott Savage to our meeting. Dawn Cay is at the Mundi Mundi Bash, Heather Ward is in Canada and Murray Menzel is still sunning himself up north and quite a few others are missing in action!

Some reports

Sheepvention - Simon Thanked everybody

DV Peter Irvin Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships Professional Development 2 Day Workshop for Primary School Educators 31 Aug /1 September

Members invited to attend the first session on Monday 9:15-10:30am but need to let Peter know beforehand.

Marg Moffatt has a catering team but needs help with biscuits and slices for morning teas. Please contact her. 0417 105 306

Science Challenge Leo will put a proposal to the Board

International - Glenn attended the Portland Rotary Club meeting last week. The Rotarians and guests spoke about their recent trip to Fiji Rotahomes project. Some of the activities undertaken while in Koroipita included: Distribution of donated bras. Helping out child health nurses to check young babies. Repairs to structure and shade cloth of orchid houses. Painting of a house in Koroipita.

The new building process at Koroipita K5 involves 30 locals on the building team. This is a success story because locals are now building the rest of the village.

There may be an opportunity for Australian Rotarians to help if there is major construction at Koroipita in the future. And for qualified builders to upskill the Koroipita builders.



Lyn Christie former Director of Pharmacy at WDHS introduced Scott Savage



Portland club members at Fiji

UPCOMING EVENTS

26 August Bali School Kids Project - Lorraine Wilson

31 August/1 September DV Project see notes above

2 September - Luke Frost Exercise Physiologist WDHS

9 September NO MEETING

16 September Chris Simson - Why am I here?

23 September TBC

ART SHOW 8-11 OCTOBER

Setting up and receiving of Art work 5-7 October

Gala Evening 8th October

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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Zone 8 redistricting proposal.

Members will have received an email from Paul Barrett District Secretary. **Check your emails.**

It includes documents you can read for more information and links to a recording of the online information session held this week. Our club will record a vote next week.

Zone 8 is being redistricted because declining membership has left several districts below the viable size, making the current structure increasingly difficult to sustain. The aim is to create stronger, more sustainable districts with boundaries that better reflect geography, culture and administrative jurisdictions, enabling Rotary to better support clubs and communities.

Celebrations this week**Birthdays None**

Wedding Anniversary Rhonda and John Main 21 August

Inductions

Dawn Kay 20th August

Gerri Griffin 24th August

Welfare Officer

Marg McIntyre has taken on the role of Welfare Officer for the Club. Marg is there to keep in touch with members and offer support when needed.

Please feel free to contact Marg if you are unwell, need a little help, or if you know of another member or someone connected with the Club who may need support.

A friendly call or visit can make all the difference. 0428 772 403

In Rotary International, August is designated as **Membership and New Club Development Month** (also known as Membership and Extension Month). It is a dedicated time for clubs worldwide to focus on growing their membership, engaging and retaining current members, and starting new chapter.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD MAKE A GOOD MEMBER? HAVE YOU EVER ASKED THEM?

President

Meg Waton

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TBA

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Brian Jenkins

Secretary

Lyn Christie

Treasurer

Bob Cadden

Immediate Past President

Bob Cadden

Community

James Dunn

Environment

Marg Moffatt/Gerri Griffin

Vocational

Bruce Wheeler

International

Glenn Howell

Youth

Leo Cummins

Rotary Foundation/IT Support

Simon Wilson

Catering

Bruce Warburton

Public Image/Social Media**Bulletin Editor**

Lorraine Wilson

District Governor

Toni Thiel (Casterton)

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Other Key positions for 2026-27

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 **Welfare** Marg McIntyre

Links to Club

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Meetings held

The Speckled Frog 6pm

Wednesdays

WHAT PHARMACISTS REALLY DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT LOOKING

Recently appointed Director of Pharmacy at WDHS, Scott shared his extensive experience in pharmacy with members, having worked as a Director of Pharmacy in rural, metropolitan and international settings, as well as serving as a pharmacy regulator and community pharmacy manager.

He began by asking members about their experiences with pharmacies and whether they understood the differences between the role of a community pharmacist and a hospital pharmacist.

Scott explained the “two worlds of pharmacy”. While community pharmacists are perhaps the most familiar, providing prescriptions, vaccinations, medication advice, diabetes support and other services, hospital pharmacists have a much broader and often less visible role. They work in areas including intensive care, emergency, oncology and surgical wards, as well as medication safety, research, policy development and teaching doctors and nurses.

When a patient is admitted to hospital, it is vital that the pharmacist knows exactly what medications they are currently taking. This information helps the medical team make safe and informed decisions about the patient's care. In oncology, medications may be individually prepared for each patient, while in intensive care there can be multiple infusions, life-support medications and continuous monitoring.

Scott also compared the health systems of Australia and England, highlighting differences in the way pharmacy and health services operate in the two countries. England has the NHS system, with a greater emphasis on clinical pharmacists on hospital wards, while Australia has a strong community pharmacy network, the PBS and expanded vaccination services, particularly important in rural areas.

To conclude, Scott spoke about his personal involvement in the treatment and response to patients following the London bombings, providing members with a fascinating insight into the role pharmacists can play during major emergencies and critical events.

It was an informative presentation that gave members a much greater appreciation of the many roles pharmacists undertake, both within our community and behind the scenes in hospitals.

Scott's five important points for everyone to remember included:

1. **Keep an up-to-date list of all your medications** – including prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines and supplements, and take it with you when attending hospital.
2. **Know your allergies** and make sure health professionals are aware of them.
3. **Know why you are taking each medication** and follow the prescribed directions.
4. **Keep your medication information up to date**, particularly when medicines are changed or stopped.
5. **Ask questions** if you are unsure about a medication or treatment.



Some other facts about Scott
He is a member of the Freemasons and CFA
He is learning to play the bagpipes.

