

Wednesday 19 February 2025

The email address for the bulletin@rotaryhamilton.org.au

President Noel welcomed Murray Elliot back - how nice to see him up and out. Visitors were Gillian Jenkins and Doug Gardiner, Margie McIntyre and Phil Wheaton..

Next meeting will be on THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY IN LIEU OF OUR WEDNESDAY MEETING.

It is a joint meeting with Casterton Rotary at Coleraine. Please mark attendance/apology on **Shared Drive by Friday** – partners most welcome

Dinner at the **National Smokehouse Hotel** – please order from the menu at the hotel on way for a quick visit to the **Peter Francis Points Arboretum** home to the official Eucalyptus Collection of Australia, The arboretum is a 370-hectare reserve boasting over 12,000 native plants. It is recognised as the most extensive collection of eucalyptus species in the Southern Hemisphere. The guest speaker will tell us about this. **Be at the Arboretum 6 for 6:15 pm**



Club reports

- TICKETS FOR the DG’s partner RAFFLE are still available. \$10.00 each. Prized is a super doper rocking horse. Proceeds to RAM
- Leo Cummins advised that a student from Monivae has applied for overseas YOUTH EXCHANGE next year. He asked for the members comments regarding our sponsorship of an outgoing student before the Board decision.
- Kevin Safe spoke about our program raising awareness of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. The committee is considering labelled take-way cups from local cafés, posters for public toilets, a presence at the first footy match to be held at Melville Oval this year. Contact has been made from a group in Casterton interested in our program
- Rose Howard noted that it can be difficult to find a Rotary contact for potential members without access to the internet. However, the monthly “What’s on in Hamilton” is a publication with that information and available at the library. And the Tourist Information Centre

District Notices

- District Conference Mar. 21, 2025 - Mar. 23, 2025
<https://rotary9780.org/sitepage/district-conference-2025/>
- Blaze Aid Update - Our district has now contributed \$40,000
- Shelter Box Australia - \$300,000 our district contributed \$27,820

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Birthdays

Ainsley Wilson 26/02
Helen Garfoot 27/07

Wedding Anniversaries

Glenda and Bob Cadden
25/02

Induction Anniversaries

Lyn Christie 19/02



Coming club events

2025

Next week

26 February Thursday Joint meeting with Casterton at Coleraine see notes earlier in bulletin for details

5 March DV project update

16 March Friday Black Dog Ride.

24 March (Monday) Combined meeting with the RC Portland Visit to SW Fibre at Myamyn and dinner at the Geen Hills Hotel.

26 March No meeting

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

Launch of Barrie Aarons Book

Hamilton Library

Thursday 20th February 2pm

February - World Understanding Month

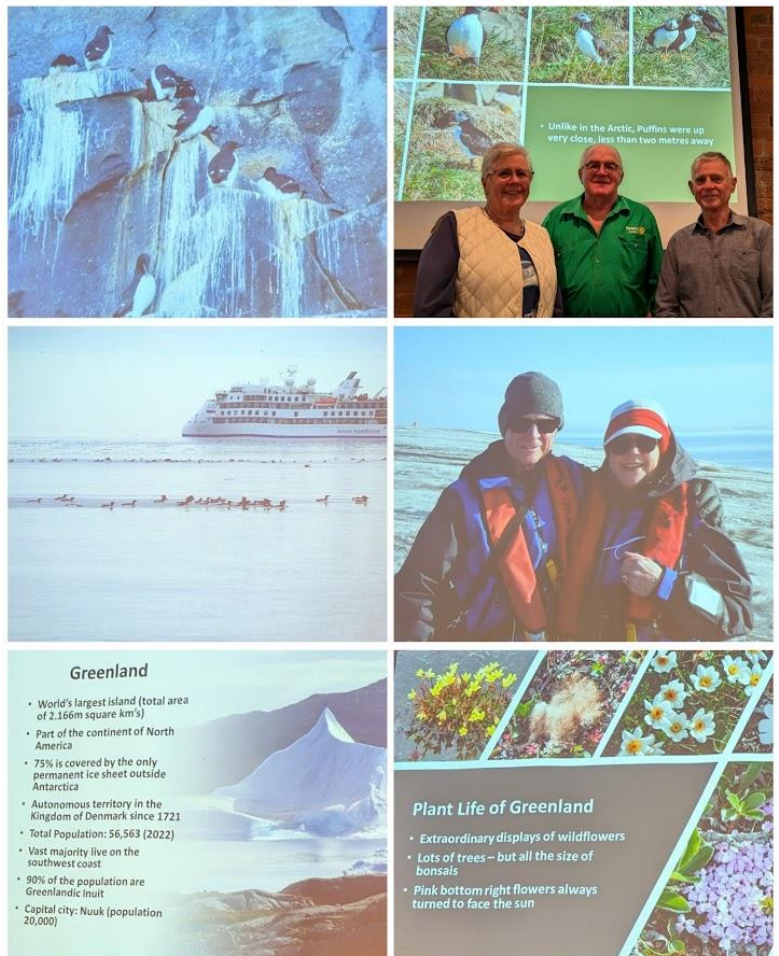
The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar because it includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated as the World Understanding and Peace Day.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY
120 YEARS**



**February is
peace month
in Rotary**

GUEST SPEAKER, BRIAN JENKINS. NORTHERN HEMISPHERE AND THE ARCTIC CIRCLE



- Aurora Expeditions is an Australian company
- Our ship was the Greg Mortimer, a Russian crewed ship, and it carries out research during the voyage.
- The cruise was 23 nights leaving from Reykjavik in Iceland to Longyearbyen in Svalbard at the top of the Arctic, travelling via the east coast of Greenland
- Tour was led by Greg Mortimer - famous Australian mountain climber who founded Aurora Expeditions in 1991
- 16 Aurora expedition guides and a staff and sailing crew of 80
- Richard Moorcroft was on board as a roving reporter
- Various Citizen Science projects

Thank you to Jenni Barke for the report on the next page and Rose for the photos of Brian's Slides.

GUEST SPEAKER, BRIAN JENKINS. NORTHERN HEMISPHERE AND THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

In the Northern summer of 2024 Brian and Gillian enjoyed a Cruise along the East coast of Greenland and to Svalbard, followed by a land tour of Iceland.

GREENLAND

Greenland has a population of 56,500 of whom 90% are Inuit. Nuuk is the capital. It is an autonomous part of Denmark.

70 travellers aboard the "Greg Mortimer" sailed the coast, with 16 landings from zodiacs. On board there were interesting lectures about the country with guides including Greg himself, adventurer and mountaineer.

Day temperatures were from 0o to 10°C, but icy when windy. Insulated and waterproof clothing was provided. Fog, mosquitoes, an exploding iceberg and zodiacs stuck within moving icefloes were encountered.

Being midsummer, many lovely flowers were encountered on land. Trees are all of bonsai size.

SVALBARD

Svalbard is a Norwegian archipelago closer to the Arctic Circle, the capital Longyearbyen with a population of about 2,500. It is an old coal mining area, the site of the Global Seed Bank. Skidoos the mode of transport but parked during summer.

History includes whaling to almost extinction of Bowhead Whales. Evidence of whaling station settlements is well preserved.

Being mid-summer, the sun did not set but sleeping was OK with heavy black-out curtains.

Gillian and Brian took part in bird-count estimates: 100,000 and 150,000 nesting Brunnichs Guillemots on narrow cliff ledges. Other seabirds included puffins and eider duck. As well they saw polar bears, walrus, arctic fox including the blue morph.

ICELAND

The capital, Reykjavik is a modern city with high rise buildings. The main industry is tourism, agriculture and aluminium smelting. Their guide had endless stories of the Icelandic sagas and about the country itself.

Iceland lies at the rift of the European and American tectonic plates. Hence, volcanoes, hot springs, hot waterfalls, and geysers.

In summer Iceland is green, agriculture includes sheep and horses, (breed known for gentleness and exported), some dairying.

Gillian and Bryan went on a glacier walk with crampons and through an ice cave. They also climbed a high peak in a howling gale.

What an awesome adventure.



COURTYARD FOR A CAUSE
Fundraiser for Western District Health Service



FRIDAY MARCH 21
6PM - 8PM

Tickets \$60

Handbury Courtyard
Hamilton Base Hospital
20 Foster Street

Ticket includes cocktail on arrival, beer, wine & canapes
family & friends welcome (18+)



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Arctic Terns telling stories from the North



Arctic Terns telling stories from the South



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