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President Noel welcomed everyone to the meeting including guest speaker Lachy Patterson Manager of Elders and Ross Dean

CLUB AND DISTRICT NOTICES

Next week's meeting will be held at the Hamilton Golf Club at 6.30 with guest speakers talking about **Domestic Violence**. A light supper will be served. Please wear your name badge and Rotary Shirt. We are the hosts.

Bordertown Rotary Club will be hosting a pizza night at the Recardis Estate at Penola to meet Rajenda Gautum from the Rotary Club of Kathmandu with which we partnered in a girl's school toilet project. 11/4 at 5.30 SA time. Please let Noel know if you plan to attend.

RAWCS has helped 207 families affected by floods in Victoria on the last 18 months with \$500 debit cards. Similar help is now available for bush fire affected folk of Penola and Dadswell's Bridge.

Marg Moffatt is at home in Hamilton being cared for by her daughter after her fall. James Dishon has damaged knee muscles and ligaments and is in hospital in Mount Gambier, but hoping to return to Hamilton soon.

Black Dog Motor Bike Ride

A successful BBQ Breakfast raised around \$500

Rotary Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot

From the District A Rotary Community Leader is still sought for our group of clubs. See Noel

District 9780 Conference Mount Gambier

Highlights

END POLIO Walk Gary Newton End Polio Saturday evening dinner

Natalie Cook- 5-time Olympian Beach Volleyball (awarded a PHF)

Michael Lapina – Opera Singer (DGE in Melbourne)

Five Keynote Speakers

Uncle Ken Jones Protecting the environment
Michael Sawyer OAM University of Adelaide Mental Health

Kirrilly DEAR – Run against Violence (Broken Hill to Sydney)

Nick Newling – Mental Health

<https://www.thechampions.org>

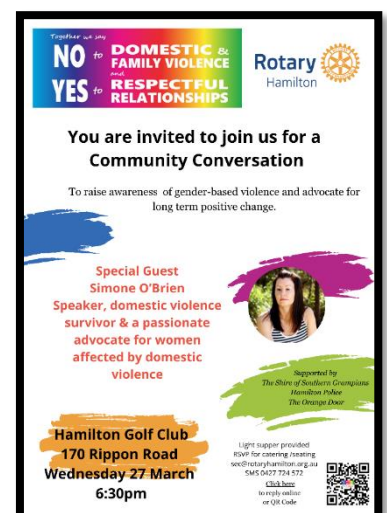
Lorimer Moseley University SA – Pain

<https://www.tamethebeast.org/>

Rotary Projects

Mahir Momand CEO RAWCS Service (A refugee himself) RYLA Defying the Drift

If you come away with ONE idea/thought /action It's not a waste of time.



Guest Speaker

Lachy Patterson, manager of Elders Hamilton spoke about Elders, the public company, and his role as our branch manager.

Overall, the company has been in existence for about 180 years and may be considered to be the most trusted agribusiness, offering a full range of skills and supplies to agriculture.

Total revenue is \$3.46 billion, of which \$3.3 million was donated to rural communities.

At Ravenshall, on the Western outskirts of Melbourne, Elders has built a fully automated wool receiving centre of 35,000 m2. There is full analysis and tracing of all bales.

Lachy was recruited to the new position of full-time manager of the Hamilton Branch. His role is to build and maintain a cohesive staff offering the full range of agricultural needs - farm supplies, livestock, rural real estate, stud stock, wool and agronomy. At present there are 25 permanent staff members and 7 casual employees.

The Hamilton Branch turnover in 2023 was:- \$30,000,000 rural real estate 11,000,000 rural products 20,000 wool 5,000 cattle 120,000 sheep About \$50,000 was donated to our community Elders residential real estate and Elders insurance are separate business entities in Hamilton

Lachy presently sees softening of all commodity prices, at least until it rains, and about a 10-15% decline in the value of rural real estate in our district.

CLUB C ALENDAR

26 March

Art Show Committee meeting

Brian Jenkins home 5:30 pm

27 March

Family Violence Community Meeting
Hamilton Golf Club 6:30pm

3 April TBA

10 April

Phil and Joyce Ogden

End Polio Bike Ride Adelaide to

Sydney

17 April

Jennifer Douglas

Back packs for kids

24 April

HOME HOSTING

19 May

District Training assembly

Horsham Town Hall

Members, please consider attending this.

25 May

Group1 Combined Lunch

Strathdownie



Breaking news

The first case of polio in 2024 has been detected in Pakistan, dashing hopes that the year might pass without any new cases.

CLUB ROSTER

27 March

Club members will be contacted to help at the Community Conversation

3 April (Program TBA)

Cashier Bob Cadden

Raffle Jenny Hurse

Chair Noel Howard

Computer Simon Wilson

Bulletin David Indian

Bike Riders

Thursdays - meet at Ansett

Museum 9:00am

Coffee at 9:35 at Tosca Browns

Coffee @The Roxburgh

Fridays 10:30am

Celebrations Birthdays

Kerryn Little 20 March

Liz Cummins 26 March

Wedding Anniversaries

None

Induction Anniversaries

David Hayes 20th March

Wishing James Dishon and Marg Moffatt a speedy recovery

Congratulations to our Environment Committee
DISTRICT 9780
SILVER ENVIRO AWARD

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