

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Bob welcomed members to our meeting at The Pastoral Museum. Guests included Shaun McCulloch (Hamilton Police) and partners were well represented - John Barke, Liz Cummins, Colleen Dunn, Judy Joyce, Mary Meagher, Wendy Radley, Peter Wilson and Ainsley Wilson.

This was our annual social meeting at the Pastoral Museum. Their members provided a delicious two course meal and we were warmed by their wood fire surrounded by some of their interesting memorabilia.

National Volunteer Week 2026 was celebrated across Australia from 18–24 May with the theme “Your Year to Volunteer.”

This year’s campaign recognised the many different ways people contribute to their communities and aligns with the 2026 United Nations International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development.

Rotarians proudly join with volunteers everywhere in acknowledging the incredible impact volunteers make every day – supporting community projects, helping those in need, building connections and creating positive change.

Many of our members wear many hats, volunteering not only through Rotary but also with numerous local organisations and community groups. Thank you to all volunteers for the time, care and dedication you give to make our communities stronger. 🧡💙

Rotary members give with open hands,
Helping communities across our lands.

They serve with kindness every day,
Quietly making change along the way.

Through friendship, service and hearts that care,
Rotarians show hope is everywhere.

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Celebrating Volunteer Week



Breakfast at Baimbridge College



Rotarian Jenny will be playing
in this concert
Frnds to WDHS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 21 May** Board Meeting online
- 27 May** Simon Wilson Google Drive Review (technology update)
- 31 May** Strathdownie (no details)
- 3 June** Club Service Budget Plan
- 10 June** Craig Goodman - The Art of Making Scrap Art
- 17 June** Brooke McLeod - The Science and Engineering Challenge
- 24 June** Changeover @The Speckled Frog
- 28 June** District Changeover in Casterton

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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District Notices



District Changeover at Finley's Emporium
Casterton
28 June 2026
12 noon

Casterton Rotarian Toni Thiele will be inducted
as the District Governor.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1587588>

Celebrations: this week

Birthday Heather Ward 22nd May

and Carolyn Safe 23rd May

Wedding Anniversary None

Inductions None

Our Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Centurion Program is a fundraising initiative, primarily in Australia and New Zealand, where members and friends donate at least AUD/NZD\$100 annually to The Rotary Foundation. It is a tax-deductible, personal contribution supporting global humanitarian, health, and education projects. Members often receive a certificate and a lapel badge.

Youth Service Month is so important. Through Rotaract and programs like Rotary Youth Exchange, young people build leadership skills, develop global understanding, and discover the impact they can make through service.

Rotary's Action Plan calls on us to enhance participant engagement. At its heart, that goal asks a simple question: How can we ensure that participation in Rotary is meaningful and fulfilling for everyone? Youth programs and Rotaract provide a powerful answer.

When clubs mentor Rotaractors, host exchange students, or support youth leadership initiatives, they create opportunities for members to share their experience in ways that feel personal and rewarding. These connections deepen members' sense of purpose and strengthen the bonds within our Rotary family.



President

Bob Cadden

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Catering

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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