

Wednesday 20 November 2024

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President Noel welcomed all present to our meeting see notes and calendar.

Peter Irvin's Insights on the Polio Eradication Program



Introduction

In 2005, Peter Irvin, a dedicated club member, embarked on a significant journey to India as part of a District team involved in the Polio Eradication Program. Peter shared his experiences and insights on this mission. His talk provided a comprehensive overview of the history of polio and the collaborative efforts between Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to eradicate this crippling disease worldwide.

The History of Polio

Polio, a highly infectious viral disease, predominantly affects children under the age of five. It can lead to irreversible paralysis and, in some cases, death. The fight against polio began in earnest in the mid-20th century with the development of vaccines by Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin. Despite these medical advancements, polio remained prevalent in many parts of the world, necessitating concerted global efforts to eliminate it.

Rotary's Role in Eradication

Rotary International has been at the forefront of the fight against polio since 1985 with the launch of its PolioPlus program. This initiative aimed to immunize children worldwide and raise awareness about the disease. Rotary's commitment, alongside its partners, has been instrumental in reducing polio cases by 99% since the program's inception.

Partnership with the Gates Foundation

In 2007, Rotary International partnered with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to amplify their efforts. The Gates Foundation pledged to match Rotary's fundraising efforts, thus doubling the impact of financial contributions. This partnership has significantly bolstered the resources available for vaccination campaigns, surveillance, and research.

The Current Situation

As of today, polio remains endemic in only two countries: Pakistan and Afghanistan. The challenges in these regions include political instability, difficult terrain, and vaccine hesitancy. However, the global health community remains committed to reaching every child with the polio vaccine and ensuring that the disease is eradicated once and for all.

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POLIO PLUS Up to 2024

Rotary members have contributed \$2.1 billion and countless hours to protect nearly 3 billion children

Our Rotary in Hamilton has contributed over \$120,000

Gates foundation have contributed \$1.2 billion

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

Coming club events

26 November (Tuesday) Brumley Park Working Bee 9:30am – spreading mulch and weeding. (Marg Moffatt will supply a super morning tea)

27 November Bowls Night see notes

30 November (Saturday) Walk Against Domestic Violence Gardens to PAC All members encouraged to support this club event See Flyer Purple DV shirts available.

3 December Marcus Little Wimmera Critical Minerals Project

11 December Christmas Dinner possible cost \$45 per head Partners and friends invited It will just be a social night.

2025

12 January Harness Racing Gate

15 January First meeting of the year at Parklands Golf Club

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

NEWS AND NOTES

The **BBQ at the Dunkeld Races** was a great success with all food sold out by 2:45pm and an estimated profit of over \$2000. Thanks to all involved.

A thank you call from Lainey from **WDHS** for our help with the **Golf Day** which raised more than \$20,000 for the hospital

Kevin Safe also reminded members of **the Domestic Violence Walk**, to raise awareness about domestic violence and how steps are being taken to combat the problem, will be held on 30th November.

Bowls Night 27th November

Hamilton Bowling Club Kennedy Street

6pm Dinner followed by Bowls on the Green

Cost \$30 for 2 course meal

Bar Open

Flat soled shoes to be worn by players

Bowls Supplied

Final Numbers for Catering Friday 22nd November (Shared Drive)

Attendance and apologies

Board Meeting minutes will be available

- Leo attended Youth Network meeting
- Rotary Shed requires a working bee (January)
- Old trailers to be sold.
- International - looking at Mosquito Nets for New Guinea
- Still need President elect and Vocational Director



**Join the Rotary Walk
Against Domestic and
Family Violence** 

Saturday 30 November 2024
Meet at Hamilton Botanic Gardens, 10:00am
(Thompson Street Gates) finishes at the
Hamilton PAC



- Guest Speakers from Rotary, Victoria Police, WDHS and Southern Grampians Shire Council.
- Free sausage sizzle at the Hamilton PAC.

Wear **purple** or orange as part of the 16 days of activism against gender based violence.

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Club Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryhamiltonvicau/>

District Website <https://rotary9780.org/>

Birthdays none this week

Wedding Anniversary

Ann and David Hayes 26/11

Induction Anniversaries

Peter Radley 22/11/2005

Geetha Yoga 22/11/2023