

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting especially guest speaker Shelley Burrows and Ainsley Wilson, Bob thanked Meg for stepping in while he was away in WA - noting that he didn't get much better weather there.

Art Show

- Some Gala tickets will be available on line through Humantix <https://events.humanitix.com/rotary-hamilton-art-show-gala-preview-evening>
- **Art Show Catering** Jenni Barke has requested help with supply of food items and preparation
- **Raffle ticket** and **Gala ticket** money to Geetha
- Sold and unsold raffle tickets to Meg.
- Please check rosters on Shared Drive.

Farmer Drought Relief Noel noted that \$500 vouchers will be distributed to those farmers who applied.

Domestic Violence update - Kevin Safe

- 150 posters BTTD to be placed around WDHS Facilities
- DV Walk scheduled for 29 November working SGSC
- Kevin and Simon attending a forum at SGSC 1 October to discuss our projects along with the police and WDHS.

Annual Cause this year will be supporting the Mammogram appeal at WDHS (moved Bob Cadden, seconded Jenni Barke)

Access to Rotary Shed via key stored in a coded storage box at the shed - Bob can provide the code.

October is Seniors month - see notes next page



**Congratulations
Ian Black
OAM PP PHF+1
40 years in Rotary**




Art Show


9-12 October 2025
 Hamilton Performing Arts Centre

Raffle Tickets \$2 each

Drawn Wednesday 15 October 2025
 Available at Robson's Pharmacy, Glenn
 Howell Optometrist, Rotarians and throughout the Art Show
 Rotarians will also be selling tickets outside Woolworths
 Wednesday and Saturday from 3rd September



First Prize
Melbourne Street Scene, Corner Collins
and Russell Streets"
Watercolour painting by Richard Jones
Value \$1,000



Second prize
Cordless Pressure Washer and \$250 Gift Voucher
Donated by Permwax Mitre 10
Value \$400


A fundraising event
 Proceeds to Rotary projects



UPCOMING EVENTS

1 Oct The Speckled Frog ART SHOW BRIEFING

8 October No meeting

15 October Amy Lewis Youth Mental Health

22 October TBC

29 October No meeting

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

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.

Rotary Art Show
9-12 October
Entries closed 26 September



Celebrations this week
Birthdays None
Happy Anniversary None
Induction Anniversary Ian Black 40 years

WDHS Raffle
<https://www.raffletix.com.au/wdhs>
WDHS Medicine Ball
 October 4 @ 6:00 pm - 11:30 pm
<https://form.jotform.com/251948246822868>

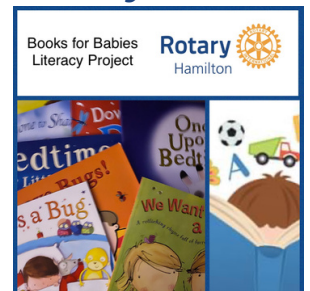


Seniors Month, also known as the **Victorian Seniors Festival**, is a month-long celebration held annually in October for older Victorians. With the theme for 2025 being "Connect, Create, Celebrate," the festival offers free and low-cost events across the state to encourage seniors to stay active and connected within their communities

What's on in Hamilton
 The full October calendar can be found on Council's [website](#), while printed brochures are ready for collection at the Brown Street Customer Service Office, Hamilton Library or any other Council service desk.

Rotary's goal is to empower communities to support basic education and Literacy, reduce gender disparity in education and increase adult literacy. World Literacy Day was on September 8th. Literacy Day serves as a reminder of the Importance of Literacy for individuals and society. Let's get involved by – donating books, Time or Money and spreading the word on Social Media. Changing lives, support literacy projects. Read and share a story with your child / grandchildren. Read, Write, Empower.

Rotary Moment



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 Bob Cadden
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 Meg Watson
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 Lyn Christie
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 Geetha Yoga
Immediate Past President
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Environment
 Marg Moffatt/Gerri Griffin
Vocational
 James Dunn
International
 Glenn Howell
Youth
 Leo Cummins
Rotary Foundation/IT Support
 Simon Wilson

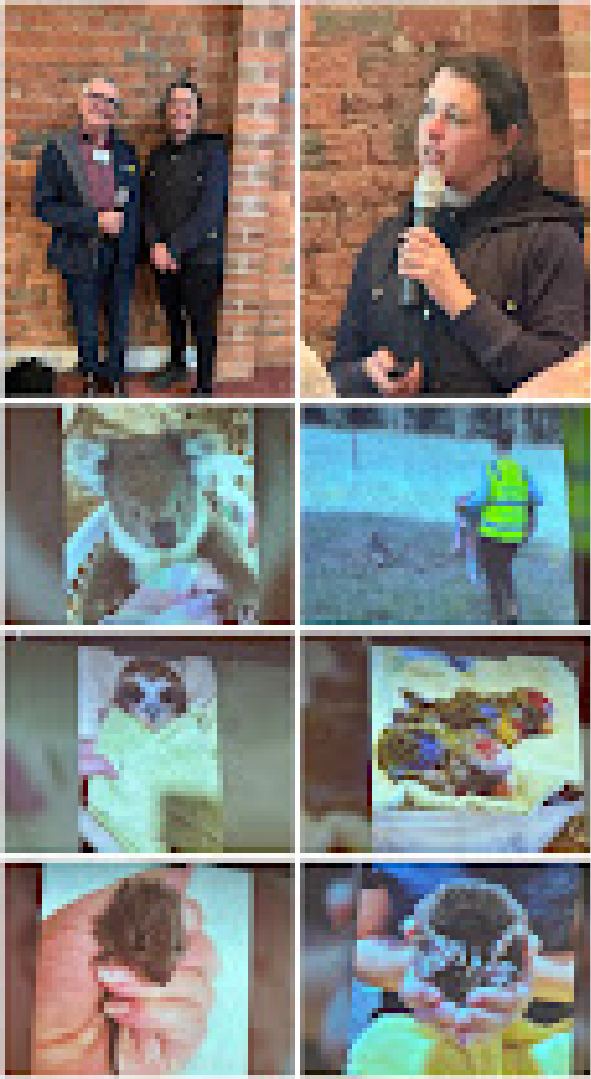
Catering
 Bruce Warburton
Public Image/Social Media
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 Lorraine Wilson
District Governor
 Christine Dufty (Nhill)
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Other Key positions for 2025-26
Risk Assessment Bruce Wheeler **Programs** John Main **Club History** Ian Black
Art Show Brian Jenkins **Sheepvention Catering** Simon Wilson
Domestic Violence Project Kevin Safe **Youth Protection** Heather Ward

Links to Club
[Facebook](#) [Website](#)

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Meetings held
 The Speckled Frog 6pm
 Wednesdays



Hamilton Wildlife Shelter – Caring for Our Native Animals

At this week's meeting, members heard from Shelly Burrowes, who gave a fascinating presentation on the work of the **Hamilton Wildlife Shelter**. Shelly carries out this important work voluntarily, supported by a network of rescuers, foster carers, helpers, supporters, and the general public.

While domestic pets are cared for by their owners and the RSPCA, and livestock are covered by owners and local laws, our native wildlife often has no such safety net. That's where licensed wildlife shelters, like Hamilton's, play a crucial role.

In Victoria, shelters are licensed through the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA). They receive no government funding and are run entirely by volunteers who rely on community donations and grants. As Shelly quipped, the shelter is "powered by love (and caffeine)."

Rehabilitation and Care

Rescue is only the first step. At the shelter, animals undergo rehabilitation tailored to their species and needs. Decisions are guided by what can realistically be saved, what the law allows, and whether the animal has a chance of successful release. Sadly, not all animals can be placed in zoos or sanctuaries.

Rehabilitation involves more than food and shelter – it includes socialising, providing specialised housing, administering medications, and ensuring species-specific training.

Release Back to the Wild

Ultimately, the goal is always release. There are strict rules around when and how this happens, with methods ranging from:

- Hard release – returning animals directly to the wild.
- Soft release – gradually supporting them as they adjust.
- Supported hard release – a combination approach tailored to circumstances.

Fire Recovery in the Grampians

Shelly also shared moving photographs from the work carried out during the devastating Grampians bushfires, where the shelter team responded to injured and displaced wildlife. The images highlighted both the scale of the challenge and the remarkable compassion shown by volunteers in times of crisis.

We thank Shelly Burrowes for sharing her passion and dedication with us, and for the extraordinary work she and her team do to give our native wildlife a second chance.

Check out her Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hamiltonwildlifeshelter>