

26 AUGUST 2026

Presidents Message

President Meg welcomed members and guest Peter Wilson to the meeting.

Some reports

DV Peter Irvin Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships Professional Development 2 Day Workshop for Primary School Educators 31 Aug /1 September

Members invited to attend the first session on Monday 9:15-10:30am but need to let Peter know beforehand.

Marg Moffatt has a catering team but needs help with biscuits and slices for morning teas. Please contact her. 0417 105 306

Redistricting - Members voted in the affirmative for the proposed 9 districts in Zone 8.

A suggestion for **lunchtime meetings** in the winter months received very little support.

Art Show - Raffle tickets will be on sale from next week. Roster for selling at The Hub Wed/Sat will be on Shared Drive.

Posters will be delivered around town. Gala tickets will also be available.

Board Meeting

Science Challenge Leo put a proposal to the Board but decided not to go ahead at this stage but instead form a committee to investigate for 2028.

Risk Assessments will be located on Shared Drive.

A Tribute to Dolly Parton 1946-2026

Today we remember Dolly Parton – not only as a remarkable entertainer, but as someone who truly believed in giving back.

Dolly Parton received a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition in June 2010, at the Rotary International Convention in Montréal, Canada.

She was a speaker at the convention, talking about her Imagination Library, and Rotary presented her with the Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of her contribution to literacy and her work with Rotary.

Her Imagination Library has given over 300 million books to children, and Rotary has partnered with her in bringing the joy of reading to children around the world.

During COVID, she also donated US\$1 million to Vanderbilt University Medical Center, supporting research that contributed to the development of the Moderna vaccine.

So perhaps Dolly Parton represents Rotary values rather beautifully – service, generosity, education and making a difference in the lives of others.

A remarkable woman, and certainly someone worthy of our tribute.



UPCOMING EVENTS

31 August/1 September DV Project see notes above

2 September - Luke Frost Exercise Physiologist WDHS

9 September NO MEETING

16 September Chris Simson - Why am I here?

23 September TBC

ART SHOW 8-11 OCTOBER

Setting up and receiving of Art work 5-7 October

Gala Evening 8th October

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/>

Editors note - Artificial intelligence tools, including ChatGPT, may be used by the editor to assist in drafting content. Final content is reviewed and published at the editor's discretion.

Susan Parry (partner of Bob Penny) passed away last Monday 17th August in Millicent. aged 72

A former member of the Hamilton Rotary Club, Susan was a very active member in the early 2010s. In 2012 she was serving on the New Generations (Youth) Service Committee, and she was the coordinator of fundraising activities including the World's Longest Lunch, Harvest on the Hill and Cuisine de Opera.

Susan Parry was also President of Hamilton Inner Wheel in 2015-17. She was involved in the organisation's Cord Blood Research Project fundraising, taking on a national role with Inner Wheel Australia. We send condolences to Bob and her family.

Celebrations this week

Birthdays None

Wedding Anniversary None

Inductions

Katrina Rainsford 1 Year

You might like to watch the video of the TV

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGVQV42zpAY&t=2s>



In Rotary International, August is designated as **Membership and New Club Development Month** (also known as Membership and Extension Month). It is a dedicated time for clubs worldwide to focus on growing their membership, engaging and retaining current members, and starting new chapter.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD MAKE A GOOD MEMBER? HAVE YOU EVER ASKED THEM?

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Youth

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Other Key positions for 2026-27

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 **Welfare** Marg McIntyre

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Meetings held

The Speckled Frog 6pm

Wednesdays

GUEST SPEAKER LORRAINE WILSON BALI SCHOOL KIDS PROJECT

The Bali School Kids Project began in 1999 and is now a joint project of the Rotary Clubs of Swan and Boulder in Western Australia and the Rotary Club of Denpasar. The project supports 22 rural schools across Bali with 1172 students currently sponsored.

Hamilton Rotary previously sponsored children through funds raised from fines sessions. Lorraine has continued to personally sponsor children, and this year made her third visit to a Bali school.

SD7 Duda Timir is one of the most remote primary schools in Bali, located in the mountainous region of East Bali. The school can only be reached on foot or by motorbike and has 55 students and nine teachers. Ayu, a Rotary facilitator from Denpasar Rotary, and five Interact students accompanied us on our visit. After a precarious two-kilometre ride uphill on the back of a teacher's motor scooter, we were warmly greeted by the assembled students. As it was a Saturday, the children were wearing their Pramuka, or Balinese Scout, uniforms.

After introductions, we watched the children playing in their small playground and enjoying their home-cooked morning snack, mostly rice wrapped in banana leaves. They then took part in some word and number games using the new small whiteboards that our Rotary Club had presented to the school.

Lorraine and Peter were introduced to their sponsored child, Damiatra, who is in Year 4. It was her first week back at school for the new school year. She was given a few gifts and a food parcel for her family.

Lorraine was also asked to conduct a short English lesson. Using puppets and photographs, she introduced the children to some Australian animals. The children currently have very little exposure to English, although from 2027 they are expected to begin learning it as part of their education.

The classrooms are very small and have few of the resources we take for granted in Australian schools. Sanitation facilities are also very basic.

The school has recently received a flat-screen television, which had to be carried up the long pathway to the school. We watched a video of its journey! These screens are designed to help bridge educational gaps by allowing students in remote areas, where there may be limited resources or teacher shortages, to participate in distance learning with specialist educators. Unfortunately, many remote and underfunded schools still lack reliable electricity or internet connectivity, limiting their use.

Before we left, the children gathered again for a group photograph. We were then treated to a “Yel-Yel”, a high-energy, rhythmic school yell or chant that is a unique and enthusiastic part of Indonesian school culture.

It was a memorable visit and a wonderful opportunity to see firsthand the difference that Rotary's support can make to children in some of Bali's most remote communities.

