

Wednesday 26 March 2025

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This week our meeting was organized by Portland Rotary Club. We had 26 members and guests and Portland around 20 members. After our visit to the plant, we returned to the Green Hill Hotel at Condah for our evening meal.

## Vocational visit

During our visit to the **SW Fibres** facility (owned by Midway) at Myamyn, we had the opportunity to observe the fascinating process of transforming blue gum logs into wood chips. The plant has been in operation for around 16 years.

Site foreman Ian explained fully the production process which we were able to view in action. *Fourteen years of growing a tree and 20 minutes of chipping!*

The logs, sourced from the local area and around Lucindale, first arrive in piles ready for processing.

Specially designed tractors efficiently pick up these logs and place them onto a conveyor belt, where the left-over bark is removed before the logs are chipped. The conveyor belt is managed by one operator in a tower overseeing the process. Some of our members had the opportunity to climb into the tower to view the operation.

This chipping process is crucial for preparing the material for pulping. It is destined for high end cardboard manufacturing in Japan.

Once chipped, the material is loaded onto trucks to be transported to silos in Portland, ensuring a smooth and continuous flow in the production cycle. The entire operation showcases the seamless integration of technology and logistics to support the timber industry in the region.

See photos next page

<https://www.midwaylimited.com.au/our-company/>

## New meal payment method from April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meals at the Speckled Frog will be paid directly to the restaurant either cash or card. Raffle can be paid to the club \$5 cash or card.

## District Conference

Rotarian Glenn attended some of the conference in Torquay held over the weekend.

Glenn said *“Rotahomes is a great project. It was nice to catch up with the main man, Peter Drysdale, who spoke very well at the District conference. Youth exchange students, malaria eradication and Dr Michael Carr-Gregg were other highlights.”*

See photo of Glenn with the Koroipita Fiji Rotahomes crew at the conference

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## Birthdays

Liz Cummins 26/03

## Wedding Anniversaries

None

## Induction Anniversaries

None



## Coming Club Events

**26 March** No meeting

**2 April** Dianna Lawrence Carriage Driving

**9 April** Home Hosting

**16 April** Beth Tonissen Being legally blind in Hamilton

**23 April** No meeting

### District Notices

- PETS (President Elect Training) 24 May in Horsham
- District Assembly 25 May in Horsham
- Community Group meeting to be held in Hamilton on April 13

### Weekly social events

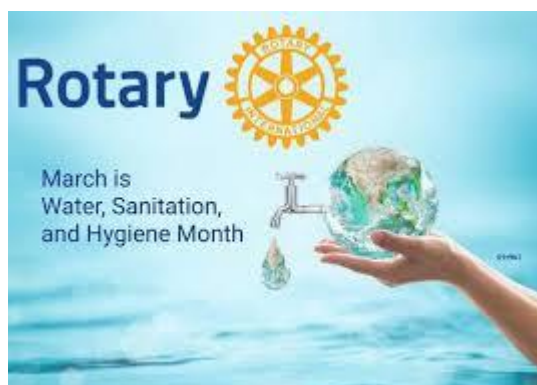
**Bike Riders:** meet each Thursday morning, 09:00 at the Ansett Museum, finishing for coffee at Tosca Browns, around 09:35

**Friday Coffee:** meet each Friday Morning, 10:30 at the Roxburgh, all welcome

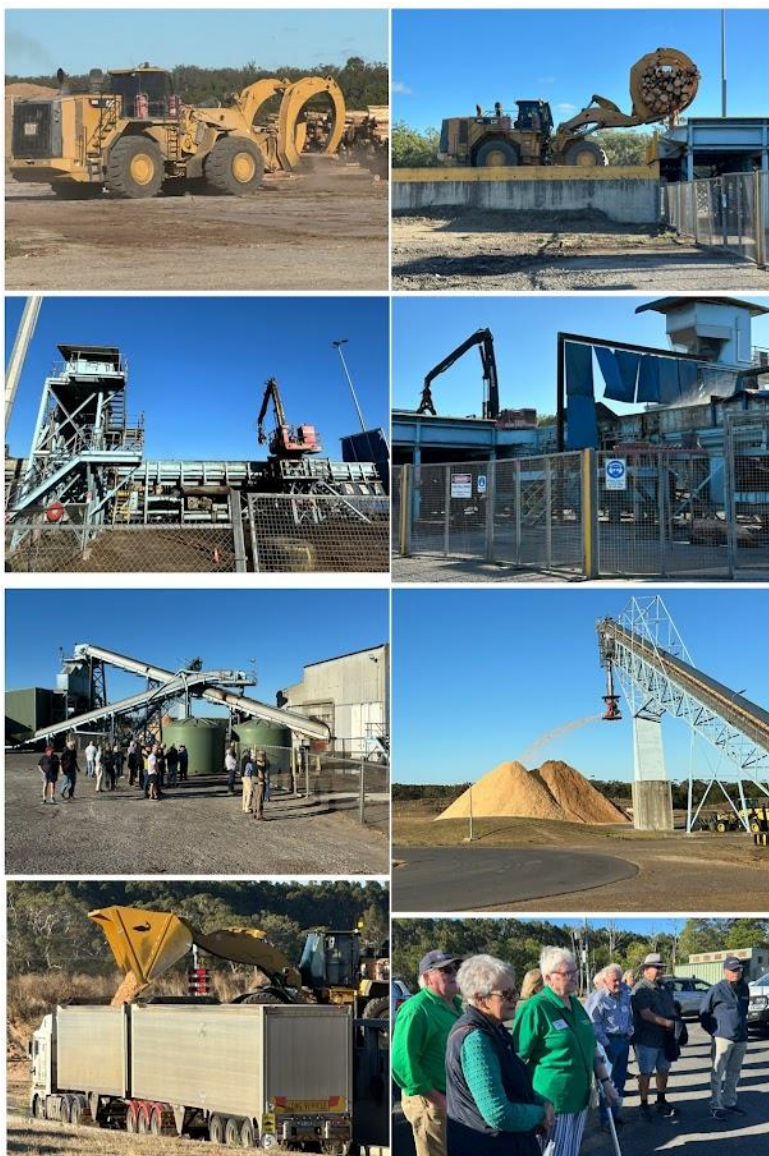
## The Rotary theme for March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month.

This month celebrates Rotary's commitment to providing clean water and sanitation facilities to communities. Rotary members believe that access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene leads to healthier and more successful lives

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/providing-clean-water>



## SW Fibres from logs to pulp



## Rotary District Conference

(Glenn in the brown shirt)

