



# Weekly Bulletin



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## News, Reports and Rosters

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### Report from meeting 29 September 2021 on ZOOM

**President Brian Jenkins** welcomed We had 17 members and several guests including ADG Ian McKay, Lyndal McClure, Julie Arnold & Ian Fisher from the Castlemaine Rotary Club and Gillian.

**Brian** updated us on celebrations, forthcoming meetings, and district notices.

He reminded us of the long Rotary service of our late member, **Graeme Bond**. **Graeme** had been a Rotarian for an incredible time, over 50 years. Member of both Hamilton Rotary and Foundation member of Hamilton North.

**Brian** Marg just rang me to say that the tree planting next week is at 9.00am and to meet at the **Wetland's carpark**, which is in Mount Baimbridge Road near Digby Road corner. Simon has created a roster in the Shared Drive for participants to fill in. (NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)

### Coming up

**6 October: Harold Sharp OAM – Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)**

**13 October: Hilarious Hats and Quiz Night (for Lift the Lid on Mental Illness)**

**20 October: TBC**

**4 November** Club AGM – Election of Board for 2022-23 WE NEED A PESIDENT ELECT.

**17 November** District Governor's visit

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF PLAYGROUND. Postponed until later in the year**



### Club meeting roster Please organise a replacement if unable to attend.


Meeting	Setup	Cashiers (2)	Bar (2)	Fellowship	Chairman	Scribe
6 October	ZOOM				James Dishon	Jenni Barke
13 Oct	ZOOM				Brian Jenkins	JohnMain



Hope you have all had your vaccinations.

# Family of Rotary – all our members and their families are important to us.

Almoners Rose Howard and Bruce Wheeler

Birthdays	Anniversary	Inductions
John Barke 29/09/2021.	 None	None

## Guest Speaker Maggie Goodes

Brian then introduced our guest speaker **Maggie Goodes**, from Castlemaine, who spoke on **Living through 9/11**.

**Maggie** worked for many years in New York in the education field, and hosted many visitors from Australia, including Brian and Gillian. One of the places she took visitors was the restaurant at the top of one of the World Trade Centre buildings (Windows to the World) She was living in New York at the time of the 9/11 disaster, and experienced the shock of the population, and the way the community came together as the extent of the disaster was realized. Also mentioned were the ongoing deaths of people exposed to toxic substances, including asbestos, in the aftermath of the building collapses.

- Vision of a man crossing the Brooklyn Bridge covered in gray dust looking dazed.
- Worrying about what happened to the waitress who served them at the restaurant the day before
- The only tree that survived the rubble is now planted at the memorial.
- Her apartment a few kms away was covered in a layer of dust.



## Photo in the background of the Twin Towers taken the day before 9/11

### Brian and Gillian kept emails written to them from Maggie and he read this one last night. Friday, 14 September 2001 7:00

Hi everyone,

Well, the last 48 hours since I wrote have been very stressful. But I am sure everything will get back to normal one day.

Firstly, thank you to all of you who wrote with your concerns about our safety. There were only three times when this situation got the better of me. The first was when I arrived home to Mum and Dad on Tuesday. For those of you who know Pat and Arth, it was an emotional re-union. They were so glad to have me home and I was so happy that they were here with me. The second time was when I opened my email to find all the messages of your concern for our safety. I was overwhelmed by the heartfelt concern for us. It helped to know that you and Australia were really feeling for us, the people of New York and the U.S.A.. In the early hours in this disaster, the threat of further attacks and the possibility of WW3 were real, believe me.

We felt we were in the middle of a war zone.

My last flood emotion came last night. After being in the security of my apartment for 24 hours, we knew we had to get out and back to some form of normality. Also, being glued to the one tv station all day, that constantly bombarded us of reminders of the devastation was getting to be too much. I couldn't bear to watch the planes hit the buildings anymore. So, I took Mum

—and Dad to the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. We went by bus, still unsure of the subway. We walked in the sunshine among the trees and flowers. Hardly a soul in sight. I said to Mum and Dad that we could imagine that we were walking in the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. It was so serene. We saw bees and butterflies, squirrels and even a rabbit right in the heart of Brooklyn. We smiled.

After leaving the gardens, we caught a bus to Montague Street in Brooklyn Heights. For those of you who have been here, you will remember the Promenade at Brooklyn Heights. (I take everyone who visits me there.) Mum and Dad had been there with me Sunday night. We walked down to the Promenade. From there is the most magnificent view of lower Manhattan. It is the view of the city at night that you have all seen on postcards or as backdrops to NY talk shows or news reports. It is my favourite spot and view in all New York. It made me cry last night. There were hundreds of people there. And no-one was talking. They were all stunned as they looked at the skyline across the East River. The view was empty. The two tallest and grandest buildings missing. To replace them was only brown billowing smoke. As a gorgeous orange sun went down behind the Lady of Liberty and the lights came up, the dark area around the Financial District, only re-enforced the emptiness.

People had tears in their eyes. No doubt they were thinking of the people whom they knew or knew of that had also disappeared with the buildings. We stood in silence with them. The American flag on the promenade was at half-mast. There were candles lit under it. There were signs that asked people to come together in pray tomorrow night. All those walking away from the promenade did so in silence.

Back in Montague Street we had some dinner. The police presence along the street was substantial. They were standing on corners, walking in pairs, patrolling in cars. There were 5 police officers at the entrance of every subway. They had come in bus loads to the Supreme Court building just down the road. I think they were there to reassure us that we were safe. It helped a little.

School was cancelled on Wednesday. I didn't go to my school today. I thought they needed time to be with their kids. I felt for them but didn't think there was anything I could do. I probably won't go until next week. Most of today has been helping look for the Australian, David, who rang me from JFK airport on Tuesday afternoon. No-one else has heard from him and he didn't make it to my apartment. We have no idea where he is. He hasn't rang family and friends in Australia to say that he is okay. But we do know that he wasn't caught up in the WTC attack. My attempts to contact JFK and the airlines has been fruitless. I can't get onto the Australian Consulate in NY. We are just waiting for him to contact someone here or in Australia. I hope this email finds you all well. Again, thank you for thinking of us ( and your prayers).

Love

Marg, Pat and Arth.

## Online meetings

It was great to see a couple of our members who have not been zooming join us online along with some Rotarians from other clubs. With limitations on numbers allowed at venues this is going to continue to be a way of keeping connected, so I urge members to **UPSKILL** themselves to take advantage of what President Brian and Program organiser John Main have endeavoured to secure. Simon can step you through the process.

## Congratulations to the Dees supporters. Rose and Simon were still wearing their football regalia

Wow, what a game, all you Demon supporters must have been very nervous halfway through the third quarter.

The winners are:

First Goal: Jo Howell & David Kennett for Christian Petracca

Norm Smith Medallist: Bob Cadden, Gerard Lucas & Bruce Warburton for Christian Petracca

Winning Team: 12 people tipped Melbourne

Margin: 74 points

The winner is Bruce Warburton who was closest at 39 points.

Thanks for being part of this and congratulations to all our winners.

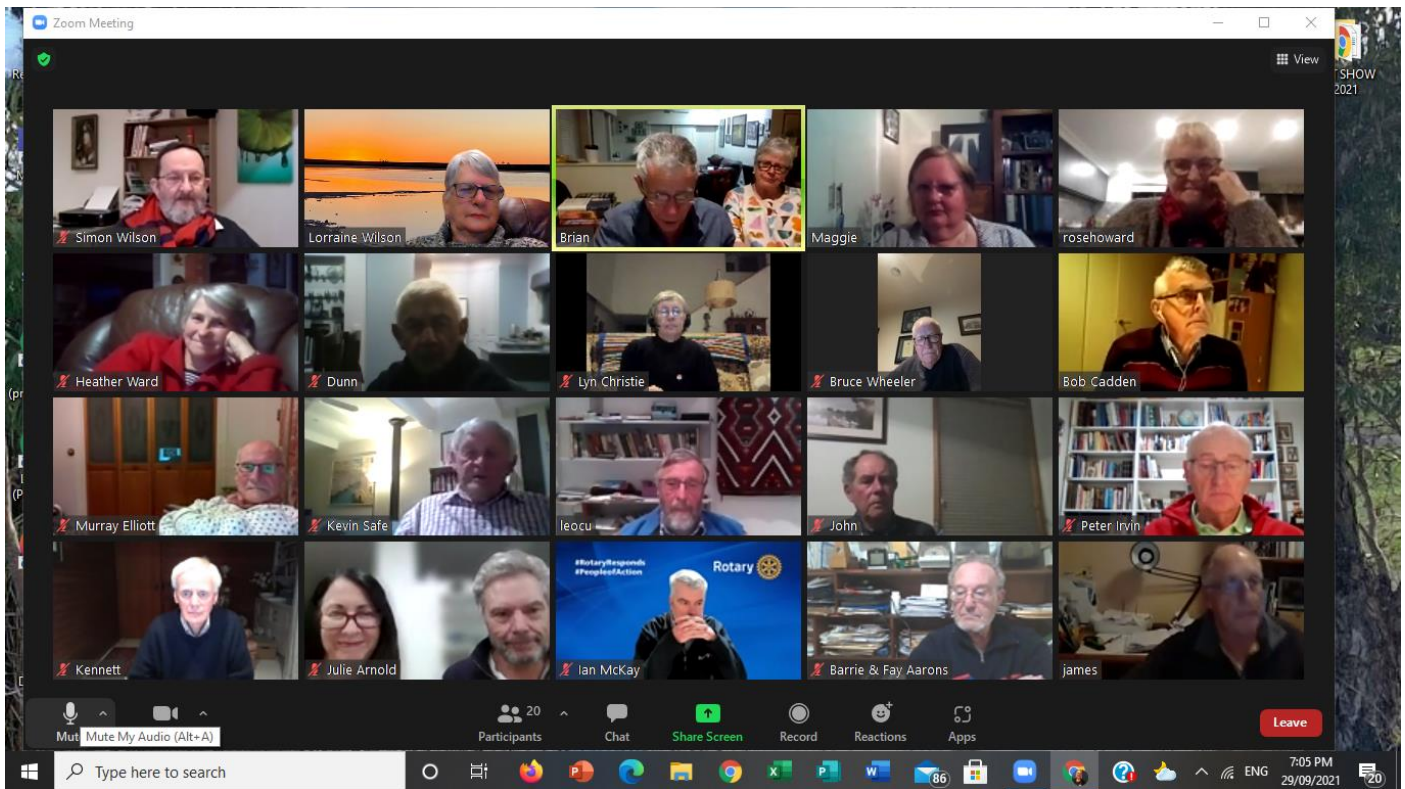


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## District Notices

Some presentations from the Zone 8 Conference held last weekend will be available on-line.

- **October is Mental Health Month**
- **Public Image Workshop – Creating Graphics 5 October by ZOOM**
- **District Committee Meeting – Hamilton 17 October – Now on ZOOM**
- **World Polio Day – So far, So Good – So Close. Online via Teams from 7.00 to 8.00pm on 25 October See link below to register**

<https://rotary9780.org/event/world-polio-day---so-far--so-good---so-close/>

Check out the District Newsletter and webpage <https://rotary9780.org/>

**SOCIAL**

**Bike Riders Thursday meet at Ansett Museum 9:00am**  
**Coffee @The Roxburgh**  
**Fridays 10:30am**



## Weekly Bulletin, Webpage and Facebook

The weekly bulletin will eventually be published through ClubRunner.

Our club webpage can be accessed on <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1943> It is now live.

This will allow stories from our bulletins to be published on the webpage and information from the District and RI webpages (which also use ClubRunner) to be shared.

Our club also has a Facebook page which shares stories and events, and this page is also shared to other Facebook pages to get our message out. <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryhamiltonvica>