

Wednesday 30 April 2025

The email address for the bulletin@rotaryhamilton.org.au

President Noel opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests including Ewen McLarty, Barry Steer, Jo Howell and two of Glenn's employees.

Club Updates from the President

- Regional Council Resignations,
- Blaze Aid letter updating data from the Willaura and Ararat camps
- Tomra Income \$658 from bottle returns
- Harness racing

Reports

Marg Moffitt is seeking volunteers for the Domestic Violence workshops on 19 and 20 May catering for up to 60 people for morning teas and lunches.

District Notices

<https://rotary9780.org/sitepage/district-conference-2025/>

- PETS (President Elect Training) 24 May in Horsham
- District Assembly 25 May in Horsham

Guest Speaker

Glenn Howell outlined the **Koroipita Project** (FIJI) which was established in 1985 due to a high percentage of homeless people, many living below the poverty line with very low education and literacy levels.

Glenn has been a volunteer along with several other members of our club. Over the years 1070 homes have been built providing accommodation for 4780 people.

Housing Rules

- \$1 per day,
- No dogs,
- Required to grow vegetables,
- Recycle materials,
- Attend kinder and school,

Building Model for Koroipita Town consists of a Local Foreman

Local employees including builders and concreters

Volunteer teams which built a home every 10 days.

Volunteer building teams usually stayed for two weeks each visit and used mostly pine timber imported from New Zealand.

President Noel thanked Glenn for his presentation

If you want to read more about this project of which Rotary is a partner

<https://modeltowns.org/>

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Birthdays

Jenny Hurse 1st

Ian Back 4th

Betty Elliot 5th

Wedding Anniversaries

None

Induction Anniversaries

None



Coming club events

2025

7 May Aggie Stevenson - Native Grasslands in Western Victoria

14 May Strategic Plan Review – Brian Jenkins

21 May Pastoral Museum

28 May Club Night

4 June

11 June

18 June

25 June Club Changeover

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



In Rotary, May is designated as Youth Service Month.

During this month, Rotary clubs worldwide focus on recognizing and promoting the positive impact young people have on their communities and the world, showcasing their commitment to youth leadership development. This includes celebrating programs like Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/youth-programs>



Noel and Rose laid a wreath at the ANZAC service on behalf of the club.