

**President Noel** welcomed members including partners Jo, Liz and guests Linda Holt, Rahul Hugo Tang and Dawn Cay.

## Reports

Congratulations to Simon, Leo and Kevin who received NSFM for their work at the airbase during the 2020 fires.

## Domestic Violence Committee

### Coffee Cup Project

Saturday 31—June 9 —21 Coffee Shops are supporting this initiative. Launched publicity in Hamilton Spectator this week . Very well supported by 22 local coffee shops. Keep the cup and display the message.



## Support Drought-affected Communities in Western Victoria

Farming families are facing unimaginable hardships - parched land, dwindling water supplies, and a desperate shortage of livestock feed.

### CAN YOU HELP?

RAWCS is raising funds to deliver humanitarian relief to those doing it toughest.

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## Celebrations

### Birthdays

Doug Griffin

### Wedding Anniversaries

None

### Induction Anniversaries

None

**These members are on extended leave**—Heather Ward, Murray Menzel, Sandy Vanrenan and Jenny Hurse (all travelling to various parts of the globe)

**Get well** to Kevin and Caroline Safe and Damien Meagher



## Linda Holt Homestead Enterprises Cheese Making

At our meeting, we were delighted to hear from Linda Holt, who shared the fascinating story of her family's journey and her own remarkable life.

Linda spoke of her Italian heritage, with her grandfather migrating to Australia in the 1930s to escape Mussolini's regime. Settling in Wentworth, NSW, he brought with him the traditional skills of self-sufficiency – making cheese, salami, smallgoods, and passata, and growing everything they needed. These skills were passed down through generations and remained a key part of Linda's life.

After moving to Sydney for study, Linda continued this lifestyle while breaking new ground as the first female representative for Benson & Hedges.

In 1986, she travelled to the USA and met Pat, a rodeo rider and lawyer, in Montana. They married and together introduced Texas Longhorn cattle to New Zealand and Australia.

They spent 20 years farming in the USA, where Linda learned new methods especially from the Hutterites on the border, known for their production of eggs, pork, and garden produce

The couple later moved to New Zealand's Canterbury Plains, but the earthquakes eventually brought them back to Australia. They first settled in Hamilton, where Pat worked in law before moving to the Macedon Ranges. There, she continued her cheese making and preserving, also sharing her skills through teaching.

Now back in Hamilton, Linda continues to live a life rich in tradition and experience. Her husband Pat works locally as a lawyer at Hunter News and Holt.

We thank Linda for her inspiring and engaging presentation – a true celebration of resilience, innovation, and heritage.

## Coming club events

2025

**11 June** WDHS Update on proposed board merger.

**16 June** New Residents Session at the Library (Promote our club)

**18 June** Jenny Barke—Issues surrounding Dementia

**25 June** Club Changeover Dinner see your invitation for details.

**3-4 August** Sheepvention

## Weekly social events

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

## Feedback -Editor

If you have seen this then you must have been looking at the **Weekly Bulletin**.

Does it give you enough/too much information?

What else would you like to see or learn about?

Have you looked at our club website?

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/1943>

We have a Facebook page that you can like, follow and share

<https://www.facebook.com/rotaryhamiltonvicau>

