



Weekly Bulletin



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Report from meeting October 6, 2021, on ZOOM

President Brian Jenkins welcomed 20 members, one partner Fay, guest speaker Harold Sharp and his wife Gina Growden.

NEWS AND NOTES

President Elect.

President Brian reminds us that we have yet to find a President for 2022-2023

Tree Planting Working Bee.

Marg Moffatt liaised with Martin Chin and council staff to organise our very successful tree planting work session down at the Grange Wetlands this morning.

18 Rotarians and Friends planted and placed guards around 800 trees in about 2 hours. In total, about 35 hours of voluntary work was involved.

Best of all, we enjoyed good fun, great companionship and good weather for a very productive output.



Backpacks for Foster Children.

Barry Aarons delivered some soft toys to Warrnambool last week. He will be travelling down again on the 18th to take down some more for those of us who forgot to get toys to Barry in time.

Friday Morning Coffee

Bruce Wheeler confirms that Coffee is definitely on at the Roxburgh this week.

Coming up

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

Kevin Safe is Quiz Master Don't forget to have a pen and paper handy.

20 October: TBC

27 October TBC



#LiftTheLid

#HatDay18

4 November Club AGM – Election of Board for 2022-23 WE NEED A PRESIDENT 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
13 Oct	ZOOM				Brian Jenkins	John Main




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

Both Ian and Sharon McLean have been in respite care and will return home in the near future.

Murray Menzel thanked members for their phone calls and thoughts on the passing of his wife Anne

Birthdays	Anniversary	Inductions
Peter Wilson 12 th October	 None	None

Guest Speaker

HAROLD SHARP OAM, chairman of ROMAC.

PDG Harold Sharp, supported by his wife Gina, also a PDG, spoke of the work of Rotary Oceania Medial Aid for Children.

Harold brings past work skills employed as the Director of Community Relations and Marketing at the Royal NSW Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, to his work as Chairman of ROMAC. This is an official project of Rotary International which brings children from the Pacific Region to Australia and New Zealand hospitals for life-saving or dignitary-restoring surgery which is not available to them in their home country.

Children with major surgical needs are referred to the program by families, local doctors and visiting specialists to the SW Pacific - Timor Leste, PNG, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Tonga, Fiji and Nauru. Often these children are hidden within the families, denied education and maybe their families are shunned.

Normally between 40 and 50 children and their parent(s) are brought to Australia or New Zealand each year. However, with Covid restrictions, this last year has seen only 4 children from Tonga which has no Covid infections, travel to NZ for heart surgery. All parents and children must return to their home after treatment. Sometimes communication concludes so we know of future progress of the children, but on other occasions there is no follow-up possible when the families return to remote villages.

Specialist surgeons donate their time, but ROMAC covers hospitalisation and travel by funds donated by individual Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and a few friends. Costs usually are about \$50,000 to \$60,000 per child. One day in Intensive Care costs about \$6000. Individuals can also help with transport and accommodation for families and administration of ROMAC.

At present there is no Australian Government support of the program. However, Visas for child and parents can usually be arranged efficiently once birth certificates are obtained from the home countries - and that can be difficult. New arrivals are often met by their Consul to help with interpreting.

Harold answered some questions about length of stay, saying that ROMAC prefers to help more children needing only shorter, 2 or 3 weeks, stays in Australia. Hence children needing cardiac surgery are targeted.

James thanked Harold for his very efficient and thorough presentation. ROMAC is definitely a project worthy of support.

(Members may remember that Harold presented online to the club last year. Obviously with COVID restrictions nothing much has changed.)



To provide hope when there is no hope. To restore dignity to human life. To transform a child's life. To provide the best medical and surgical expertise.

Where do they come from?

Priority is given to children from developing countries that are part of **our** Australian and New Zealand Rotary Districts:

Districts:

Timor Leste PNG Solomon Islands

Vanuatu Tonga Fiji

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Matthew - PNG

Very proud of his zipper – after open heart surgery

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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.

District Notices

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

- **October is Mental Health Month**
- **Lift the Lid Hat Day – 10 October**
- **Public Image Workshop – Videos on Canva & PPT 10 November by ZOOM**
- **RAM Annual Conference online 13 & 14 November. Register at ram.rawcs.com.au/2021conference \$50 fee**
- **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/>

<https://www.endpolio.org/>

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/rotaryhamiltonvicau>



Rotary vs. Polio: A Timeline

Rotary is an international community that brings together leaders who step up to take on the world's toughest challenges, locally and globally. The eradication of polio is one of our longest standing and most significant efforts. Along with our partners, we have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries. We have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide and we won't stop until we end the disease for good.

1985 Rotary International launches PolioPlus, the first and largest internationally coordinated private-sector support of a public health initiative, with an initial fundraising target of US\$120 million.

1994 The International Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication announces that polio has been eliminated from the Americas.

1995 Health workers and volunteers immunize 165 million children in China and India in 1 week. Rotary launches the PolioPlus Partners program, enabling Rotary members in polio-free countries to provide support to fellow members in polio-affected countries for polio eradication activities.