

**President Noel** opened the meeting and welcomed members and our guest speaker Aggie Stevenson.

## Club Updates and Reports

**Raffle selling** at Alexandra House Brian and Kevin had an enjoyable time. We have five more opportunities during the year.

### Art Show planning

Brian reported major sponsor confirmed and guest artist confirmed.

### Domestic Violence Committee update

Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships and Building Respectful Relationships PD for teachers 19-20 May at Murray Hall . Peter Irvin reported progress. Marg Moffatt and team will be catering for this event.

<https://www.schools.vic.gov.au/resilience-rights-and-respectful-relationships-and-building-respectful-relationships>

Coffee Cup Message—Cups will be distributed to cafes for 30 May—9 June promotion

### District Notices

PETS (President Elect Training) 24 May in Horsham  
District Assembly 25 May in Horsham  
Online registration doesn't appear to be available yet.  
District Changeover Nhill 6 June

### Rotary Foundation Contributions

The Rotary Foundation accepts contributions through various avenues, including MyRotary, bank transfers, and mail. Donations are used to support projects worldwide through the Annual Fund, the Permanent Fund, and specific causes like PolioPlus and disaster relief. Contributions can be directed to specific areas of focus or Global Grant projects. Please consider donating before the end of the financial year ( \$1.00 USD = \$1.56 AUD)



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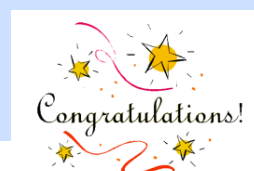
District Governor  
Lesley Shedden

## Celebrations

**Birthdays**  
Cheryl Sandow 12/5

**Wedding Anniversaries**  
None

**Induction Anniversaries**  
James Dunn 1/5/2016 ( 9 years)  
Bruce Warburton 1/5/1977 (48 years)



## Coming club events

2025

14 May Strategic Plan Review – Brian Jenkins

21 May Pastoral Museum Social Night

28 May Club Night

4 June TBA

11 June TBA

18 June TBA

25 June Club Changeover Dinner

## 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

## GUEST SPEAKER

### Aggie Stevenson Native Grasslands in Western Victoria - Glenelg Hopkins CMA

The VVP is home to Natural Temperate Grasslands of the Victorian Volcanic Plain, an **endangered** ecological community. These grasslands are characterized by a high diversity of native grasses, forbs (herbaceous flowering plants), and unique fauna.

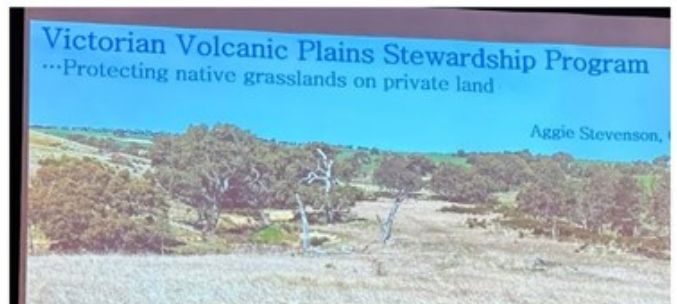
They support a range of threatened species, including the Eastern Barred Bandicoot, Growling Grass Frog, and numerous native orchids.

These grasslands are adapted to the region's climate, characterized by hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. Historically, these grasslands were maintained by fire and grazing, shaping their species composition and structure.

Aggie Stevenson's and her colleagues' stewardship work is aimed at replicating these natural processes to promote grassland health and resilience.

Changes to our Rotary Down Under Magazine form July 2025

- Available from July 1st 2025
- Print magazine
- Web stories
- Social channels
- Digital magazine
- Enewsletters
- Printed bi-monthly



May is **Youth Service Month** in Rotary – a time to recognize, promote, and celebrate the powerful role young people play in creating positive change, both locally and globally.



## 8 May - World Red Cross Day

World Red Cross Day is observed every year on 8 May to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of the Red Cross. Let us tell you that the founder of the Red Cross was Henry Dunant as well as the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). He was born in Geneva in 1828. He became the first recipient of the 1st Nobel Peace Prize.



To all the mum's grandmother's and other caring women on Sunday—enjoy your special day