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Please note change of email address for the bulletin bulletin@rotaryhamilton.org.au

Meeting held on April 6 at Hamilton Airbase



We enjoyed a BBQ and salads out at the Hamilton Airbase where Simon Wilson is the Base Manager.

The raffle made \$120 and the prize of a box of goodies donated by Leo Cummins, was won by Geoff Roberts, a guest of Peter Radley. The prize for 13 April is being donated by David Garfoot.

Please note the following:

- James Dishon has handed out Pride of Workmanship nomination forms. For those not in attendance please contact James to get a form.
- Sheepvention home hosting is on again, please contact Lorraine for details. This is a good fundraiser as it is now \$100 per person per night.
- Next harness racing is on Easter Monday (18 April), we still need some volunteers for this.

Next Meeting Wednesday 13 April CELEBRATE YOUTH

SHOWCASING WHAT ROTARY CAN DO FOR THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

Chaired by Heather Ward. Heather is looking for a few volunteers to sit with our many guests from the Youth Night NYSF and Defying the Drift student presentations Marg Wagner from Portland Rotary will also talk about Work Experience.

We will have a number of teachers from local secondary schools in attendance.

Roster for coming meetings

	Cashier	Chairman	Social/bar	Fellowship	Property	Bulletin
13 April	Bob Cadden David Indian	Bruce Wheeler	James Dunn Glenn Howell	Lloyd Hocking	David Garfoot	Lyn Christie

Bike Riders Thursday meet at Ansett Museum 9:00am New route planned with coffee at Tosca Browns
Coffee @The Roxburgh Fridays 10:30am Lloyd wants company!



District Notices Check out the District Newsletter and webpage <https://rotary9780.org/>
Family of Rotary – all our members and their families are important to us.
Almoners Rose Howard and Bruce Wheeler

Birthdays this week	Anniversary	Inductions
Bob Cadden 11 April Beth Wilkinson 12 April	Meg & Ewen McLarty 7 April	None



Some forward planning	
April - Maternal and Child Health Month	
13	Youth Night NYSF and Defying the Drift student presentations
20	Social Night Caledonian Hotel
27	Rotary Youth Leadership Award RYLA Steven Cunningham presentation Grangeburn
30	Malaria Awareness Day – 30 April
May - Youth Service Month	
4	Home Hosting TBC
11	Pride of Workmanship Awards TBC
18	Social Night
25	Nicole Kerr Walking the Heysen Trail SA
June - Rotary Fellowships Month	
1	Changeover

CFA HAMILTON AIR BASE.

During the fire season there are 2 Water Bombers with professional pilots stationed at Hamilton Airport for about 31/2 months. CFA volunteers cover the daily roster for all other tasks required. This Base is one of only 3 in Victoria that is staffed by CFA volunteers. Other planes located at Casterton and Stawell and at Avalon are staffed through the Department of Conservation Forests and Lands, or whatever the name is. A helicopter is stationed at Colac.

Simon mans the Hamilton communications tower. State communications and the 000 emergency calls pass through the Ballarat ESTA base. The control room is in contact with planes, fire towers, individual fire trucks and stations as well as general aviation, with accurate positioning and mapping.

Planes carry about 3 tons of water mixed with either fire retardant or foam and can be refilled in about 3 minutes. Ideally there are five CFA members in the team mixing and filling. Planes are on the ground for 6 minutes in ideal conditions or longer depending on the wind direction. Fully laden, they travel at about 300Km/hour.



Pink fire retardant powder is supplied in bags of 900Kg. costing about \$10,000; enough for 3 plane loads. The powder is aerated and sucked through a venturi system as the mixing tank is filled with water. The viscosity if the

mixture is critical to ensure that it reaches the ground on release and is neither dispersed by wind nor remaining in the crowns of trees. The goal is to lay the retardant ahead of the fire so that it cannot travel. Pink dye shows where the retardant has been dropped.

Foam is dropped directly onto the fire to protect an asset by 'blanketing' and excluding oxygen to snuff the fire. 9l. of foam concentrate is required for 3000l. of water.

PDD - pre-determined dispatch - means that fire brigades and the air base are paged during a 000 call. On days of high fire danger, planes are dispatched immediately and can reach the fire before fire trucks so that containment is occurring before trucks reach the fire. The ultimate goal is that a fire never reaches catastrophic size.

Facilities for staff at the airbase include comfortable lounges and kitchenettes. Pilots work 9 hours a day every day. CFA teams work in full coverage protective clothing on very hot days. Respite in air-conditioning and cool drinks is provided.

New volunteers are welcome to join the CFA and train for the skills needed in the incredibly important task. The dedication and skill of the people at the Hamilton Air Base is impressive.

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.



<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/saving-mothers-and-children>

Acronyms & Abbreviations

One of the most mystifying questions asked by new members (and many Rotarians of long standing) "What is the meaning of this or that abbreviation used in Rotary talk?"

RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Award
RYPEN Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment
YEP Rotary Youth Exchange Program

NYSF National Youth Science Forum
ROTEX Rotary Exchange returned students

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.

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