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News and Notes from our Meeting 21 February 2024 **@The Speckled Frog and later at Sustainable Plastic Solutions** **Hensley Park Road**

Noel Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting including 17 Rotary members from Portland, Elisha Nettleton part owner of Sustainable Plastics Solutions, four partners and some guests who met us out at the factory.

Club Notices **International**

Jenni Barke outlined some projects from Fiji including an upcoming trip tin August to Fiji to build some more homes.

Club service hours

Noel has tabulated the number of hours spent on our projects PDF attached to mailout.

Domestic Violence Committee.

Community Conversation meeting on 27th March at Hamilton Golf Club 6:30pm Guest speaker will be Simone O'Brien domestic violence survivor and advocate. The Shire of Southern Grampians, Hamilton Police and The Orange Door are supporting this initiative. Members will be asked to personally contact groups/people to attend. Flyers and lists were circulated. Flyer has a QR code and a link to an event site where you and guests can register.

[Say No to Family Violence Community Conversation | Rotary Club of Hamilton \(clubrunner.ca\)](https://www.clubrunner.ca)

We will check in with everyone next meeting to finalise contacts.

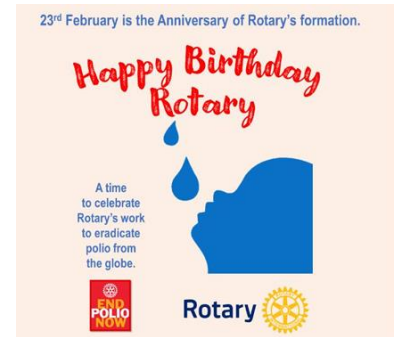
District notices

Strathdownie meeting (meeting of formerly Group 1 clubs) will be on Sunday 19/5 at lunch time to allow Bordertown and Naracoorte clubs to attend.

District Conference Registrations are open for **District Conference** Mt Gambier 15th to 17th of March 2024.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1120561>

Four members and partners have already registered. It would be wonderful to see a few more support our DG Ian Mackay. You will have a great time.



Vocational visit to Sustainable Plastics Solutions.

Elisha is the Production Manager, and her husband is the CEO of Sustainable Plastic Solutions (SPS) located in Hensley Park Road Hamilton.

They have three school aged children and have lived in Cavendish for about 10 years.

A group of local farmers became the major investors and together they established Sustainable Plastic Solutions.

Currently they operate two production line capable of 500 tonne and 50 tonne each per hour.

SPS produce pallets of high end usage for existing partners and currently producing about 40 tonne per week with future projections of up to 100 tonne per week.

The ultimate goal of SPS is to have a circular economy where waste is recycled back into a similar material.

All water usage is from on site catchment, and they employ 16 to 20 staff on three eight hour shifts five days a week.

Machines used at the facility are purchased from all over the world with one special supplier from China.

<http://www.sustainableplasticsolutions.com/>



Club roster

Date	Cashier	Raffle Sales	Chairman	Computer Setup	Bulletin
28/02/2024	Bob Cadden	Geetha Yoga	Noel Howard	Simon Wilson	David Indian
6/03/2024	Bob Cadden	N/R	N/R	N/R	LORRAINE

Coming Events

Date	Venue	Program	Other information
22/02/2024	Uniting Church Food Bank	Roster	Jenni Hurse and Heather Ward
28/03/2024	Club Social Night		Finalise DV Invitations
06/03/2024	Coleraine Railway Station	Joint meeting with Casterton Rotary	BBQ Details to come
13/03/2024	TBA		
15- 17 March	Mount Gambier	District Conference	
20/03/2024	The Speckled Frog	Locky Paterson	Elders Hamilton
27/03/2024 Club meeting night	Hamilton Golf Club	Family Violence Community meeting Free supper provided	Guest Speaker Simone O'Brien

Celebrations for February Birthdays

Ainslie Wilsn 26 Feb

Helen Garfoot 27 Feb

Wedding Anniversaries

Genda and Bob Cadden 25 Feb

Induction Anniversaries

None

Bike Riders

Thursdays - meet at Ansett Museum 9:00am
Coffee at 9:35 at Tosca Browns

Coffee @The Roxburgh
Fridays 10:30am



The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar because it includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, in Chicago. That day is now designated as the "World Understanding and Peace Day".



Millions of people all over the world are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution. In fact, 90% of casualties in armed conflicts are civilians, half of which are children. Through service projects and Rotary programs, the Rotary family is committed to pursuing projects that address the structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Rotarians train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and aid refugees who have fled dangerous areas. During February, **Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month**, we're celebrating our commitment to build peace and mitigate conflict.