

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting including guest Geoff Sanderson and Wendy Radley and returned travellers, Kim Joyce, Jenny Barke and Heather Ward

**From boyhood stamp collecting to palace design in Bahrain – Geoff's 30-year Middle Eastern career is as colourful as the landscapes he's created read about him further on in the bulletin.**

**PHF Presentation to Kim Joyce** - 28 years in Rotary, instrumental in setting up financial systems, auditing the accounts and willingly assisting at working bees and events. Congratulations.

**Sheepvention Thanks to all club members who helped in any way. Special thanks to Simon and Ainsley Wilson for the enormous amount of time spent in coordinating this major event .**

**Also to Peter and Sue Irvin for their input**

For those who like statistics we sold

- 600 Lamb Burgers
- 530 Lamb Sausage Sandwiches
- 810 Steak Sandwiches (easily our biggest seller)
- 528 Egg & Bacon Rolls
- 40 Litres of Soup
- 100 Donuts
- 50 Packets of Marg Moffatt's wonderful little YoYo's
- 5 Eskies of Coleslaw – many thanks to Gerri Griffin and her team
- 690 Cans of Soft Drink
- 276 Bottles of Water

And out in the backroom, David Burow and crew cooked 95 kg of chips – we could have doubled that if the showgrounds could have supplied the electricity.

And if you're wondering what that smell was wafting in the back door, it was 65 kg of onions.

**Please support the Hub Butcher and King's Bakery who supplied our meat and bread at very competitive rates. Profits from this event were around \$12,000**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**19 August** Gardening with Marg. Meet at the Pocket Garden at 9:30 am

**20 August** James Nagorka (His Book re designing and building farm machinery)

**21 August** Board meeting on Zoom 7:30pm

**27 August** Tori Ball (recipient of a Foundation Scholarship)

### Weekly social events

Bike Riding Thursday 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

### Please note

Apologies must be submitted by 12 noon on the Tuesday before each Wednesday meeting. Please note that the number of meals ordered by that time must be paid for.

**WDHS Walk for Dementia  
in the gardens  
21 September**



**Celebrations this week**

**Birthdays**

Murray Elliott, Kevin Safe and Rhonda Main

**Happy Anniversary**

Gerri and Bob Griffin and Rhonda and John Main

**Induction Anniversary**

Jenny Barke 26 years and Lorraine Wilson 16 years.

**Best Wishes** to Gerri Griiffin on her recent knee replacement shell soon be back on the golf links.

The Rotary month of August is dedicated to **Membership and New Club Development**. This month focuses on attracting new members and establishing new clubs to expand Rotary's reach and impact. Rotary International has expanded its club structures beyond the traditional model to include satellite, e-club, and passport clubs, among others, to enhance flexibility and appeal to a broader range of individuals. These new formats address diverse needs, such as busy schedules, geographical limitations, and specific interests.

**Rotary Moment**



**Reports**

**Drought Relief** registration procedure for farmers requiring assistance (Noel Howard)

**Vocational Committee** plans for Guest speakers, vocational visits and Pride of Workmanship Awards in May 2026 (James Dunn)

**Public Image** Sheepvention photo in Warrnambool paper and in Spectator Mention on Facebook Good Shepherd College came third in the Science Challenge.

Check out our Facebook page and please share to your friends and groups to spread the reach of our posts (Lorraine Wilson)

**President**

Bob Cadden

**President Elect**

Meg Watson

**Vice President/Membership**

Brian Jenkins

**Secretary**

Lyn Christie

**Treasurer**

Geetha Yoga

**Immediate Past President**

Noel Howard

**Community**

James Dishon

**Environment**

Marg Moffatt/Gerri Griffin

**Vocational**

James Dunn

**International**

Glenn Howell

**Youth**

Leo Cummins

**Rotary Foundation/IT Support**

Simon Wilson

**Catering**

Bruce Warburton

**Public Image/Social Media**

Lorraine Wilson

**Bulletin Editor**

Christine Dufty (Nhill)

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**Other Key positions for 2025-26**

**Risk Assessment** Bruce Wheeler **Programs** John Main **Club History** Ian Black

**Art Show** Brian Jenkins **Sheepvention Catering** Simon Wilson

**Domestic Violence Project** Kevin Safe **Youth Protection** Heather Ward

Links to Club

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Meetings held

The Speckled Frog 6pm

Wednesdays

## Guest Speaker Geoff Sanderson

Wendy Radley introduced our guest speaker, Geoff, whom she met for the first time only a few weeks ago, and she was fascinated to learn that he is still working from home as a landscape architect.

Geoff and his wife Jenny settled in Hamilton in 2021 to be closer to their daughter (Anna Sweeney) and to enjoy our local lifestyle. His career story is quite remarkable – he has served as both State and National President of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects, contributed to many advisory boards, and earned numerous awards for his work here and overseas.

What began as a boyhood hobby of collecting stamps from Bahrain eventually led to a 30-year adventure in the Middle East. In the early 1980s, Geoff was commissioned to design forts for the Palace of the Crown Prince of Bahrain and his wife, and moved there with his family to personally oversee the project.

Since then, Geoff has combined 22 years of Australian practice with an impressive array of international projects in the Arabian Gulf, China, Azerbaijan, India, Japan, Sudan, France, and Syria. His work has included being design manager for the 2020 Dubai World Expo, shaping Qatar's FIFA stadiums landscape strategy, and creating master plans for cities across Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Geoff has also shared stunning photographs of the places he's worked – from lush oases and vibrant markets to breathtaking buildings – where the colours are rich, vivid, and unforgettable.

We were delighted to welcome Geoff to our Rotary community and enjoyed hearing the fascinating stories behind his amazing career.

*Photos are taken from his slide presentation*



August

It was August 6, 1762, when the Earl of Sandwich found himself hungry. He ordered meat between two pieces of bread, and you know the rest...