

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting including guests, James Nagorcka. Doug Gardener, Peter Wilson and Katrina Rainsford.

Induction of new member Dawn Cay, introduced to Rotary by member and fellow golfer, Gerri Griffin. Dawn has already immersed herself into the world of BBQ's and will be a very valuable member. Welcome.

Reports

- **Drought Relief Forum** in Beaufort attended by Noel Howard as one of 6 panelists organised by their P&A Society (Rotary provided BBQ)
- **Alexandra House Raffle** - Margy McIntyre and Kevin Safe had a great time selling raffle tickets with Kevin winning "toss the boss" twice
- **Gardening with Marg** at the Pocket Garden and Brumley Park assisted by Damien Meagher and Kevin Safe (who forgot?)
- **Art Show Raffle ticket roster** starting 4 Sept (Meg Watson is in charge of this)
- **DV Committee** - next project is Behind the Toilet Door Posters - installation at Shire facilities and WDHS. Submitting an overview of our project to the Shire who are meeting in Melbourne next week on DV issues and funding DV awareness walk planned for November.



UPCOMING EVENTS

27 August Tori Ball (recipient of a Foundation Scholarship)

3 Sept TBA Venue will be away

10 Sept TBA

17 Sept Carriage Driving Dianna Lawrence

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.

Rotary Art Show

9-12 October

**Entries open now until 26
September**

**WDHS Walk for Dementia
in the gardens**

21 September



Sadly we mark the passing of **Barry Little** a very valued member of our club for the past 24 years. We express our condolences to Kerryn and his family.

As per Barry's wishes his funeral will be private. A celebration of his life for family and friends will be held at a later date.

Celebrations this week

Birthdays None

Happy Anniversary None

Induction Anniversary Gerri Griffin 20 years

Member News

Jenny Hurse is enjoying her "lap" around Western Australia and soon to be joined by Heather Ward.

Bob is off for a couple of weeks north leaving PE Meg in charge.

Gerri is up and about after surgery and even made it to Rotary



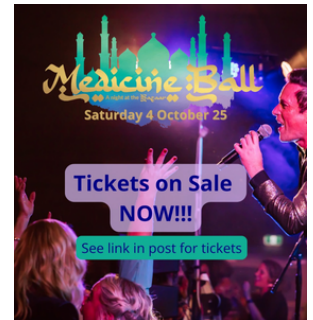
WDHS Raffle

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/wdhs>

WDHS Medicine Ball

October 4 @ 6:00 pm - 11:30 pm

<https://form.jotform.com/251948246822868>



The Rotary month of August is dedicated to **Membership and New Club Development**. Recruitment and Retention:

- August is a key time for clubs to focus on attracting new members and retaining existing ones.
- Member Appreciation: Rotary encourages clubs to celebrate the dedication and impact of their current members during this month.
- Strengthening Rotary:
- By focusing on membership and new club development, Rotary aims to ensure its continued success and ability to serve communities worldwide.

Rotary Moment



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
Bulletin Editor
Lorraine Wilson
District Governor
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

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Meetings held
The Speckled Frog 6pm
Wednesdays

Guest Speaker Report – James Nagorcka

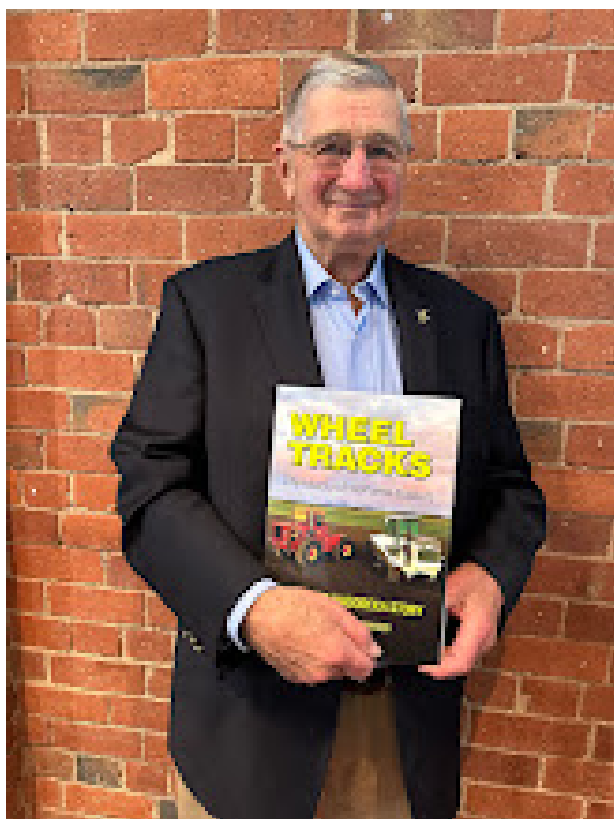
This week we welcomed James Nagorcka, fourth-generation Hamilton farmer and author of **Wheel Tracks: The History of Waltanna Tractors**. James was a foundation member and Past President of the Hamilton North Rotary club

James spoke about his remarkable journey from farm workshop to international recognition as an innovator. Always fascinated with tractors from a young age, with no formal engineering background, he designed and built tractors at Waltanna, ultimately producing 223 machines between the late 1970s and 1992. Among them were 13 fitted with his pioneering rubber track system, which he began developing in 1983. James went on to hold 25 patents for this and other machinery inventions. His rubber track designs were so influential that leading global tractor manufacturers later sought his expertise when developing their own systems.

Though tractor production ended in 1992, James's legacy continues. The Nagorcka family diversified into Waltanna Farms, where James and his wife June, alongside their son Michael and his wife Bron, have been producing organic flaxseed and oats since 2007. Their products, including a popular range of organic oils under the "Waltanna Gold" brand, are now sold both locally and online.

His book **Wheel Tracks** documents the story of Waltanna tractors, his inventions, and the family's farming heritage. Members thoroughly enjoyed James's presentation and were inspired by his story of local ingenuity with global impact.

James is kindly donating \$25 of each sale of his book purchased by Rotarians back to our club - available online or at Tahlia Beautyworks



NATIONAL GOLF MONTH

Every August, National Golf Month celebrates the cherished sport of golf, bringing together enthusiasts and newcomers alike to appreciate the rich history, camaraderie, and skillful play that defines this timeless game. #NationalGolfMonth (Except when the ball ends in the rough, the dam or the trees)

