

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting including guests Mary Meagher, Liz Cummins and Josh Nelson.

Josh Nelson was invited to give a brief bio - 22 years old, Joined the Rotary Club of Mobilong SA a year ago. He is a Creative Writer and Afternoon Announcer at Mixx88.9 & 3HA... Welcome to our club.

RAWCS Drought Relief

Those farmers who applied will probably receive two credit cards bring value to \$1000 (\$30,000 available to 30 applicants.

Domestic Violence update - Lorraine Wilson

DV Walk date 29 November 2025 (SGSC, WDHS and Police involved) Purple shirts available for club members.

Multi District Conference Horsham 27-29 March 2026

A short promo video was shown and Bob is encouraging members to think about attending.

Environmental Group - Gerri Griffin

Would like to donate to the Wildlife Recue Group (Shelley Burrowes) Moved Gerri Seconded Marg Moffatt. Figure to be discussed at Board Meeting



Note there are quite a number of catering commitments and events coming up so please check dates below and the the Shared Drive.



UPCOMING EVENTS

29 October No meeting

5 November AGM Report available on the shared drive. Bob can print copies on request.

14 November WDHS Golf Day - assistance required roster will be available

15 November Dunkeld Races - roster will be available

29 November Domestic Violence Walk and BBQ

1 December BBQ lunch for Ag Day at RIST

3 December TBA

10 December possible visit to VET clinic TBC

13 December Hamilton Rockfest Botanic Gardens (request to assist at the gate)

17 December Christmas Dinner Meeting (final meeting for the year)

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.



Celebrations this week
Birthdays Noel Howard and Doug Gardiner
Happy Anniversary David and Helen Garfoot celebrating 65 years
Induction Anniversary Leo Cummins 40 years
Condolences to the Brumley family on the passing of Margaret Brumley wife of the late Alan Brumley, Rotary named they Rotary playground (Brumley Park) after his father **Les Brumley**.

Seniors Month, also known as the **Victorian Seniors Festival**, is a month-long celebration held annually in October for older Victorians. With the theme for 2025 being "Connect, Create, Celebrate," the festival offers free and low-cost events across the state to encourage seniors to stay active and connected within their communities

What's on in Hamilton
 The full October calendar can be found on Council's [website](#), while printed brochures are ready for collection at the Brown Street Customer Service Office, Hamilton Library or any other Council service desk.

Rotary Moment

October is Rotary's Community and Economic Development Month, a time when clubs focus on projects that foster local economic growth and sustainable livelihoods. During this month, Rotarians highlight and engage in activities such as supporting entrepreneurs, providing vocational training, reducing poverty, and building the capacity of community leaders to create lasting economic improvement.



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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

No notes, how long do I have? We'll ring the bell

At our meeting, club member Damien Meagher, who is a wool broker with WISS, gave a fascinating and entertaining talk about Australia's wool industry – once one of the country's biggest success stories. He started off with an article from the Weekly Times noting that “if you think of about the common thread that has woven the fabric of Australia, its hard to go past the wool industry.”

Back in the early days, everything was done by hand – from shearing to spinning – and progress was slow. By the 1970s and '80s, technology had started to change things, with testing and quality checks helping mills and manufacturers produce better garments and products.

Then came the Reserve Price Scheme, which promised stability but led to trouble. During the 1988–89 wool boom, prices soared, and the industry got a bit too confident – ending up with 7 million bales of wool in storage! By 1992, the scheme collapsed under the weight of too much wool and not enough buyers.

Damien also noted that Australia's sheep numbers have dropped dramatically – from around 170 million at their peak to about 55 million today – with most of those now bred primarily for meat rather than wool.

One of the industry's big challenges today is changing the old image of wool as scratchy and hard to launder. Modern processing techniques mean wool garments are now soft, easy-care, and ideal for all seasons – something the industry is working hard to promote.

Under **Australian Wool Innovation**, the focus is now on research, quality, and sharing the story of Australian wool with the world. Around 88% of our wool now heads overseas to markets like China, Japan, Italy and Russia.

It was a great insight into the history and future of the industry, delivered with plenty of humour.

President Bob commented, ***if the wool industry ever folds, Damien could make a living out of talking!***



The good old days !