

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Elect Meg welcomed everyone to the meeting including Tori Ball, Kate Rainsford, Brian Ball, Phil Wheaton, Burak Ozdemir and Hugo Tang (optometrists at Glen Howell's) Jo Howell and Marshall Hill.

Induction of new member **Katrina (Kate) Rainsford**.

Leo Cummins introduced Katrina Rainsford who is currently a councilor with the Shire of Southern Grampians. Katrina is a Veterinarian and farmer and active in our community. President Elect Meg had the pleasure of inducting Kate and welcoming her to our club.

Marshall is on work experience at MixxFM from Lake Bolac Secondary College and is staying with Meg. This is part of the **Enhance Work Experience** which our Rotary District is in partnership with GSGLLEN (Glenelg and Southern Grampians Local Learning and Employment Network)

Reports

- **Art Show Raffle ticket roster** starting 3 Sept at the HUB or outside Woolworths (Meg Watson is in charge of this) Check shared drive
- **Art Show Gala tickets and Raffle tickets** will be distributed next week
- Some Gala tickets will be available on line through Humanitix <https://events.humanitix.com/rotary-hamilton-art-show-gala-preview-evening>
- **DV Committee** - next project is Behind the Toilet Door Posters - installation at Shire facilities and WDHS.

Cup Cake Day for RUOK supported by our DV Committee - 11 September at the Secondary Schools . The Speckled Frog will be making the cakes and also donating to the cause.

Legacy is looking for badge sellers - contact James Dishon



Rotary Hamilton **Art Show**
9-12 October 2025
Hamilton Performing Arts Centre

Raffle Tickets \$2 each

Drawn Wednesday 15 October 2025

Available at Robson's Pharmacy, Glenn Howell Optometrist, Rotarians and throughout the Art Show
Rotarians will also be selling tickets outside Woolworths Wednesday and Saturday from 3rd September

First Prize
Melbourne Street Scene, Corner Collins and Russell Streets
Watercolour painting by Richard Jones
Value \$1,000

Second prize
Cordless Pressure Washer and \$250 Gift Voucher
Donated by Permwans Mitre 10
Value \$400

Plus \$250 voucher Permwans Mitre 10

A fundraising event
Proceeds to Rotary projects



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3 Sept Caledonian Hotel** Social evening (book for numbers)
- 10 Sept** Carriage Driving Dianna Lawrence at The Speckled Frog
- 17 Sept Hamilton Bowls Club** Social Night (not bowling)
- 24 Sept The Speckled Frog** - Shelly Burrowes Hamilton Wildlife Centre

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



Announcing judge
Lauren van Katwyk
Curator Horsham Art Gallery



Read her profile on
<https://artshow.rotaryhamilton.org.au>

Celebrations this week
Birthdays None
Happy Anniversary None
Induction Anniversary David Indian

Member News
President Bob Cadden is travelling north and will be away for a month so PE Meg is filling in and getting some experience for the job ahead.

Brian Jenkins - bike pilots required for WDHS Grange Rickshaw bike - its electric!



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
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Meg Watson
Vice President/Membership
Brian Jenkins
Secretary
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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 - Tori Ball - Rotary Foundation Scholarship

Last night our club was delighted to welcome back **Tori Ball**, who has now returned to Australia after her time as a Rotary Foundation Scholar at Durham University. Our club was proud to recommend her for this prestigious award, and it was inspiring to hear her report on her experiences and achievements.

Life in the UK

Tori spent her first year in Durham attending regular seminars, undertaking intensive reading, and building the foundations of her PhD in Anthropology. A highlight of her year was the opportunity to present a paper at an international conference in Venice, where she shared her early research findings with academics from around the world.

Outside of study, she embraced local community life – joining a book club, playing netball, and enjoying rambling through the woodland trails. She also enjoyed cultural traditions such as the Durham Miner's Gala and the warmth of village pubs in winter. Tori was warmly supported by local Rotary Clubs in Durham and nearby areas, who welcomed her to meetings and offered fellowship.

Academic Focus

Tori's PhD research explores:

- Farming communities and climate change – how people adapt to environmental and economic pressures.
- Community resilience and identity – including cultural traditions and local support networks.
- Technology and family – their changing roles in rural life
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Next Steps

Now back in Australia, Tori has begun her fieldwork in Deniliquin, where she will:

- Conduct interviews, surveys, and historical research.
- Work alongside farmers to observe farming life and water management.

In her third year Tori will return to Durham and continue developing her thesis, which will eventually total 80,000–100,000 words

Our club congratulates Tori on her first year of achievements at Durham and looks forward to following her progress as she continues her important research here in Australia.

Tori is the daughter of our newly inducted member Katrina Rainsford. She is photographed with our PE Meg and her parents.



Notes

Anthropology: The study of people, cultures, and societies – how communities live, adapt, and make meaning in their world.

Durham, UK: A historic city in northeast England, known for its cathedral, castle, and as home to Durham University, one of the UK's leading research institutions.