

President	Noel Howard	Rotary Foundation	Simon Wilson
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Secretary	Lyn Christie	Youth Direct	Leo Cummins
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	John Main		
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			Scotland

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News and Notes from our Meeting 31 January 2024 The Speckled Frog

Noel Howard welcomed everyone to the social meeting including guest Rachel Macleod

Strategic Plan 2022-24

Brian Jenkins presented and reviewed our Strategic Plan. Brian will provide an updated document from this presentation.

International Project.

Jenni Barke reported on the completion of this project in which our club donated \$500.

Nepal School WASH Project Construction of Girls Toilet at Shree Balbodh Basic School Chandrakot Rural Municipality - 3, Jharkharka, Gulmi, Lumbini, Nepal

Environmental

Gerri Griffin reported meeting with council Fertilising plants around Brumley Park and the lake Tuesday 13 February 9am 6 members required for this project

District Notices

Youth Exchange 1 from Portland 3 from Horsham (Denmark France and Brazil)
Regionalisation – 4 communities across D9780
Strathdownie will be sometime in late May.
Australia Day Honours to District Rotary Members
Ron Pickford OA and David Goldsmith AM Wendy Hewitt OA

Club member profile Geetha Yoga

Geetha was born in Sri Lanka to parents who were both doctors. She was educated in a Catholic Convent and experienced a lonely childhood and the ravages of unrest in her country. As a teenager she came to Australia with her parents. Her chosen field of finance and banking was not accepted by her parents who wanted her to be a doctor.

She worked in the banking sector for many years and then some time at Aurelen Youth Prison. Leaving all this behind she pursued corporate service roles in the Not-for-Profit Sector which took her to Afghanistan for two years and several other countries with her last position in Cambodia working for HAGAR an international organisation that is dedicated to preventing modern slavery and supporting individuals affected by trafficking, slavery, exploitation, and abuse.



Photo: Traditional Concrete Sanitary PAD disposal point for girls at back of school

After returning to Melbourne Geetha applied for a position as CEO of Mulleraterong and has made a transition to perhaps a quieter tree change but expressed that the role is challenging with many changes required to see the organisation survive into the future. She is enjoying exploring our region with her husband Frank.

Meeting 14 February

Ian Aranyosi District 9780 Chair for Donate Life.
An opportunity to invite friends to this presentation

District Conference

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

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

Three 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.



Club roster

Date	Cashier	Raffle Sales	Chairman	Computer Setup	Bulletin
7/02/2024	Gerri Griffin	Rose Howard	Leo Cummins	Simon Wilson	David Indian
14/02/2024	Gerri Griffin	Jenny Hurse	Noel Howard	Simon Wilson	John Main

Coming Events

Date	Venue	Program	Other information
2/02/2024	Harness Racing Track	Manning the gate	Roster
7/02/2024	The Speckled Frog	Amy Travers	Our club sponsored three indigenous netball players to Fiji
13/02/2024	Brumley Park and lake	Environment project	6 or more members required
14/02/2024	The Speckled Frog	Rtn Ian Aronyosi District Chair Donate Life	Please invite any interested guests.
22/02/24	Uniting Church Food Bank	Roster	Jenni Hurse and Heather Ward
15- 17 March	Mount Gambier	District Conference	
27/03/2024	Hamilton Golf Club	Family Violence Community meeting	Guest Speaker

Celebrations for January/February Birthdays

Roy Betts turned 99 on 31 January and is settled into Eventide.

Judy Joyce 4th February

Wedding Anniversaries

None

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

