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Letters to the Editor

### **Hamilton Rotary celebrates 70 years service**

As a local Rotarian, I was delighted to join Hamilton Rotary Club members and guests to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club at a dinner held on Saturday, 26 May 2007.

Special guests for the evening were former Australian Prime Minister and past Member for Wannon, Malcolm Fraser, accompanied by his wife, Tammie.

Mr Fraser spoke entertainingly to the 120 members and guests about Australia's recent history from the end of World War Two until the completion of his term as Prime Minister in 1983.

During the formal part of the evening, Club President, Peter Dignan, presented the club's longest serving member, Eric Sobey, with his 50-year service award, a truly remarkable achievement.

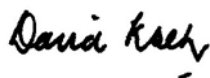
Rotary District 9780 governor, Andrew Suggett, honoured local member, Ian Black, with the Paul Harris Fellowship Sapphire Award for his outstanding contribution to Rotary over 20 years. This is the only time this award has been presented in the Hamilton club's history.

Mr Black's contribution included compiling a complete history of the club into a fascinating book that was launched as part of the celebrations on the evening.

Club President, Peter Dignan, thanked all present and past members for their community focus and applauded Hamilton Rotarians for achieving this remarkable anniversary.

I also extend my congratulations to Hamilton Rotary in serving the community and look forward to future opportunities of service.

Yours sincerely



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