

Rotary

Bendigo South



ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH Inc
Rotary District 9800

66th ANNUAL REPORT

2024-25



President: Peter Kilpatrick

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PRESIDENT

Our Rotary Club has once again had a very busy year. Some of the Projects we have been involved with include Science and Engineering Challenge, Run for Dad, Fun Flight, Camp Getaway Garden, Mothers Day Classic, TAFE, University and Secondary School Scholarships; to name a few.

We have entered into partner agreements with both Bendigo TAFE and La Trobe University with regard to providing scholarships to their students. Both institutions are very appreciative of our involvement.

We have also worked with other clubs. Eaglehawk for the Christmas Trailer Raffle and Bendigo with the Christmas Market. We also work in closely with Bendigo Sandhurst with their Australia Day and Easter Markets. Kangaroo Flat were very helpful with our dumplings afternoon.

Woodend were unable to entice a student to participate in the National Youth Science Forum, but very generously provided extra funding to support our student from East Loddon P to 12.

Multiple clubs have supported us with the Science and Engineering Challenge.

Cooperation with other clubs is an important part of the new Rotary Community Group Structure. While things haven't changed much this year, I'm a great believer in making changes with little steps. Working with what were our cluster clubs can quietly expand to include more clubs within our community group. Before too long, we will look back and see how far we have come.

We were saddened by the passing of Ron Devereaux. Ron was a very dear friend of all the members. He was very passionate about his trade and sponsored a Bendigo TAFE scholarship for Baking and Hospitality. Over twenty members attended his funeral which occurred during our Christmas/end of year break.

I would like to thank the board for all the good work they have done. The board members are the ones who make things happen and make the President look good as a result. I do have to make a special mention to Secretary Bernie for taking on the Signpost on top of his significant duties, while Shireen was away and also when she suffered a broken shoulder.

Club Board 2024 – 2025

Club President	Peter Kilpatrick
Secretary	Bernie Young
Treasurer	Heather Nixon
Youth Services Director	Greg Penno
International Service Director and President Elect	Lindsay Jolley
Community Service Director	Greg Noonan
Membership Director	Jan Pagliaro
Club Service & Communications Director	Tony Plant

Foundation Director and Immediate Past President
Fund-Raising and Finance Director
Vocations Director

Rod Spitty
Gary Pinner
Rod Spitty



Club Board: Bernie Young, Lindsay Jolley, President Peter Kilpatrick, Jan Pagliaro, Greg Penno, Tony Plant Greg Noonan Gary Pinner, Rod Spitty (Absent – Heather Nixon)

Yours in Rotary
Peter Kilpatrick
President

DONATIONS SUPPORTING COMMUNITY CHARITIES

Recipient	Amount	Recipient	Amount
Prostate Cancer Foundation Aust	\$555	Bendigo Inner Wheel	\$1,250
End Polio Now	\$826	Dragons Abreast	\$1,250
Legacy	\$500	Riding for the Disabled	\$1,250
Fun Flight	\$450	Wildlife Rescue	\$1,250
Bendigo Youth Choir	\$500	Sunshine Bendigo	\$2,150
Operation Toilet Australia	\$5,000	Mother's Day Classic Foundation	\$1,000
Heathcote Dementia Alliance	\$3,410	Lifeline Bendigo	\$2,000
Food Share	\$1,500	Shelterbox Myanmar Earthquake	\$2,000
Special school teachers Malaysia	\$450	Backpack for kids Bendigo	\$1,000
Phoenix Kids - Phnom Pen	\$3,000	Foundation	\$3,500
Maubisse scholarships	\$1,160	Rotary Western Qld flooding	\$1,000
Youth NYSF participation	\$1,000	Rotary NSW floods.	\$1,000
Secondary scholarships	\$3,000	Bendigo Chinese Association	\$1,000
La Trobe Uni scholarships	\$4,000	Otis Foundation	\$1,000
TAFE scholarships	\$2,000	Wheel Chairs for Kids	\$2,000
Science & Engineering Challenge	\$1,500	L'Arche Bendigo	\$5,000
Bendigo Brass Band	\$1,250	DIK	\$1,000
Women of Note Choir	\$3,250	Dolly Parton Imagination Library	\$500
Heartbeat	\$1,250	Total	\$63,750

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Director: Lindsay Jolley. Committee members: Cora Fuentes-Mahnic, Glenn Madden, Heather Nixon, Jan Pagliaro, Anne Peace, Greg Penno, Tony Plant, Matthew Scott and Dorje Tsering.

Timor Leste

- The Club continued its support for annual scholarships for secondary students in Maubisse with a \$1,160 contribution to the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee for eight scholarships. The Peter Ryall Trust contributed \$500.00 of this. The sponsored students were:
 - 2024: Inocencia Ragel Mendonca (F - Yr 11); Isah Salsinha Pacheco (M – Yr 11); Jacob de Araujo (M – Yr 11); and Lucia de Fatima (F - Yr 11).
 - 2025: Inocencia Ragel Mendonca (F - Yr 12); Jacob de Araujo (M – Yr 12); Lucia de Fatima (F – Yr 12); Delfina S. de Araújo (F – Yr11); Etelvina L dos Santos (F – Yr 11); Lucia X. Benevides (F -Yr 12); Maria Fernanda da C. (F – Yr 11); and Sofia Mendonça (F – Yr 11).
- Continued to support the cluster committee of four Bendigo clubs managing the knitting project to assist it in supplying volunteer-knitted clothes to Maubisse. Tony Plant represents our Club on this group. He is also a member of the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee (BMFC) and co-ordinates Donations in Kind (DIK) assistance for the Committee.
- Lindsay Jolley joined the BMFC and has taken on co-ordination of the Maubisse secondary and university scholarship program.

Cambodia

- RAWCS project “Developing Schools Organisation, Phnom Penh – Cambodia” (7-2013-14)
 - Project Manager – Anne Peace
Deputy Project Manager – Lindsay Jolley
 - The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh required for this continuing RAWCS project “Developing Schools Organisation, Phnom Penh – Cambodia” (7-2013-14) was signed on 22 December 2024.
 - \$1,119.83 was donated to the project with the funds raised by Lyn Comer through the collection of foreign coins. All funds (\$1,144.76) held in the RAWCS account were transferred to the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh following the signing of the MoU.
- RAWCS project “Phoenix Kids – Phnom Penh – Cambodia” (36-2024-25)
 - This project was established with the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh, and a Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 15 December 2024.
 - This project, in association with the Children’s Surgical Centre, Phnom Penh, enables reconstructive burns surgery to rebuild the lives of children who have been disabled because of serious burn injuries. The likelihood of these injuries is exacerbated by the traditional Cambodian cooking practices involving the use of open fires and very hot oil or water.



- Project Manager – Lindsay Jolley
- Deputy project Manager – Heather Nixon
- \$3,000 (included \$350 raised at the Club's Tibetan Dumpling & Culture event) was donated to the project.

Tibetan Dumpling & Culture event

- Dorje Tsering, his wife Lhamo and son Ozer hosted a sociable and successful Sunday lunch of Tibetan dumplings at Gateway Park, courtesy of the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat. 35 people from both Rotary Clubs attended contributing \$350.

Malaysia Special Education Teacher Training Program

- Our Club continued to support the second phase of the Malaysia Special Education Teacher Training program by contributing \$450 towards the cost for sending two local Special Education teachers, Angie Kloft (Leading Teacher and Behaviour Coach, Bendigo Special Developmental School) and Ben Ridge (Assistant Principal, Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School), to visit Malaysia for two weeks to pass on their Special education knowledge and expertise to teachers, parents and carers. They were also the major presenters at the 2-day International Special education Symposium held in Kuala Lumpur.

Project EWASH, Ethiopia

- \$5,000 was donated to Operations Toilets Australia, an entity of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, for the EWASH program being implemented in the Ezha District within the Gurage Zone of the Central Ethiopia Region. EWASH programs support improvements to clean water supply, sanitation and hygiene. Our Club particularly supports the provision of adequate school toilets to ensure that adolescent girls continue their education.

Wheelchairs for Kids

- Our Club donated \$2,000 to Wheelchairs for Kids. This will provide at least seven wheelchairs (\$275 each) to give mobility to children in impoverished countries around the globe.

Yours in Rotary

Lindsay Jolley

International Service Director

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Director: Greg Noonan. **Committee:** Trevor Hawking, Merlyn Quaife, Ron Devereaux, Graeme Neivandt, Max Ellis, Jan Pagliaro, Craig Wright, Bernie Young.

Assistance to people sleeping rough in Bendigo

Greg Noonan invited Andrew Weighman, Project Coordinator from Bendigo Winter Night Shelter to speak at a Club meeting about the overnight accommodation services they provide for homeless people during the winter months. It was determined that our Club would arrange for the transfer of laundry during July 2025.

Rotary Camp Getaway (Axedale) Memorial Garden

Rod Spitty liaised with the Camp Getaway Committee, Bendigo TAFE Horticultural Department, and Rotary Club of Bendigo regarding the design and implementation of a memorial garden at Camp Getaway to honour the memory of Rotary and Camp Getaway Committee stalwarts Ken Briggs (RC Bendigo South) and John English (RC Bendigo). The TAFE student apprentices entered a full size prototype of the design in the Melbourne International Flower Show. The garden will be developed on site in the next Rotary year. Design elements include a Peace Pole, padlock fence, and Indigenous history. A great Youth Service and Vocational project.

Heathcote Dementia Alliance

Heathcote Dementia Alliance is developing a respite facility near Lake Eppalock. Greg Noonan and RC Kangaroo Flat Rotarian Jim Boyer are assisting with the construction works.

Ongoing projects

- Weekly garden maintenance at Annie North Women's Refuge
- Participation on Camp Getaway Committee and works implementation (Graham Neivandt and Paul Gibbons)
- Bbqs to support community groups coordinated by Gary Pinner and George Ellis
- Assistance to Bendigo Foodshare with Christmas period food rescue and distribution



Clive Hughes and Treasurer Heather Nixon at the Annie North Women's Refuge, and Greg Noonan and Jim Boyer at work at the Heathcote Dementia Alliance property at Lake Eppalock

Greg Noonan, Community Service Director

YOUTH SERVICE

Director: Greg Penno. **Committee:** Mark Tracy, Shireen Yeo, Philip Lethbridge, Anne Peace, and Lyn Comer.

The year started with a lot of promise with good intention and we had some very good achievements. Working with Director Lindsay Jolley, International, we were successful in getting a project up and running with Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS). The Phoenix Project, No. 36 of 2024/25. This Project supports Cambodian children with surgery, from injuries suffered as the result of being scalded with boiling water or hot oil and who suffer debilitating burns as a result. This project continues the support that we provide to the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and The Children's Surgical Centre, Phnom Penh.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

We were unable to get a student to undertake this program for the first Camp in 2024 but we did have an applicant for the second Camp held in March 2025, at DOXA in Malmsbury. Our candidate Ella Bolwell from East Loddon P 12 College was thrilled with the result of attending. She stated that RYPEN got her out of her 'bubble' and she can't believe that she made so many new friends in just 3 days.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

This year there were 16 students selected from colleges that we serve to attend this fantastic program. Working with local Cluster Clubs we were able to support each candidate with \$625.00. However, our student from East Loddon P12, Molly Bowell was fortunate to receive a further \$1,600.00 courtesy of the Rotary Club of Woodend. Molly found the experience greatly rewarding but did not change her mind about her intended direction as a career, working in an environmental area. She returned and presented to the Club as a much more confident young woman.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

This Rotary year we supported Pan Sein Htoo a 21 year old Karen Refugee now living in Bendigo, whilst the Rotary Club of Sandhurst supported her older sister Say Htoo aged 25. These young women had only been living in Bendigo for six months prior and had left behind their parents and four brothers, still living in a refugee camp in Thailand. The Youth cluster directors agreed that by inviting both women to attend would help with their English language skills and to help them to assimilate into our community.

College Scholarships

In line with our Clubs commitment we provided \$500.00 to each of six students from the Colleges in our region. The successful students selected by the Colleges were Mietta Livingstone, Girton Grammar, Violet Thoma, Bendigo Senior Secondary College, Chelsea Bradley, Crusoe Secondary College, Hser Wah Wah Shee, Catholic Marist Brothers Colleges, Jayd Wignall, Bendigo South East College, and Kiera Touhey, East Loddon P12.



Secondary scholarship winners Mietta Livingstone, Jayd Wignall, Chelsea Bradley, Kiera Touhey, Hser Wah Wah Shee, and BSSC musician of the year Violet Thoma.

The year was considerably easier this year without being involved in Rotary Youth Exchange. The general feeling of the Club Board is that we can get better value supporting Youth in other ways.

I would like to thank the Club members who put their hand up for the Youth Committee this year and who supported the Clubs Youth activities. Thank You!

Gregory J Penno, P.P, PHF.
Director Youth Service.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Committee: Rod Spitty (Chair), Paul Gibbons, Mark Tracy, Peter Kilpatrick, Tony Plant, Emily Mudge.

On the 8th August, Newcastle University with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South conducted the Science and Engineering Challenge at Girton Grammar School Stadium. In total 6 schools and 165 students attended. The participating schools were:

- Girton Grammar School
- Bendigo South East College
- Crusoe College
- Catherine McAuley College
- Weeroona College
- Creek Street Christian College

Bendigo South East College won the Regional Event for Central Victoria.

Thank you to participating schools, teachers and students for their attendance and Volunteer Supervisors for their contributions.



It costs approximately \$12000 to conduct the event. Thank you to the following financial supporters:

- Latrobe University
- Invest in People
- Coliban Water
- Rotary Club of Bendigo
- Rotary Club of Eaglehawk
- Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst
- Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat
- Rotary Club of Rochester
- Peter Ryall Trust

Finally, thank you to the Project Committee and Club members for their help and support throughout the year.

Rod Spitty

Chair - Science and Engineering Challenge - Central Victoria.

CLUB SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

Director: Tony Plant, with assistance from Paul Gibbons, Jan Pagliaro and Rod Spitty.

Having been absent due to health issues between December and April I wish to acknowledge the support I received from Paul, Jan and Rod to ensure the program organized was implemented and more importantly helping to fill in a few gaps that existed. With this support we were able to keep meetings happening each week.

We attended the Lake View Hotel on 31 occasions where we listened to a variety of speakers which included members of community charities, local government, private business and some of our own members. We also had seven outings during the year taking in two movies at the Star Cinema, dinner night at the Kennington Tavern, a football evening hosted by the South Bendigo Football Club, a shared lawn bowls event with the Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst, a Sunday trip to Goornong where we learnt how to construct a grain silo with a lunch to conclude the day at a local Olive Grove. To complete our year, we visited a new gym business known as Kieser and have our changeover evening at the local RSL Club.

To involve more members in our weekly meetings there was an attempt to have the meeting Chair shared with more members taking a turn and we introduced a Meet and Greet Roster where we assigned two members to hand out the name badges and welcome visitors along with the regular attendees.



Gary Pinner with guest speakers Jayden Dole and Matthew Curic from Impact Recovery, and Tony Plant and Lyn Copper promoting Rotary on Bendigo Phoenix Radio.

As much as possible Jan as Membership Director and I as Club Service Director worked closely together as there are many areas that come under club service that also cut across the membership portfolio. Jan took particular interest in the welfare of all members, doing a great job and I concentrated more on the activities to involve members in the club operations. Shireen and Bernie ensured our Signpost Bulletin was relevant and went out each week. Matthew continued in his role as website manager. Recruitment of new members did not happen and needs much more attention in the coming year. Unfortunately, with the sad passing of Ron Devereaux and one or two resignations our membership will experience a drop in numbers.

More encouragement is required to educate more members in what Rotary has to offer in broader terms. It is unfortunate to witness the decline in attendance in district programs and the Annual Conference which were very important to build enthusiasm to press ahead and contribute to the wellbeing of the club. At the same time, helping each individual Rotarian further develop their organizational and communication skills. The club cannot survive if all members want to be worker bees only. Some existing members need to step up and be drones and queen bees if the hive is to survive in the future.

I would like to make a special mention in reference to our meeting venue at the Lake View Hotel. Great food, great staff and a wonderful modern and very convenient meeting room. I would encourage all members to perhaps pass on a kind word and praise to the staff from time to time as it all helps to foster and continue a healthy relationship.

Tony Plant

Club Service Director 2024/25

FOUNDATION and VOCATION

Director: Rod Spitty. **Committee:** Emily Mudge, Greg Penno, Peter Kilpatrick.

The Club Supported the End Polio Month in October by raising \$826. This online process is an effective way of raising project funds by way of individual members, community and Club

contributions. It is noted that the threat of polio outbreak is still imminent and present throughout the world and even more recently in New Guinea.

In addition, the Club supported the Rotary Foundation by way of \$3500 (Approximately \$100 per member). These funds are raised through the Club's extensive barbeque program.

During the year vocation became further consolidated with the following additional activities:

1.0 Refinement of the Tertiary Scholarship Program particularly with La Trobe University and Bendigo TAFE with respect to administration and implementation. The Club makes the following annual contributions.

La Trobe University

- Two Engineering Scholarships
- One Health Science

Bendigo TAFE

- Apprentice of the Year
- Inspirational Student of the Year
- Bakery/Hospitality Student of the Year
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year.



Youth Director Greg Penno with La Trobe University scholarship recipients Montannah Gartside and Alexander Epworth. President Peter Kilpatrick, Vocations Director Rod Spitty, and TAFE Head of Campus David Richardson sign a five year funding agreement for four TAFE scholarships.

A huge thankyou again to the Peter Ryall Trust for their continued support on a dollar for dollar basis and who have agreed to support two La Trobe Scholarships for a further 5 year period from 2028 to 2032.

2.0 Vocational/social site visits and Guest Speaker.

During the year the Club undertook the following:



- G E Silos - Storage Silos Manufacturer
- Kieser Australia Gym - Health and fitness care
- Rodilesa Nursery – Nursery Operation and Garden Maintenance in Central Victoria.

Members are supporting this type of site inspection and meeting program and it is intended to develop and continue with this type of program in the next Rotary Year.

I wish to thank the Committee, members, community and industry/business for their support throughout the year.

Rod Spitty
Foundation and Vocation Director

FINANCE AND FUND RAISING

Director: Gary Pinner. Committee- Paul Gibbons, Glenn Madden, Tony Plant, George Ellis and Bob Simpson.

The 2025- 25 Rotary year fundraising has continued to be strong and has eclipsed the previous record year results. This has allowed the club to support many local and international projects the board has identified and projected in the Treasurers report.

The joint Christmas Trailer Raffle with the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk directly supported five local groups who volunteered to sell raffle tickets as well as provided both clubs and significant funds to be distributed within the club's projects.

Christmas Cakes & Puddings sales were coordinated by Max and Ian Ellis with Jan Pagliaro as support while Ian was away.

Rotary Chocolate sales were provided by Sue Duncan and Trevor Hawking and were eagerly sought each week.

The Catering and BBQ income has been another record year. Total Income of \$59,720.00, less expenses, provided a profit of \$42,745.00. Fantastic result by all involved. Mant thanks

to our corporate sponsors listed below; without your support over the year this result would not be possible:

- Latrobe University Bendigo
- Tafe Bendigo
- RMIT Flight School Bendigo
- City of Greater Bendigo
- Bendigo Community Health
- Hazeldene's Bendigo
- MMM Bendigo
- CFMEU Bendigo

Our corporate support along with another 17 individual community groups have allowed our club to provide funds to many local community and international projects.



Bendigo Memory Walk and Jog community service bbq, and Trailer Christmas Raffle.

We have been involved in 35 catering events over this Rotary year, involving 130 volunteers, totaling 600 plus volunteer hours. Many thanks to our hardworking committee and in particular our volunteer coordinator George Ellis who continues to encourage volunteers to run our events.

Congratulations to President Peter on his year in Rotary and thanks for his encouragement and support to our committee to be the "Rotary Club of Choice" to go to in Bendigo for BBQ's and catering. We look forward to continue the great work with incoming President Lindsay for the 2025 – 26 Rotary year.

Gary Pinner, Director

VALE RONALD (RON) MURRAY DEVEREAUX, PHF



On the 18th of December 2024, at 90 years of age, Ronald (Ron) Murray Devereaux, a very much respected member of the club, passed away. When you spoke to Ron you knew you were talking to a person who respected everyone. His sincerity was always evident. He had a quiet and thoughtful manner, listening intently to any person who might be then speaking to him.

Ron could be described as the original quiet achiever. His commitment to the notion of enterprise was recognised very early in his life. Being born in November 1933, in the latter part of the Great Depression, and being one of six children, at the age of 14 he obtained a part-time job at a local Castlemaine (Central Victoria) bakery, and stayed there for 30 years.

He later moved to Warracknabeal (Western Victoria), where he ran a number of bakeries, before moving to Bendigo to establish what became “Plaza Hot Bread Bakery”, then Australia’s largest Hot Bread Bakery. His business acumen extended further to the founding of the Australian Society of Baking, with its national and international responsibilities; and to the establishing of numerous other very successful businesses, justifying the statements of support of his efforts.

We were lucky to have him in Rotary International. In true commitment to the notion of service, he joined, firstly, the Rotary Club of Warracknabeal, becoming President in 1974-75, then when, in 1980, he moved to Bendigo, he joined our club, the Rotary Club of Bendigo South. His Rotary CV shows his dedication to service, where he engaged in numerous working trips to locations such as New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga and other locations. Administratively, he acted as a District Director of RYLA for eight years, and, has been Fellowship Director. He has also received a Paul Harris Fellow award. And, for many years he had a 100% attendance record! Of course, for him, attending and assisting at Rotary barbeques and working-bees was very much a normality. No problems, that is what we do in Rotary, make time for others. He was team player.

Before closing, it is important to mention the most important aspect of his life, his family. In 1966 Ron and his late wife, Yvonne, married, and she, and all the family, strongly supported him in his life and business endeavors. Ron and Yvonne had three children, Susan, Annette and Colin; with five grand-children. His friend, Helen, has also played a very significant part in his later life.

Ron was a person who worked hard and made opportunities for himself and others. His leadership characteristics and commitment to service were well respected. R.I.P. Ron.

Geoff McKinna, PP (1992 and 2010)

CELEBRATIONS



Former member Terry Dalwood receives his Honorary Membership from President Peter Kilpatrick.
Honorary Member Tom Glazebrook celebrates his 99th birthday at a club meeting.



Former Youth Exchange student Victor Salaens from France joined us to celebrate the farewell for Spanish Youth Exchange student Ignacio (Nacho) Gonda in July 2024.

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH - CLUB PROGRAM 2024-2025			
Date	Activity	Venue	Chair
JULY THEME: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH			
Thurs 4 July	Nacho and past exchange student Victor Saelen	Lake View	Gary Pinner
Thurs 11 July	Member Talk-Bob Simpson	Lake View	Geoff Mc Kinna
Thurs 18 July	Member Talk- Paul Sherwood	Lake View	Graham Neivandt
Thurs 24 July	Mark Balla-Toilet Warrior	Lake View	Rod Spitty
AUGUST THEME: MEMBERSHIP			
Thurs 1 Aug	Rod Flavell - Span	Lake View	Tony Plant
Thurs 8 Aug	Science and Engineering Challenge	Girton Grammar	Rod Spitty
Thurs 15 Aug	Blaze Aid-Debbie Butler	Lake View	Bob Simpson
Tues 20 Aug	BBQ Latrobe Uni Market Day		
Thurs 22 Aug	Inter club-Roles of and sub committees plans for the Rotary Year.	Lake View	Peter Kilpatrick
Sun 25 Aug	La Trobe Uni Open Day and Flight Centre Open Day Two BBQS.	La Trobe Uni	
Thurs 29 Aug	Arena Theatre-Debra	Lake View	Merlyn Quaife
SEPTEMBER THEME: BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY			
Sun 1 Sept	BBQ Run for Dad	Bendigo Jockey Club	
Tues 3 Sept	BBQ La Trobe Uni Market Day	La Trobe Uni	
Thurs 5 Sept	Footy theme & Pie Night-South Bendigo FC	Harry Trot Oval	George Ellis
Thurs 12 Sept	University Scholarship Winners Health Sci/Engineering	Lake View	Greg Penno
Thurs 19 Sept	Impact Recovery – Jayden Dole, Matthew Curic. Presentation to Terry Dalwood	Lake View	Gary Pinner
Fri 20 Sept	Christmas Trailer Raffle commences		
Thurs 26 Sept	District Governor visit	Lake View	Peter Kilpatrick
OCTOBER THEME: ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
Thurs 10 Oct	Maubisse Movie Fund raiser	Star Cinema	Rod Flavell BMFC
Thurs 17 Oct	Kalianna & Bendigo Special Development Schools	Lake View	Lindsay Jolley
Thurs 24 Oct	Bendigo City Council Recycling: Amelia & Katie	Lake View	Paul Sherwood
Fri 25 Oct Sat 26 Oct	Bendigo Show. Hazeldene's Catering		
Thurs 31 Oct	Lynne Cooper book - The Mystery Medal	Lake View	Lyn Comer
NOVEMBER THEME: FOUNDATION			
Thurs 7 Nov	Rotary Caravan Fellowship BBQ	Golden Nugget Caravan Park	Philip Lethbridge
Sat 9 Nov	Golden City Pipe Band bbq	Prince of Wales Showgrounds	

Thurs 14 Nov	Aviv Patte	Lake View	Greg Penno
Thurs 21 Nov	Sandra Slater Heathcote Dementia Devt. Annual General Meeting	Lake View	Lyn Comer
Thurs 28 Nov	Half Yearly Evaluation	Lake View	Peter Kilpatrick
DECEMBER THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION			
Thurs 5 Dec	No meeting		
Sunday 8 Dec	Mandurang Christmas Market	Mandurang Winery	
Thurs 12 Dec	Christmas Dinner Meeting	Lake View	
Thurs 19 Dec	Xmas Trailer Raffle Draw	Mechanics Institute	
JANUARY THEME: VOCATIONS			
Thurs 16 Jan	Euchre Night	Lake View	Tony Plant
Thurs 23 Jan	No meeting		
Sunday 26 Jan	Aust Day BBQ		
Thurs 30 Jan	Dot Smith Backpack for Kids	Lake View	Jan Pagliaro
FEBRUARY THEME: PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION			
Thurs 6 Feb	Doug Lougoon. Visiting China	Lake View	Rod Spitty
Feb 13	No meeting		
Thurs 20 Feb	Andrew Weightman Bendigo Winter Night Shelters	Lake View	Greg Noonan
Tues 27 Feb	Bowls Night with RC Bendigo Sandhurst	Strathfieldsaye Bowls Club	Phil Lethbridge
MARCH THEME: WATER & SANITATION			
Thurs 6 March	Social dinner	Kennington Tavern	
Thurs 13 March	Molly Brown NYSF recipient East Loddon P-12	Lake View	Greg Penno
Sun 23 March	Goornong Excursion – Silo manufacturing		Lyn Comer
Thurs 27 March	Joint meeting with RC Beaumauris.	Lake View	Paul Gibbons
APRIL THEME: MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH			
Thurs 3 April	Movie Night	Star Cinema	Tony Plant
Thurs 10 April	Special Education Teachers Ben Ridge, Angie Croft – Malaysian visit	Lake View	Lindsay Jolley
April 17	No meeting		
Thurs 24 April	Danny Wells, Rodilesa Nursery	Lake View	Rod Spitty
MAY THEME: YOUTH SERVICE			
Thurs May 1	Noel Hobley. Rotary Club of Bendigo 100 years of Service.	Lake View	Tony Plant
Thurs May 8	School Scholarship Winners 2024	Lake View	Mark Tracy
Thurs May 15	Peter Kilpatrick. New Zealand visit	Lake View	Rod Spitty
Thurs May 22	Visit to the Gym	Lake View to follow.	Jan Pagliaro
Thurs May 29	Sunshine Bendigo - Glenda Serpell	Lake View	Greg Penno

JUNE THEME: FELLOWSHIP			
Thurs 5 June	Lifeline	Lake View	Gary Pinner
Thurs 12 June	Year in Review. Joint board meeting	Lake View	Peter Kilpatrick
Wed 18 June	Change over Event	Bendigo RSL	
Thurs 26 June	<i>The New Deal</i> -plans for 25/26	Lake View	Lindsay Jolley

ROYCE ABBEY AWARDS

This program is to recognize Club members in their early years of Rotary who show enthusiasm and commitment to the ideals of Rotary. The selection is by the President of the Rotary Club and it is hoped by early recognition, members will be encouraged to continue to enjoy their membership and appreciate the contributions Rotarians can make to the community, both locally and internationally.

This Award encourages Clubs to contribute AU\$1,000 through the Rotary Foundation to The Royce and Jean Abbey Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship, a program that is available to assist the training of young men and women in developing countries.

2007-08	Helene Brown, Peter Ryall
2008-09	Marie Jenkins
2009-10	Wendy Learmount
2011-12	Ros Chenery, Matthew Scott, Lyn Comer
2015-16	Bernie Young

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Is it the TRUTH
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION

1978	Jack Bright	2004	David Cotton	2016	Greg Penno (S)
1982	George Symons	2005	Ken Gittins	2017	Tony Plant
1984	Don Allen	2005	Anne Peace	2017	Tom Campbell
1987	John Parsons	2006	Elizabeth Allen	2019	Richard Epskamp
1987	Bill Rodd	2007	Ken Briggs OAM (S)	2019	Geoff McKinna
1988	Bill Ashman	2007	Ron Twitt	2019	Max Ellis (S)
1988	Tom Glazebrook A.M.	2007	Lindsay Jackson	2019	Rod Spitty
1988	Bill Hoare	2008	David Cotton (S)	2019	Greg Penno (S2)
1989	Frank Budge	2008	Peter Kilpatrick	2020	Gary Pinner (S2)
1989	George Ellis	2009	Gary Pinner (S)	2020	Graham Neivandt (S)
1994	George Dawson	2009	Greg Noonan	2021	Julie Oberin
1995	Graeme Norris	2009	Ralph Birrell	2021	Cathie Steele
1996	Eddie Beer	2010	Terry Dalwood	2022	George Ellis
1997	Geoff Holland	2011	Ian Ellis	2022	Tony Plant (S)
1997	Trevor Phillips	2011	Peter Kilpatrick (S)	2022	Robert Simpson
1998	Laurie O'Farrell	2013	Greg Noonan (S)	2023	Bernard Young
1999	Ron Devereaux	2013	Greg Penno	2023	Rod Spitty (S)
1999	Margaret Roberts	2013	Maggie Merigan-James	2023	Paul Gibbons (S)
2000	Rob Hunt	2013	Paul Gibbons	2023	Dr Leo Donnan
2001	Ken Briggs OAM	2014	Erma Hoare	2023	Merlyn Quaife
2002	Gary Pinner	2014	Bill Ashman (S2)	2024	Gary Pinner (S3)
2002	Lindsay Jolley	2014	Verna Ashman	2024	Greg Noonan (S2)
2003	Max Ellis	2014	Peter Kilpatrick (S2)		
2004	Graham Neivandt	2016	Lynette Comer		

[(S) indicates award of PHF Sapphire. (S2) PHF Double Sapphire. (S3) Triple Sapphire]

The Rotary movement was founded in February 1905, by Paul Harris, a lawyer from Chicago, who recognized the potential of an association of like-minded professional and business people who could meet and share common interests on a regular basis.

In 1957, the Rotary Foundation introduced a recognition known as a Paul Harris Fellow in memory of the founder as an expression of appreciation for a contribution of US\$1,000.00 or more to the Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs. The recipients receive a pin, medallion and certificates that identify them as advocates of the Rotary Foundation's goals of world peace and understanding.

In Australia and New Zealand it has become a tradition that a club may determine to recognise a Club Member or community member as a Paul Harris Fellow for meritorious service, where the club contributes US\$1,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation from club funds. Recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow remains a respected and prestigious honour for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.

MAX ELLIS AWARDS

The Presidential award 'For dedicated and selfless service by a Non-Board member'.

This award was introduced by Past President Max Ellis during his term of office. In his words "It is the honour of the incumbent President to choose a Club member who is the 'Best and Fairest' for the Rotary Year".

1974-75	Jim Porter	2000-01	Gerald Kavanagh
1975-76	Bill Rodd	2001-02	Graham Neivandt
1976-77	George Symons	2002-03	Ken Gittins
1977-78	Alan Williams	2003-04	Bev Ormerod
1978-79	John Parsons	2004-05	Ruth O'Connell
1979-80	Graeme Norris	2005-06	Ken Briggs OAM
1980-81	Les Pascoe	2006-07	David Carbury
1981-82	Gordon Hellyer	2007-08	Andrew Palmer
1982-83	Don Allen	2008-09	Wendy Learmount
1983-84	Frank Monti	2009-10	Ian Ellis
1984-85	Vic Wodetski	2010-11	Elaine Harrington
1985-86	Graham Neivandt	2011-12	Greg Noonan
1986-87	Bill Hoare	2012 -13	Tony Plant
1987-88	Darrel Walker	2013-14	Bernie Young
1988-89	Bob Forbes	2014-15	Anne Peace
1989-90	Ken Gittins	2015-16	Sue and Trevor Hawking
1990-91	Laurie O'Farrell	2016-17	Jennie and Clive Hughes
1991-92	John Grylls	2017-18	Heather Nixon
1992-93	John Vercoe	2018-19	Merlyn Quaife AM
1993-94	Tony Britt	2019-20	George Ellis
1994-95	Keith Inglis	2020-21	Clive and Jennie Hughes
1995-96	Gerald Kavanagh	2021-22	Susan Duncan
1996-97	Jenni Hillman	2022-23	Maureen Plant
1997-98	Bill Ashman	2023-24	Shireen Yeoh
1998-99	Tony Plant	2024-25	Lyn Comer
1999-2000	Marilyn Botwood		

PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS

1959-60	Les Harris	1992-93	Geoff McKinna
1960-61	Alan Fraser	1993-94	Neil Zantuck
1961-62	John Corbett	1994-95	Eddie Beer
1962-63	Ian McHardy	1995-96	Geoff Holland
1963-64	Bill Ashman	1996-97	Gary Pinner
1964-65	Jack Bright	1997-98	Kay Branson
1965-66	Len Knox	1998-99	Jenni Hillman
1966-67	Alex Fraser	1999-00	Dean Shirley
1967-68	George Ellis	2000-01	Paul Blacker
1968-69	Harold MacDonald (dec)	2001-02	David Cotton
	George Ellis	2002-03	Ian Ellis
1969-70	Neville Howell	2003-04	Ken Briggs OAM
1970-71	Don Allen	2004-05	John Steele
1971-72	Colin Scheumack	2005-06	Terry Dalwood
1972-73	Jim Osborne	2006-07	Bev Ormerod
1973-74	Bill Rodd	2007-08	Greg Noonan
1974-75	Max Ellis	2008-09	Frank Cinquegrana
1975-76	Ron Twitt	2009-10	Philip Jan
1976-77	Bryan Milne	2010-11	Geoff McKinna
1977-78	Bob Johns	2011-12	Ruth O'Connell
1978-79	Ray Foley	2012-13	Wendy Learmount
1979-80	Brian Thomas	2013-14	Helene Brown
1980-81	Tom Johnson	2014-15	Rod Spitty
1981-82	Graeme Elvey	2015-16	Tony Plant
1982-83	John Parsons	2016-17	Tony Plant
1983-84	George Dawson	2017-18	Bernie Young
1984-85	Bill Hoare	2018-19	Rod Spitty
1985-86	Laurie O'Farrell	2019-20	Glenn Madden
1986-87	Ralph Birrell	2020-21	Paul Gibbons
1987-88	John Hewitson	2021-22	Merlyn Quaife AM
1988-89	Rod McLeod	2022-23	Merlyn Quaife AM
1989-90	Rob Aitken	2023-24	Rod Spitty
1990-91	Brian Thomas	2024-25	Peter Kilpatrick
1991-92	Colin Walton		

CLUB MEMBERS 2024-25

Lyn Comer	Silo Manufacturing	Heather Nixon	Nursing
Ron Deveraux (Dec)	Bread Manufacture	Greg Noonan	Management Accounting
Sue Duncan	Property Management	Jan Pagliaro	Disability Services
George Ellis	Emergency Services	Anne Peace	Primary Education
Ian Ellis	Sign Writing	Greg Penno	Police Services
Max Ellis	Sign Writing	Gary Pinner	Automotive Repairs
Cora Fuentes-Mahnic	Ethnic Management	Tony Plant	Catering
Paul Gibbons	Education	Maureen Plant (Retired)	Retail Sales
Trevor Hawking	Building Supplies Sales	Merlyn Quaife AM	Music Education
Clive Hughes	Carpet Laying	Matthew Scott	Education
Lindsay Jolley	Environmental Mgt	Paul Sherwood	Procurement
Margaret Kelly (Retired)	Sales Professional	Bob Simpson	Police Services
Peter Kilpatrick	Project Engineer	Rod Spitty	Local Gov't Engineering
Philip Lethbridge	Law	John Stewart	Public Accounting
Glenn Madden	Primary Education	Mark Tracy	Secondary Education
Kerri-Ann Maybury	Health Case Manager	Dorje Tsering	Translator
Geoff McKinna	Police Service	Craig Wright	Retirement Village Mgt
Emily Mudge	Civil Engineering	Shireen Yeoh	Migration Agent
Graham Neivandt	Waste Water Disposal	Bernie Young	Public Land Management

Honorary Members

David Cotton	Genealogy	Wendy Learmount	Banking Management
Terry Dalwood	Manufacturing Mgt	Laurie O'Farrell	Law
Ken Gittins	Sheep Grazing	Trevor Phillips	Engineering Consultant
Tom Glazebrook AM	Highway Construction	Peter Simmons	State Emergency Services
Lindsay Jackson	Tertiary Education		

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