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Club of Bendigo South Inc.



Annual Report 2020/21





Rotary Year 2020/21



**Rotary International
President:
Holgar Knaack**

**9800 District
Governor:
Phillip Archer**



**Club President of
Bendigo South:
Paul Gibbons**

Board Members: Tony Plant (Secretary); Greg Noonan (Treasurer); Merlyn Quaife (Community Service & President Elect); Glenn Madden (Foundation & Immediate Past President); Heather Nixon (International); Kay Mc Laughlin (Youth); Sue Duncan (Membership & Marketing, Public Image); Rod Spitty (Club Service); Gary Pinner (Fundraising) & Jan Pagliaro (Assistant Secretary).



Rotary Club of Bendigo South President's Report 2020/2021

This year International President Holger Knack asked all Rotarians to lead in the Rotary way by living as a role model of his slogan, Rotary Opens Opportunities.

During the past year as President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South I have learnt that the Programs, Partnerships and People in this club regularly go above and beyond to follow the "Service Above Self" ideal.

I wish to thank all club members for the opportunity to be the President of Bendigo South in what has been a very challenging year. It was a challenge that the board and club members were to take up with great gusto and enthusiasm despite the challenges.

For the first time in the club's 60-year history a Virtual Changeover was held. Outgoing President Glenn, his wife Rose and daughter Emily joined my wife Rae, daughter Kara and I for the occasion at our Maiden Gully Residence for the formal part of proceedings as well as streaming out live on ZOOM. As well, there were smaller gatherings around the town in Covid safe groups to watch the proceedings unfold and annual awards be presented.



In this Rotary year we began with the following Aims and Objectives: -

- To Maintain a healthy and happy club, and engage members to support effective service and minimise unavoidable member departures.
- To Ensure sound club governance and adoption of good business practices.
- To continue to explore and develop the role of new technology in Rotary meetings at all levels of the club.
- Continue to build stronger connections and partnerships with cluster clubs, our partner schools, and other community groups, and promote hands on service activities.
- Promote a strong service culture where members contribute as best, they are able to, without rigid bureaucracy, but respecting the traditions of the Club and Rotary International.
- To provide all members a greater opportunity to develop their Rotary knowledge and to be able to participate more actively in the club's decision-making processes.
- Support the facilitation of the Annual Welsh Choir Concert.

Amongst this year's initiatives were -

- Undertake and explore more opportunities for environmental and tree planting projects in the Bendigo area.*
- Support the setting up and establishment of the club's new storage shed and the safe storage of club memorabilia, archives, library and equipment.*
- Undertake planning and implementation of a 100 Years of Rotary project during this historic 100 rotary year.*
- Explore and develop with other cluster clubs, if practical, a hands-on project based on the East Gippsland Fire Aid Area.*
- Build connections with, and provide support to, the local ethnic communities and improve our knowledge of their history, culture and issues.*
- Continue to support Camp Getaway both financially and physically through working bees and support for ongoing camp projects.*
- Ensure the success of the hosting of National Science/ Engineering Challenge in 2021.*
- Support the effective running of the first Christmas trailer raffle with Eaglehawk Rotary club in 2020/2021.*



This year's program included off site events at least once a month in the last six months and thanks must go to Rod Spitty and Tony Plant for their great forward planning and organising of the program. We've had terrific social events including the Prattys Patch Tomato Growing History Talk as well as the High Tea celebration at Camp Getaway to recognize the Rotary life of Ken Briggs.

A social weekend at Koondrook/ Barham organised by Glenn Madden and Tony Plant where 24 members and friends enjoyed the delights of the towns and district including meeting Glenn's brother! We finally had the long-planned Social Event at ALLIES ROAD, and thanks to Tony, Betty and David for their hosting and of a great meal and fire to keep the evening chill at bay.

Members of the club organised and facilitated district 9800 first Virtual Concert featuring our own Merlyn and Katie as well as Flute, Piano, Trumpet and Cello performances with all performers having a connection with Bendigo South, that was broadcast on Zoom to hundreds of followers. Thanks go to Anne Peace and Merlyn Quaife who did the hard work behind the scenes to make this event possible as well as the support of the Ryall Estate Trust fund.

At Bendigo South Rotary Club, we take pride in our efforts as role models in the Community at large through our involvement in the many projects and community partnerships that have made up this past Rotary year. This year saw this role continuing and you will read elsewhere of the number of hours spent and the number of groups this Rotary club supported in this past year. An impressive effort on any level.

This year the club continued its Education support with a wide range of individual scholarships to local Secondary Colleges as well as Latrobe University Students and Bendigo TAFE recipients. We started a Seedling Project for East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid (see separate report) and found some great local logistic support as well as a district grant to get the project underway. The club also undertook a Firewood Drive, the rewards of which will be realized in the next Rotary year.

The club was able to make donations to the many community groups despite a time of little activity on the Fundraising front due to Government Health restrictions.

Amongst those community group recipients were: -

- The Smith Family, Bendigo and Bairnsdale.
- Rotary Mental Health from the Virtual Concert.
- Camp Getaway
- Bendigo Food Share
- Junorton CFA.
- East Loddon P -12 College.



We finished the year of 2020 with a resumption of face-to-face meetings after some months meeting on ZOOM. A number of subcommittee meetings were chaired by the Board Members and became part of a new structure to involve all members in an avenue of Service.

Our Christmas Celebration saw over 50 persons enjoying a meal and choral singing led by Merlyn, Katie and crew at our new meeting venue the Bendigo Tennis Centre.

The New year began with some very good operators lending a hand to our regular workers at Food share. The Annie North Garden Roster Group grew to eight members over a month maintaining the grounds and gardens on a regular basis. We undertook a club survey of members and changed the meeting structure to reflect those wishes.

The club continued its long involvement with Camp Getaway at Axedale and my sincere thanks to go to all involved in the supply and installation of the Memorial seat at the camp for Ken Briggs. A special thanks to Graham Neivandt for his encouragement and technical support in the provision and eventual placement of the seat. There will be more work from the club in the next rotary year to complete the proposed garden area surrounding the seat.

The Science and Engineering Challenge, ably led by Rod Spitty and the members of the Project Team has continued despite some changes of date. As I write this, the final parts of this complex task for both a Regional and National event are being put into place.

The Seedlings project has finally reached the stage of sending out boxes of tubes to club members for nurturing and nourishment. We plan to go down to East Gippsland later on in the year and plant them in shelter belts.

Our Bulletin Editor, Sue Duncan, has done a wonderful job this year and thanks go to her. Sue produced weekly editions which were entertaining and informative and drew praise from all over the Goldfields Cluster. These were greatly enhanced by the professional work of Clive Hughes with his photography skills. In addition, a feature of the year will be the photographic record which will be on view at a meeting before the end of this rotary year. I thank all members who contributed to the Signpost, the importance of which has been highlighted in the past Rotary year.

I would also like to acknowledge the members of the Board for 2020/2021 as they embraced their directorships and worked as a team to make sound decisions for the running of the club. Tony Plant ably fulfilled the role of Secretary for a second consecutive term and has been a terrific support to both myself, the Rotary Club and the Board.

Our weekly catch ups were always productive and Tony's practical assistance, guidance and material support on every and all aspects of club operations over this past year from Seedlings Hothouses / Watering to Firewood sawing and storage and everything in between has been greatly appreciated. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Greg Noonan for his efforts as Treasurer. Greg is the ultimate quiet achiever and his knowledge of club protocols and history is awesome.

Bendigo South has been able to welcome five new members to the club over the past year and they all add great skills and experience in many aspects of Rotary from their past membership of the Rotary club of Strathdale. I warmly welcome Lyn, Helen, Greg, John and Peter to the club.

I also want to thank each and every member of the Bendigo South Rotary Club for being so very encouraging and supportive. You have all helped me in my term as President, much more than you probably know. I have learned a lot more about Rotary and the very special people who are members of Bendigo South I look forward to the next year when I believe we will be capably served by incoming president Merlyn and Board.

Lastly, but most importantly, I would like to thank my wife, Rae for her support and encouragement during my year as president. I would also like to thank my daughter Kara for her support, and most importantly, IT and computer related assistance throughout the year.

Yours in Rotary,
Paul Gibbons
President 2020/2021

Footnote:

**In 2020-21 our club members completed over 1200 hours of Volunteer service.
The Rotary Club of Bendigo South supported over 40 Organisations Locally, State-wide
and Internationally either financially or by in kind support in this past rotary year.**



COMMUNITY SERVICES 2020/2021

Merlyn Quaife – Chair, Trevor Hawking, Graham Neivandt, Zoe Pocock, Bernie Young

Many thanks to my committee for their energy and enterprise.

Annie North – gardening duties resumed in October. We have 8 members rostered in pairs to do mowing, weeding and pruning as well as watering in Summer months.

Educational toys, art and craft items, books and puzzles collected for Annie North, twenty Share the Dignity Bags filled and delivered, handknitted beanies by Zoe's mum and from Anne Peace's connections also donated. Many thanks to the members who donated new and used items or made a monetary donation.

Fire Recovery Project

Tony Plant applied for and received a Grant to erect a shade house for the project of propagating trees to replant in the fire ravaged Bruthen and Buchan region of East Gippsland. The club is joining with the East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid Committee and Rochester is coming on board to assist with

propagation and planting. Members are now baby-sitting trays of trees awaiting planting in July. The Club was awarded a District 9800 Recognition Award for Supporting the Environment for this initiative.*

A working-bee with **Friends of Ironbark Gully** was held on May 15 and another Scope weeding, planting and mulching day is in the pipeline.

Highway Clean-up May 30 was postponed due to Covid Lockdown.

Regular **Camp Getaway** working-bees have been undertaken. A Sensory Garden is in the planning stage, the water-tank has been installed and will gradually be morphed into train engine!

Firewood Project – members rallied to split and stack wood from housing development clearing. The wood, via a connection of John Stewart's was delivered free of charge to Tony Plant's property. It will be ready to use as a fund-raiser once the wood has dried sufficiently. This will occur in the next Rotary Year. *The Club is appreciative of the use of Tony Plant's property for both this and the propagation project

Over Christmas and New Year members again assisted **Foodshare** with driving for food rescue and distribution.



BSRC Membership Report 20/21

Director – Sue Duncan, with committee members – Clive Hughes, Mathew Scott, Richard Epskamp, Tom Campbell, Jan Pagliaro & Katie Kim.

Once again our year started with the COVID19 pandemic still in full swing, and most meetings were being held over Zoom, but as the restrictions eased, our one-on-one meetings increased to where we now meet face to face regularly. The social interaction and return to our “new” routine has been such a relief for most members, especially the older members as they particularly missed the connections.

During the course of the year our membership has increased to 42 members, but this is mostly due to the Rotary Club of Strathdale ceasing, with some members moving across to us, and we are excited to have these five new members bring new ideas, as well as a series of exciting, existing projects to our Club.

In my opinion, even though Zoom was a valuable tool to keep our Rotary meetings happening, for those that were working (18 members), it was probably just another Zoom, hence the limited of support from those in the workforce. However, we have seen many resume attending the dinner meetings and vocational visits – the social interaction being what all craved.

During the lockdown, Tony & Paul suggested a phone “tree” which was conducted by each Board member and involved calling may of the older, and less “techno-savvy” members to have a chat and keep their spirits up, and overall this was very successful.

The Signpost has continued throughout the year, including our regular features of keeping our members up to date with what is happening in our Rotary Club, also the District 9800, and occasionally what was going on in the world. The Signpost was listed weekly on our Website for all to see, and we had the occasional post on Facebook.

Our Signpost database, of over 200 recipients, is there to be utilized in the future as another source of encouraging membership. Last year, the idea of different types of membership, eg. extended family also being part members, was a great idea but is currently still in the planning stage.

A hearty thank you to President Paul, and Secretary Tony, for the mammoth effort undertaken in the 20/21 Rotary Year as it was such an unprecedented time and they have kept our club together, and we have grown – definitely amazing achievement!

International Committee Highlights for the Rotary year 2020-2021



Director: Heather Nixon

Committee Members: - Anne Peace, Lindsay Jolley, Cora Fuentes- Mahnic, Elizabeth Bell, Greg Penno, Heather Nixon & Matthew Scott recently joined our committee, Thank you to our International Committee members for their involvement in the 2020-2021 Rotary year and to you the members who have supported our international commitments. The Covid 19 pandemic has certainly brought with it many challenges associated with fund raising which in turn economically underpin our various International projects.

High Tea

- On Sunday 28th March 2021 approximately 60 people attended our High Tea at Camp Getaway in conjunction with a Memorial Service for our much-loved member Ken Briggs. High Tea raised \$2,000.00 which supports our International Projects so thank you to our hard-working team on the day who had a great time hosting this event. Tony & Cora much to the entertainment of guests, auctioned the leftover food which augmented our profits for the day. Clive & Jenni superbly decorated the table with elegance the theme and what a wonderful array of food members bought to share.

- Mallee Edge Winery supported our event by donating a certain percentage of money from each bottle sold, so thanks to the members who purchased wine at this event. In addition, the Winery generously donated 12 bottles for our function, with 6 bottles auctioned off, then others used as raffle prizes.



Members enjoying High Tea



Arriving in style for High Tea

Timor Leste Education Scholarships

- Our club through Bendigo Councils Maubissee Friendship Committee have provided scholarships worth \$130 each to 4 female students to help them continue their studies in secondary school because as we know education is one of the key ways out of poverty and in turn hopefully prevent these girls being married at a very early age. The Covid 19 pandemic plus floods has had a significant impact on the education of students in Timor Leste this Rotary year.

- **Knitting Project for Maubissee**

Overseeing the collection of knitted clothing for young children in Timor Leste & sending these items to Timor Leste is likely to involve a cluster of Rotary Clubs from the Bendigo region. Tony Plant is kindly representing our club to explore ways of how this knitting project could look going forward with Libby Hughes from Bendigo Club volunteering to take on the coordinator's role, so happy knitting for those interested in this project.

DSO (Developing Skills Organisation) Phnom Penh Cambodia. Project 7-2013-2014.

- DSO supports disadvantaged and vulnerable children, youth and parents, improving their quality of life through the provision of education and vocational training skills. Covid 19 plus flooding of the school has seen the cessation of schooling currently, but Anne Peace our project coordinator states the remaining \$5186.29 in the RAWCS account is being used to pay the teacher's salaries so that when the school can resume again, there is no delay to restarting the children's education.

MEC- (Meningoencephalocele)

- Greg Penno is coordinator for this RAWCS project & along with his team of dedicated people have stated that sadly they will be winding up MEC due to difficulty raising ongoing funds for the operations plus there has been a decreased number of people requiring this type of surgery. Well done Greg & your team as your hard work plus compassion has helped restore dignity to 150 patients. Greg bought this project with him, when he transferred his membership to us from Strathdale.

Natalia project

This is another passion of Greg's where money was raised to bring Natalia to Australia for much needed corrective surgery for a facial disfigurement. Due to Covid 19, further corrective surgery to her legs has been put on hold until she is allowed to return to Australia with \$16,000 remaining in this RAWCS account for the surgery. Whilst our club has no financial commitment to this project, we support Greg & his team in his endeavours for Natalia which had an enormous positive outcome on her life.

My gratitude and thanks go to President Paul, members of the Board & the International Committee for supporting me in the role as Director of the International Committee

Heather Nixon

Club Service & Administration Report



Committee Members

Rod Spitty - Chair, Bernie Young, Geoff McKinna, Ian Ellis, Andrew Palmer, Jennie Hughes

During the Rotary year this committee has met on three occasions, all on zoom. The following has been achieved.

- The club has remained operational during the COVID period of both Glenn and Paul's Presidential year. We have emerged post COVID into face to face meetings while undertaking a venue trial at the Bendigo Tennis Centre. This has not been easy on anyone.
- The club has remained financially viable during and post lockdown due to the relatively strong financial reserves and to the commitment of members during this period.
- Our club morale has remained positive and the board and members have remained enthusiastic.
- The Club will be implementing cashless operations effective 1st July in both administration and where possible club projects.
- It has been interesting to observe over the last 18 months, the development and reliance of zoom for district communication eg: Multi District Conference, District Assembly, Morning tea with the DG, district concert program etc. - All at no cost to members compared to pre-COVID where there would be direct cost to members.
- Zoom has been retained by the board as there is definitely a place for this in club operations Eg: project and committee work without members incurring costs and saving time.
- The use of project committee meetings "face to face" also has a place eg: 5pm pre meeting or a board meeting post meeting.
- The club's meeting program throughout the year has been varied and generally successful. It has been designed to meet members needs and wishes and to match where possible the Rotary monthly themes.
- I have volunteered to again be Club Service and Administration director for the next rotary year and look forward to members support over the next 12 months.
- Thank you to both committee members and members for their ongoing contributions throughout this difficult year.

Yours in Rotary,
Rod Spitty

Rotary Club of Bendigo South - Club Program 2020-2021					
Date	Activity	Venue	Chair	Who Responsible	Confirmed
JULY THEME - SETTING THE SCENE					
Thurs 2 nd July	No Meeting due to COVID				
Thurs 9 th July	Changover Meeting	Zoom	Glenn & Paul	Glenn & Paul	y
Thurs 15 th July	No Meeting due to COVID				
Thurs 23 rd July	The Year Ahead – Presentation By President Paul & Questions/Discussion	Zoom	Paul Gibbons	Tony/Paul	Y
Thurs 30 th July	No Meeting due to COVID				
AUGUST THEME – MEMBERSHIP					
Thurs 6 th Aug	Sub Committees meet	Zoom	Directors	Directors	Y
Thurs 13 th Aug	Guest Speaker Keith Ryall – on behalf of Peter Ryall Trust & R C Rochester Zoom Club Visit Smart Pups Project	Zoom	Tony Plant	Paul	Y
Thurs 20 th Aug	Board Meeting	Zoom	Paul Gibbons	Directors	Y
Thurs 27 th Aug	Mayor COGB - Cr. Margaret O'Rourke	Zoom	Jan	Tony	Y
SEPTEMBER THEME – BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY					
Thurs 3 rd Sept	Sub Committees meet	Zoom	Directors	Directors	y
Thurs 10 th Sept	The Smith Family – Kylie Collier	Zoom	Paul Gibbons	Rod	Y
Thurs 17 th Sept	Board Meeting	Zoom	Paul Gibbons	Tony	Y
Thurs 24 th Sept	East Loddon P -12 Principal – Steve Leed & Brodie Welsh Science Experience – Marine Biology Past DG Grant Hocking	Zoom	Tony Plant	Tony	Y

OCTOBER THEME – ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT					
Thurs 1 st Oct	Sub Committees Meet	Zoom	Directors	Directors	Y
Thurs 8 th Oct	Guest speaker – Anthony Sheehan from City of Greater Bendigo – Environmental Projects	Zoom	Bernie Young	Tony Plant Bernie Young	Y
Thurs 15 th Oct	Board Meeting	Zoom	Paul Gibbons	Tony	Y
Thurs 22 nd Oct	Combined Club's Meeting – DG Philip Archer	Zoom	Paul Gibbons	Tony	Y
Thurs 29 th Oct	Guest Speaker – Ray Mundy from Junortoun Fire Brigade	Zoom	Ian Ellis	Tony	Y
NOVEMBER THEME – FOUNDATION					
Thurs 5 th Nov	Sub Committee Meetings	Zoom	Directors	Directors	Y
Thurs 12 th Nov	DG Philip Archer Club Visit	Zoom	Paul Gibbons	Tony	Y
Thurs 19 th Nov	Board Meeting	Zoom	Paul Gibbons	Tony	Y
Thurs 26 th Nov	Annual General Meeting & Guest Speaker – Benji – Caretaker from Camp Getaway	Bendigo Tennis Centre	Paul Gibbons	Paul	Y
DECEMBER THEME – DISEASE PREVENTION					
Thurs 3 rd Dec	Guest Speaker – Ian Furze – Bendigo Showgrounds Executive Officer	Bendigo Tennis Centre	Jan	Paul	Y
Thurs 10 th Dec	Guest Speaker – Cathie Steele from Bendigo Food share	Bendigo Tennis Centre	Greg Noonan	Paul	Y
Sunday 13 th Dec	Board Meeting	Zoom	Paul	Tony	Y
Thurs 17 th Dec	Christmas Function	Bendigo Tennis Centre	Paul Gibbons	Paul	Y
Thurs 24 th Dec	No meeting – Xmas break Return Jan 14th				

Date	Activity	Venue	Chair	Who Responsible	Confirmed
JANUARY 2021 – VOCATIONAL					
Thurs 14 th Jan	Board Meeting	Zoom	Paul	Tony	Y
Thurs 21 st Jan	No Meeting				
Thurs 28 th Jan	Social Gathering – members & partners	Marong Family Hotel	Paul	Tony	y
FEBRUARY – PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION					
Thurs 4 th Feb	Guest Speaker – Lisa Hilson Annie North Women’s Refuge	Tennis Centre	Merlyn	Paul	Y
Thurs 11 th Feb	Guest Speaker – Stephanie Woollard – creator of Seven Women Followed by Board Meeting	Zoom	Anne Peace	Tony	Y
Thurs 18 th Feb	Guest Speaker – Helen Musk Rural Australians for Refugees	Tennis Centre	Tony	Tony	Y
Thurs 25 th Feb	Guest Speaker – James Lerk History of Bendigo’s flourishing tomato industry – social night	Pratty’s Patch	Paul	Tony	Y
MARCH – WATER & SANITATION					
Thurs 4 th March	Guest speaker – Caleb Maxwell Hebron Films	Tennis Centre	Jan	Tony	Y
Thurs 11 th March	Guest Speaker – Ruth Carlos Martinez Topic – WASH projects Followed by Board Meeting	Zoom	Tony	Tony	Y
Thurs 18 th March	Guest Speaker – Emma McLaughlin - Heathcote Dementia Village	Tennis Centre	Jan	Jan	Y
Thurs 25 th March	No Meeting – in lieu of High Tea event				
Sunday 28 th March	Ken Briggs Memorial Service followed by High tea event	Camp Getaway	Merlyn/ Heather	Paul/ Heather	Y
APRIL – MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH					
Thurs 1 st April	No Meeting - Easter				
Friday 9 th April	Social Night at Betty & Tony Plant’s house	Allies Road	N/A	Tony	Y
Thurs 15 th April	Meeting Cancelled				
Friday 16 th – Sunday 18 th April	Koondrook/Bahram social weekend	N/A	N/A	Tony	Y

Thurs 22 nd April	New Member Talks by Peter Kilpatrick, Helen Steele & John Stewart	Tennis Centre	Peter Kilpatrick	Paul	Y
Thurs 29 th April	New Member Talks by Greg Penno & Lyn Comer	Tennis Centre	Greg	Paul	Y

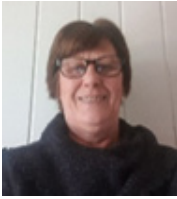
MAY – YOUTH SERVICE

Sat 1 st & Sun 2 nd May	Multi District Conference	Zoom	N/A	District 9800TB	Y
Thurs 6 th May	Guest Speaker – James Findlay Producer – ABC Breakfast Radio	Tennis Centre	Paul	Rod	Y
Thurs 13 th May	New Member talk – Mark Tracy	Lake View Hotel	Paul	Paul	Y
Thurs 20 th May	Scholarship Night - Secondary schools & LaTrobe Uni Recipients	Tennis Centre	Kay McLaughlin	Kay McLaughlin	Y
Sat 22 nd May	District Assembly	Zoom	N/A	District 9800	Y
Thurs 27 th May	Quarterly/Sub Committee Reports	Tennis Centre	Paul	Paul	Y

June -Fellowship

June 3 rd June	Changover Board Meeting	Zoom	Paul	Tony	Y
Thurs 10 th June	TBA	Zoom	Paul	Tony	Y
Thurs 17 th June	The Year in Review	Tennis Centre	Paul	Paul	Y
Thurs 24 th June	Changeover Dinner	Pratty's Patch		Paul/Merlyn	Y

Youth Services Annual Report 2021

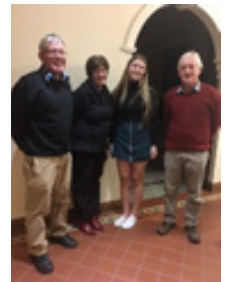


Youth Director: Kay McLaughlin

Along with my fellow directors and members of the club, who imagine the year that has transpired. Due to the virus all Youth programs were cancelled, although some of the programs were conducted via zoom.

- Luna our exchange student from Norway was offered the choice of going home when the pandemic first hit. Luna discussed the matter with her family and they thought Luna would be safe in Australia and were comfortable that we would look after her.
- Luna returned to Norway on 4th July 2020 safe and well.

I would like to thank Lindsay Jolley for all his hard work putting the awards process together. (Contacting our six schools getting names of students and contact staff and setting up the spreadsheet)



In May we had David Morrissey (Bendigo Senior Secondary College), Alicia Hall (East Loddon College), Silver Bell Morris (Girton Grammar) and Bhoomija Chatham (La Trobe University) give a presentation to the Club on what the scholarships meant to them

- NYSF – We had one participant attend the NYSF program which was held via Zoom. The young lady was Victoria Briggs from East Loddon College.

I would like to thank President Paul, all board members and club members for their support over the past 12 months and look forward to the next 12 months working with incoming President Merlyn and the rest of the board.

Hoping we can once again offer the students of our District the chance to relish in all our programs.

Stay safe all.

Foundation Report



Foundation & Immediate Past President: Glenn Madden

It has been a quiet year in terms of Club activity related to the Rotary Foundation. The most significant event was the effort made by a number of club members in walking laps of Lake Neangar to raise funds for the fight against Polio.

This was held back in October last year and raised over \$500.

A further \$250 was raised by members raking walnuts as part of the harvest at a local walnut orchard. As in previous years our club members have voluntarily donated through the Rotary Foundation as Centurions and Every Rotarian Every Year.



Environment

The Environment is a Rotary Focus Area and our club can be well pleased with its efforts over the past year. The highlight being a number of members propagating trees from seeds which will be planted at fire affected area of East Gippsland. This has been a significant project led by President Paul Gibbons and Tony Plant. Paul did the behind the scenes planning whilst Tony was instrumental in setting up the hothouse propagating area at his property.

Neangar Nursery were also very helpful in supplying potting mix, technical expertise, some seedlings and pots. The group were well assisted by dedicated helper Al. This project has created considerable interest within Rotary and the community and has gained a District Recognition Award for Supporting the Environment. The Club also conducted a roadside rubbish pick-up on the highway leading into Axedale. This was attended by ten club members and collected a considerable amount of rubbish from the area.

Members were also involved in tree and shrub planting working bees at the Bendigo Scope Centre, supporting the Friends of Ironbark Gully in their revegetation project and regular garden maintenance at the Annie North Centre.

100 Good Turns

The Club decided to continue this novel method of recording many of the ways members voluntarily help in the community either as individuals or as members of organisations. It highlights the little acts of kindness that often go unnoticed. The 100 Good Turns below is a sample of the many positive actions undertaken by our club and its members.

Glenn Madden

BENDIGO SOUTH ROTARY CLUB DOES 100 GOOD TURNS IN 20/21

1 Donated \$500 to Smith Family in Bendigo	2 Anne led team to raise funds to support Bush Chaplains	3 Donated \$500 to Rotary Mental Health	4 Grew 1500 trees for fire affected farms in Gippsland	5 Held working bees at Camp Getaway	6 Anne helped Sri Lankan friend gain his driver's licence	7 Provided \$500 for Smith Family in Bairnsdale / Mallacoota	8 Organised the National Science and Engineering Challenge	9 Provided judges for Legacy Public Speaking Awards	10 Jan replaced a friends broken sunglasses at her own expense
11 Anne supported Musicians in Echuca by obtaining grant from Bendigo Bank	12 Paul made vegetable planter boxes for family members	13 Paul organised seedlings for RC of Rochester	14 Anne helped plan Red Shield Appeal	15 Bernie helped elderly neighbour out with IT and odd jobs	16 Bernie helped elderly neighbour attend medical appointments	17 Club members cut firewood for future donations	18 Club volunteers maintained garden at Annie North	19 Club members assisted with ForMeal working bee	20 Club members assisted Ironbark Gully with revegetation
21 Sue took her Aunt to a memorial of her friend, who died during COVID in Rochester	22 Our club is sponsoring girls to attend school in Timor Leste	23 Club donated \$1000 to the Forameal project	24 Sent flowers and visited a club member in hospital	25 Merlyn did regular program on Phoenix Radio	26 Paul and Rod held meetings with La Trobe Uni and Bendigo Council for SE Challenge	27 Club members conducted Roadside Clean-up in Axedale	28 Glenn built outdoor play kitchen for grandkids	29 Members participated in Polio Walk to raise funds to stop polio and raised \$500 for the cause	30 Geoff helped neighbour by taking his rubbish to the tip
31 Club members attended Foodshare meeting re volunteering	32 Collected handbags and goods for Annie North	33 Collected plastic tags for wheelchair	34 Mark mowed and whipped snipped neighbours lawn	35 Glenn helped neighbour out with shopping and delivering medicines.	36 Attended Camp Getaway AGM & working bee	37 Sue took her Aunt to the Memorial for Ken Briggs	38 Merlyn attended President Elect training	39 Lyn helped find accommodation for a homeless person	40 Anne volunteered at Market Place Craft Shop for Uniting Church
41 Glenn and Rose raked walnuts to raise money for Rotary Foundation	42 Trevor, Phil and other club members do monthly gardening at Annie North	43 Tony represents club on Maubisse Foundation Committee	44 Merlyn delivers club newsletter to elderly member	45 Club members donated \$600 for Christmas gifts for needy families	46 Our Club is assisting 5 community groups by inviting them as raffle partners	47 \$500 Scholarship given to Cathryn McCauley student	48 \$500 Scholarship given to BSSC Music student	49 \$500 Scholarship given to Crusoe College student.	50 \$500 Scholarship given to East Loddon P-12 student

51 Heather arranged for toy donation to Annie North	52 \$500 Scholarship given to a Girton student	53 Conducted Lotto event for member wellbeing	54 Provided \$1000 for a La Trobe Uni Science Bursary	55 Provided \$1000 for a La Trobe Uni Health Bursary	56 Club committee organised local Science & Engineering Challenge	57 Tony hosts spit roast function to raise club funds	58 The Club held a Memorial Service for the late Ken Briggs	59 Paul attended the Camp Getaway Board Meeting	60 Watered plants for Ironbark Gully
61 Members help collect and distribute food for Foodshare	62 Donation of TAFE Indigenous student scholarship	63 Donated money to help send 4 Maubisse girls to school	64 Glenn assists local tennis club with working bee	65 Clive teaches dog obedience as a volunteer	66 Clive volunteers with his therapy dog Sasha at St John of God Hospital	67 Assisted with the economic revival of Barham and Koondrook	68 Conducted garden working bee At Scope	69 Embarked on Smart Pup project to support local family	70 Participated actively in Goldfields Presidents Cluster
71 Ran a bbq for the Greater City of Bendigo Council	72 Club conducts bbq for Epsom Soccer Club	73 Geoff filled in as announcer on Vision Radio	74 Participated in Rotary District Assembly	75 Bendigo South RC wins Rotary Sustainability Award	76 Lyn raises \$665 from overseas currency to help projects	77 Max sign-writes ice-cream cart for Nursing Home folk	78 Graham makes ice-cream cart for Nursing Home folk	79 Glenn assists Inglewood tennis club as Secretary/Treasurer	80 Donated \$4000 from Ryall Foundation for Smart Pups
81 Donated \$1000 to Maubisse Relief	82 Matt patched up concrete on neighbours house	83 Matt takes extra classes to help out colleague	84 Donated \$500 to Camp Getaway	85 Donated \$500 to Junourton CFA	86 Donated \$500 to Bendigo Foodshare	87 Held Garden make-over at SCOPE part one	88 Donated \$500 to MEC Project	89 Conducted second garden working bee at SCOPE	90 Put together handbags for Annie North
91 Matt completes 98 blood donations	92 Assisted in working bee at Camp Getaway	93 Matt completes 15 years as volunteer at Vision Australia	94 Glenn assists intellectually disabled man participate in tennis	95 Help deliver Neighbourhood Watch newsletter	96 Cleared dumped rubbish on roadside in Maiden Gully	97 Jan gave money to pensioner to pay for petrol	98 Jan assisted 2 unemployed people gain work	99 Jan assisted friend with her studies in Aged Care	100. Jan gave eggs to friends and neighbours

Fundraising



Finance & Fundraising Committee: Chair Gary Pinner

The Covid 19 Pandemic and associated lockdowns have restricted the activities in the 2020/21 Rotary year.

• BBQ and catering activities has been a regular source of income in previous years and only 2 activities have been provided over this Rotary year.

Normally we would expect to raise in excess of \$20,000.00 over 20 – 25 activities.

BBQ interest is improving and we have several bookings for the new Rotary year so far (Providing Covid 19 restrictions and lockdowns allow)

- Fundraising Activities to consider
- Relay For Life BBQ
- Latrobe Uni Open Day BBQ
- Whie Night BBQ
- Welch Choir/ Merlyn Quaife Concert
- * Swap Meet Catering
- Christmas Trailer Raffle
- Australia Day Celebration/ BBQ.
- Scott's Day Out
- Easter BBQ
- Lost Trades Fair
- Bunnings BBQ's

So, as you can see, we are all hopeful of a bigger and brighter 2021/22 Rotary year with many more activities and Community involvement.

Congratulations to President Paul for a very challenging but rewarding year.

Gary Pinner

Finance & Fundraising Chair 2020/21

Science & Engineering Challenge

Committee: Rod Spitty - Chair, Paul Gibbons, Bernie Young, Emily Mudge, Tom Glazebrook (Hon Member), Steven Lee (Community Member).

During the last 12 months the project committee have been planning for two major events in the 2021/2022 rotary year.

These are:

Science & Engineering Challenge Regional Event - 23rd August to be held at Girton Grammar Stadium.

Science & Engineering National Final - 28/29th October to be held at Bendigo South East College Stadium.

Each event will involve participation of 250 year 10 students with all activities supervised by LaTrobe University final year students and undertaken by Newcastle University.



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The budget for the Regional event is \$10,000 and 8 schools have registered. The budget for the National event is \$20,000 and will involve the 8 top schools throughout Australia competing.

The successful implementation for both events is COVID dependant.

The club has been undertaking the annual regional event for 16 years and last hosted the National final in 2009.

A special thank you to all committee members for their dedication, hard work and support to this project which is aimed at developing science & engineering commitment to year 10 students so as to study and undertake a career in these demanding and expanding disciplines and to assist in the skills base deficiency in Central Victoria and Regional Australia.

Thank you to our extensive industry and community partnerships for their ongoing commitment over the years in what is a difficult and challenging project to implement in these current times.



Yours in Rotary

Rod Spitty

Chair - Science Science & Engineering Challenge Project Committee

Seedlings Project 2020/2021



As the saying famously goes “I met this bloke once”...

I was attending the 9800 Incoming Presidents Weekend at RACV resort at Creswick in early 2020. As part of that weekend, I came across John Fallon from the Rotary club of Bairnsdale. Following up with further conversations in the following months with my contact it emerged that an area of need was in revegetation of shelter belts on effected Farms.

Past President Glenn, a great seedling grower in a past life, and wife Rose put up their hand as well. Through Secretary Tony we were able to find an experienced Nurseryman Allan to provide practical knowledge and experience. In addition, the advice and practical assistance from Ken at NEANGAR PARK NURSERY was invaluable in getting the project underway and to its eventual successful outcome.

Thanks to Anne Peace a district grant was applied for successfully and with Tony and Betty Plant providing a site for our hothouse, our seedling growing activities the project began in earnest. After a series of fast learnings and sourcing of seeds and growing materials the project went into over drive with the successful growing of over 1800 plus seedlings. These were farmed out to club members for nurturing before the eventual planting down in East Gippsland later on in the year.

Thanks, and appreciation go to the Seedling Team for all those hours in all weathers tending to the initial boxes of seedlings and to all the club members that are playing host to some trays of maturing plantings and have provided assistance when asked on this project.

As I write this we hope to travel to Bairnsdale as a club and plant our tube stock later on in the year and then begin the process all over again.

PAUL GIBBONS on Behalf of the Seedlings Team,
Bendigo South Rotary Club.



Seedlings Project 2020/2021



***East Gippsland
Rotary Fire Aid***



Direct Deposit to:
East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid
BSB: 633-000
A/C: 165960451
Use the reference 'Fire Aid'

Firewood Project November 2020



A semi-trailer load of firewood is a lot when you see it spread out on the ground in a large pile!

This was the scene that greeted club members when new member John Stewart was able to source the previously mentioned wood from his contacts at VILLAWOOD. Thanks to local transport group DUNLOP AND PITSON the fire wood was delivered to Tony Plant's paddock, where the real fun began.

Over several months and a weekend working bees later the firewood was split and stacked and awaits delivery this time next year











Thanks go to all the workers and club members involved including those in catering for the Hungry workers. In addition, Secretary TONY for the use of his Paddock as well as his firewood cutting plant chainsaw skills and his solution to the future delivery of the firewood.



Annie North Women's Refuge

Gardening team: Trevor Hawking, Merlyn Quaife, Zoe Pocock, Paul Gibbons, George Ellis, Philip Lethbridge, Clive Hughes, Tony Plant.

Each week two members of the gardening team visit Annie North to assist in maintaining the garden. Also Merlyn organises donations from other members to help provide games and toys for the children along with women's products for those seeking refuge. The club has forged a valued relationship with the staff working at this facility since its construction around 5 years ago.

 PO Box 2431 Bendigo Delivery Centre VIC 3554 Phone: 0418 562 083 Email: info@annieorth.org.au 	 PO Box 2431 Bendigo Delivery Centre VIC 3554 Phone: 0418 562 083 Email: info@annieorth.org.au 
30 March 2021	24 May 2021
Rotary Club of Bendigo South C/O Merlyn Quaife PO Box 346 BENDIGO 3550	Rotary Club of Bendigo South C/O Zoe and Merlyn PO Box 346 BENDIGO VIC 3550
Dear Rotary Club of Bendigo South,	Dear Zoe and Merlyn,
On behalf of Annie North Inc., I would like to thank you all for your very generous donation of a bike, bags and beanies.	On behalf of Annie North Inc., I would like to thank you and the Rotary Club of Bendigo South for your very generous donation of toys, beanies and a suitcase.
You can be assured that your donation will be put to good use in assisting women and children fleeing from domestic violence.	You can be assured that your donation will be put to good use in assisting women and children fleeing from domestic violence.
Please accept our heartfelt thanks.	Please accept our heartfelt thanks.
Kind Regards, 	Kind Regards, 
Aquestria Rossiter Reception and Administration Assistant Annie North Inc.	Aquestria Rossiter Reception and Administration Assistant Annie North Inc.
 Violence against women is serious, prevalent and preventable. Donations over \$2.00 are Tax Deductible. ABN 43 075 400 698 	 Violence against women is serious, prevalent and preventable. Donations over \$2.00 are Tax Deductible. ABN 43 075 400 698 

Rotary in Harmony - Sunday, October 11, 2020.

A poster for 'Rotary in Harmony' featuring a black top section with white and blue text, and a blue bottom section with a microphone illustration. The top section asks 'LOVE to SING? LOVE to PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT? SHARE YOUR TALENT!' and includes contact information for Sue Foley. The bottom section lists four musical events on Zoom: Classical, Rock 'n Roll, Jazz, and Celtic.

LOVE to SING?
LOVE to PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?
SHARE
YOUR TALENT! ...and have FUN, entertaining Rotarians!

To register your talent, contact:
D9800 Community Service Chair Sue Foley on:
suefoleyrotary@gmail.com

Rotary District 9800

Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary in Harmony

Four musical events on Zoom:

- Classical – 3.00 pm Sunday 11th October 2020
- Rock 'n Roll - 3.00 pm Sunday 25th October 2020
- Jazz - 3.00 pm Sunday 8th November 2020
- Celtic - 3.00 pm Sunday 22nd November 2020

As a gift of music to our fellow Rotarians, families and communities in a difficult year, it was decided to live stream Rotary in Harmony into the homes throughout D9800 and further afield. In the year 2020 when many found themselves in trying times, the value of the enjoyment of music on one's mental health prompted the club to gather a variety of performers and musicians to present the program.

Rotarian performers Merlyn Quaife AM, Katie Kim and daughter Rachel Suh, and Michael Lapina joined with Kaitlin White BSSC music scholarship awardee, and Hannah Rundell sponsored by the Rotary club of Carlton. We were well supported with technical advice arranged by the District and were pleased with the final presentation.

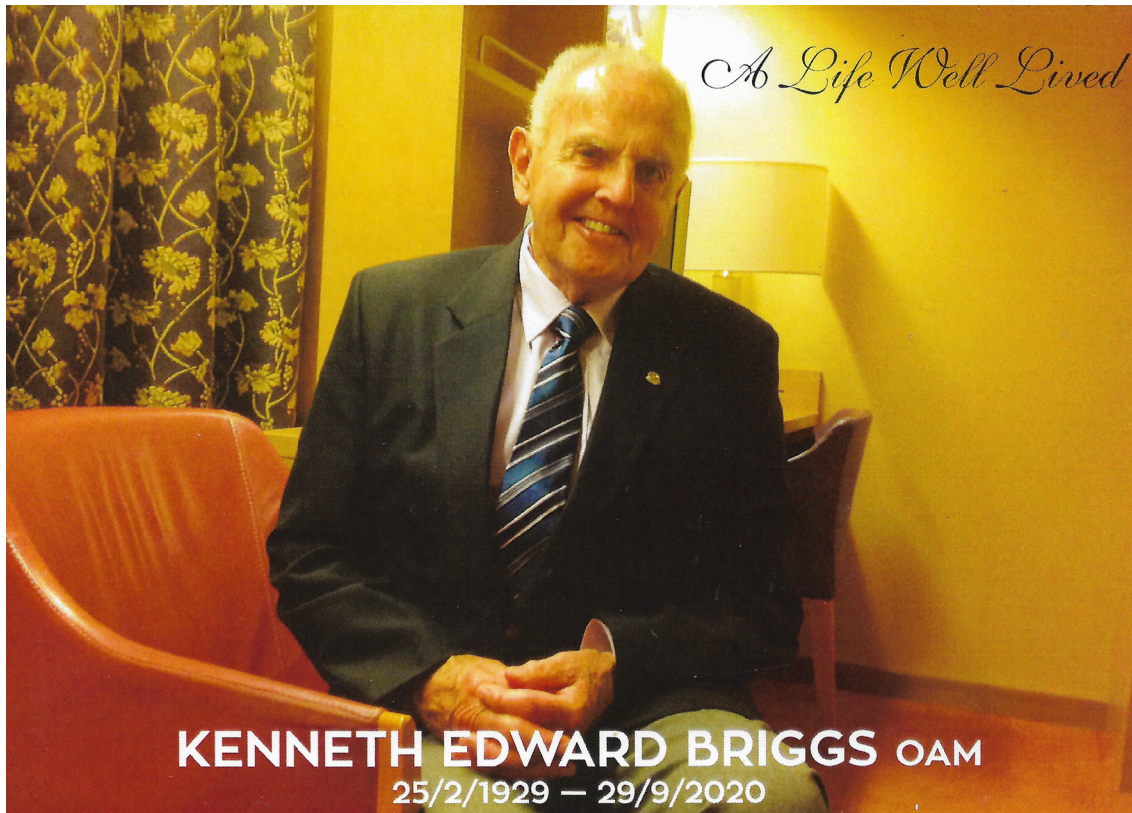
The program was introduced by DG Phillip Archer and presentations were made by PDG Greg Ross Chair of Australian Rotary Health, Professor Patrick Mc Gorry CEO of Orygen and Dr. Catherine Crock of the Hush Program in partnership with the Rotary club of Melbourne.

Our club has had a close association with ARH 'Lift the Lid' supporting mental health research and when our loved and esteemed member Peter Ryall took his life we realised how vital it is to support those around us and in the community. We thank the Ryall family for walking beside us in bringing this concert into the living rooms of Rotarians as a gesture of a quiet and uplifting opportunity to experience some enjoyment in trying times.

We appreciated the messages of appreciation which followed the afternoon and felt that we were privileged to honour the memory of Peter Ryall in this way.

Anne Peace Member of the organising team.

Vale Ken Briggs



It's such an honor to give this dedication on behalf of the members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

There's so much to say about Ken's life, so where do I start?

Ken, Kenny, Briggsy, or the young Mr. Briggs as he was known to us all...And that cheeky smile followed him everywhere.

Kenneth Edward Briggs, Born 25th February 1929 in Griffith NSW, the 4th child of Charles and Vida Briggs.

1939 – Family moved to Brighton for better education opportunities and for his Mother's health.

1942 – Ken's 2 brothers Aub & Ron joined the army, his mother lost her sight, and passed away. Ken was 13. Ken's father was called away to construct a new highway in the N.T., which left his sister Beryl and Ken to be brought up by a series of crabby old housemaids during the war.

With encouragement from Ken's brother Aubrey, Ken pursued and completed a civil engineering course at Swinburne.

He entered the work force in 1949 at State Rivers & Water Supply Commission, serving in the Construction / Design Division.

1954 – Ken married June after an 8-year courtship...according to Ken, June was pretty hard to get!

Vale Ken Briggs

In Ken's early employment, he was invited to participate as a junior engineer on the reconstruction of the Eildon dam, which he eagerly accepted. This set him on the path of irrigation and dam construction.

His following appointments and greater responsibilities took him to the reconstruction of the Glen Maggie Dam, Cowarr Weir, Irrigation developments from Tatura and Rochester, and the construction of Dartmouth Dam from the beginning, which was Australia's largest earth & rock filled dam of its time.

Ken's appointment at Dartmouth was Engineer in Chief of Site Construction.

The Construction took 7 years. As this was winding up Ken was offered a position as District Engineer at Bendigo.

1979 – Moved to Bendigo, remained in that role until his retirement in 1983 after a 34-year career.

Ken & June had 5 children: Lynette, Gary, Yvonne, Jenny & Caroline.

June passed away in 2010 after a long illness.

Rotary Involvement

Ken was invited to join the Rotary Club Rochester in 1965.

He took a 7-year absence from Rotary while constructing the Dartmouth Dam, after relocating to Bendigo Ken rejoined Rotary in 1979, with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

Ken has been an exceptional member of the R.C. of Bendigo South, occupying most directorships and being involved in supporting youth exchange.

2001 Ken was awarded a PHF recognition

2003 President RC Bendigo South.

2007 Further PHF Sapphire recognition

He was the committee convenor and instrumental in establishing the first Probus Club in Bendigo after bringing the idea from a district assembly he attended in 1984.

On 20th March 1985, Probus Club of Bendigo was formed with 80 foundation members, which was a record membership for its time.

Ken was Long standing committee member & Chair of the Science and Engineering challenge, Rotary Camp Getaway and Swap Meet Catering Committees. Through involvement with Rotary & Uniting Church, Ken has been in many voluntary work groups such as the Lord Mayor's Camp at Portsea, Camp Getaway at Axedale, East Timor twice, Western Samoa, sponsored Scouts from the Maldives to come to Australia, Habitat for Humanity, and various work parties developing facilities and services for individuals and families.

One of Ken's passions was to be the Rotary Chairman, introducing our club meeting's guest speaker. He would research the guest speaker to a point where he would know everything about the speaker. He would give a legendary and at times animated extended introduction, which on more than one occasion, would exceed the speakers allotted speaking time.

Vale Ken Briggs

One of Ken's most satisfying commitments was supporting his brother, Aubrey, to supervise construction of a water supply system to a village of 38,000- people in Malawi, Africa. Ken's brother, Aubrey, underwrote to complete construction costs and design, as Ken and his son Gary, supervised construction.

The Methodist & Uniting Church's was an integral part of Ken's life, and his devotion to his Church throughout Ken's life has included 62 years as a lay preacher, church councils, youth leader and Sunday School superintendent just to name a few.

Ken was awarded an OAM in 2017 for his contribution to Rotary and the Community.

Ken has been accompanied and supported over the past 9 years by his good friend, Glennis Pitson.

Together they have enjoyed travelling, and new adventures, and shared Glennis' passion for music.

I would like to thank Glennis for the care of Ken, in particular over the last 2 months. Not too many would know of Ken's deteriorating health over this time.

Ken will always be known for his cheeky infectious smile, his love of desserts, and his extraordinarily lengthy guest speaker introductions.

Ken's passing has been a shock to all, and he will be missed by everyone that knew, or had met him.

His wish was to leave a real legacy people could see.

I think he has achieved this well and truly.

Sympathy to Glennis Pitson and the extended Briggs family.

Ken Briggs, you were a one-of-a-kind person we were all privileged to have known and loved.

Rest in Peace good friend,

Gary Pinner.

Vale Ken Briggs



BRIGGS

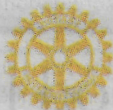
Ken

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South mourns the passing of a much loved and valued member. Ken, a committed member of Rotary International for more than 40 years served a term as the club's President in 2003/04 and received a Paul Harris Sapphire in 2006 as acknowledgement of his dedicated service to the community.

This level of untiring commitment was to continue until the very end.

A true gentleman, greatly admired by all who actively demonstrated to all Rotarians the real meaning of Service Above Self.

Our sincere condolences go out to Glennis and all members of Ken's family.



BRIGGS

Kenneth Edward

The Board of Management of the Rotary Youth Camp, Axedale (Camp Getaway) and the Rotary Bendigo Swap Meet Catering Committee regretfully acknowledge the passing of our dear friend and colleague Kenneth Edward Briggs OAM.

He was a very active member of both organisations since they were formed in the late 1990's and remained active until just a few months ago when his deteriorating health curtailed his activity.

Ken was the perfect Rotarian and a great servant of the broader community, always giving of himself without question.

He epitomised the Rotary motto
"service above self".

He will be sorely missed by all in the Rotary family who knew and admired him.

Deepest condolences to his family and close friends.

BRIGGS

Ken OAM

Ken made a significant contribution to the Forest Street Uniting Church congregation in many leadership roles including Elder, Lay Preacher and Church Councillor.

He will be greatly missed, and we extend our condolences to his family and Glennis.

BRIGGS

Kenneth Edward OAM

27/2/1929 - 29/9/2020

Cherished memories of a dearly
loved companion to Glennis
and admired friend of the Pitson family

A true gentleman

18/10/20

Dear Tony,

Thank you for the wonderful
tributes you have led for Ken
from his loved Rotary Club;
he would be embarrassed!

An unassuming man, he
achieved so much professionally
and Rotary provided a vehicle
for his service to community.

We will all miss him.

Sincerely, Glennis

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

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 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.

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

(S) indicates Sapphire 1. (S2) indicates double Sapphire

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

PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS

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

CLUB MEMBERS 2020-21

Elizabeth Bell	Nursing	Emily Mudge	Civil Engineering
Thomas Campbell	Rural Banking	Graham Neivandt	Waste Water Disposal
Lynette Comer *	Silo Manufacturing	Heather Nixon	Nursing
Ron Deveraux	Bread Manufacture	Greg Noonan	Management Accounting
Sue Duncan	Property Management	Jan Pagliaro	Disability Services
George Ellis	Emergency Services	Andrew Palmer	Investment Advisor
Ian Ellis	Sign Writing	Anne Peace	Education
Max Ellis	Sign Writing	Greg Penno*	Driver Education
Richard Epskamp	Police Service	Gary Pinner	Automotive Repairs
Cora Fuentes-Mahnic	Ethnic Management	Tony Plant	Catering
Paul Gibbons	Education	Maureen Plant	Retail Sales
Trevor Hawking	Building Supply Sales	Zoe Pocock	Environmental Planning
Clive Hughes	Carpet Laying	Merlyn Quaife	Music Education
Jennie Hughes	Sales Consultancy	Matthew Scott	Education
Lindsay Jolley	Environmental Mgt	Peter Simmons	State Emergency Services
Peter Kilpatrick*	Project Engineer	Rod Spitty	Civil Engineering
Katie Kim	Music	Helen Steele*	Mental Health Tribunal
Philip Lethbridge	Law	John Stewart*	Public Accountant
Glenn Madden	Primary Education	Mark Tracy	Secondary Education
Kylee McCalman	Real estate	Rod Spitty	Local Gov't Engineering
Geoff McKinna	Police Service	Bernie Young	Public Land Management
Kay McLaughlin	Banking Services	* Indicates joined 2020-21	
Honorary Members			
David Cotton	Genealogy	Wendy Learmount	Banking Management
Ken Gittins	Sheep Grazing	Trevor Phillips	Engineering Consultant
Tom Glazebrook	Highway Construction	Laurie O'Farrell	Law
Lindsay Jackson	Tertiary Education		
2019-20 departures			
Ken Briggs	Passed away	Ros Chenery, Obi Nwigwe & Ruth O'Connell (all resigned)	

FRIENDS OF ROTARY				
Jodie Bice	Leesa Bice	Daniel Giles	Chloe Kilcullen	Brock Pinner
Mercy Saddul Priest	Robin Shepherd	Val Payne	Gemma Wilson	

CHARTER MEMBERS

Rotary Club of Bendigo South Charter Members 1959/60:

Les Harris (President)	Len Fawssett	Alan Michell	George Symons
Jack Austen (VP & Club Service)	Bob Long	Roy Foster	Harold Macdonald
Jack Corbett (Secretary)	Stuart Williams	Perce Johansen	Ray Perl
Bill Ashman (Treasurer)	George Ellis	Jack Woodman	Charles Reed
Alan Fraser ((Community Service)	Harry Stephenson	Bill Turner	
Ian McHardy (International)	Jim Collis	Jack Bright	
Owen Turner (Vocational Service)	Frank Vains	Fred Bolton	

ROYCE ABBEY AWARDEES

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 & 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
2015-16	Bernie Young

Special Awards

Outgoing President Paul made some special awards on the night of the Club's Change over Dinner.



Ron Devereaux - 53 years of service to Rotary International.



Helen Steele - Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for her work and commitment to Bendigo Foodshare.

Also a Paul Harris Fellow was awarded to Julie Oberin for her dedicated service to the Annie North Women's Refuge (unfortunately Julie was unable to attend and receive her award but will be presented to her at a future club meeting). Paul also recognized both Greg Noonan (Treasurer) and Tony Plant(secretary) for their respective efforts during his year.

