

Rotary Club of Bendigo South **SIGNPOST**

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Meets Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Lakeview Hotel (TBC weekly)

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Presidents Report

This week I have the sad news to share of the passing of Brian Thomas, a Past President of our Club in 1979 and 1990, having joined the Club in 1963. Finance was his expertise and he was Manager of the Bank of Bendigo. Brian was 95 years old and resided in Gisborne for the last part of his life. Brian is survived by his wife Judy and five children.

At our Thursday Meeting being the closest meeting to ANZAC Day, we welcomed Shaaron Opie who shared the story of her grandfather Ben Esposito MM and his brother and friends who went from Eaglehawk to Gallipoli. Shaaron brought interesting memorabilia related to her grandfather for us to look at. We learned that 300 lads from Eaglehawk signed up and miraculously 200 managed to return. She also spoke of the Memory Trees – if you spot a large palm or Gallipoli Pine it was planted in memory of someone who lost their life in Gallipoli. A big thanks to Peter Kilpatrick for organising the tickets for the End Polio Film Night. In total \$1600 was raised by our Cluster plus our Club has an extra \$110 to donate from people unable to attend the film.

The District Conference in Albury was a resounding success, especially given the difficulty in the short lead-in time and finding a venue! The Speakers were inspirational and entertaining, lots of local musical talent was featured, sourced by Michael Lapina. My favorite was the Scots School Pipe Band – love the bagpipes!

The International Conference will be in Melbourne in May next year – no air travel involved – opportunities to volunteer, mix and meet with Rotarians from around the world. I would urge you to consider attending.

This week we will hook up with former Exchange Student Luisa Flinkmann and learn what she's up to these days.

Merlyn Quaife AM



Presidents of The Rotary Club of Bendigo South 1959-2009



1979
Brian Thomas



1980
Tom Johnson



1981
Graeme Elvey



1982
John Parsons



1983
George Dawson



1984
Bill Hoare



1985
Laurie O'Farrell



1986
Ralph Birrell



1987
John Hewitson



1988
Rod McLeod



1989
Rob Aitken



1990
Brian Thomas



1991
Colin Walton



1992
Geoff McKinna



1993
Neil Zantuck

*For those who remember – in memory of **Mr Brian Thomas***

MAY PROGRAM

| MONTH | VENUE | PROGRAM |
|----------------|---------------------|--|
| Thurs 5th May | Lakeview Hotel | Guest Speaker - Luisa - RCBS previous Exchange Student (via Zoom) Chair - Merlyn |
| Thurs 12th May | Lakeview Hotel | Guest Speaker - Georgie Redmond "Heart Matters" Chair – Heather Nixon |
| Thurs 19th May | Lakeview Hotel | Guest Speaker - Dr Clayton Massey - Principal Girton Grammar & Girton Grammar Scholarship recipient Chair - Merlyn Quaife Board meeting to follow |
| Thurs 26th May | | NO Meeting in lieu of Trivia Night |
| Fri 27th May - | Bendigo Showgrounds | Joint Trivia night organised by Rotary Club of Eaglehawk and Rotary Club of Bendigo South ** See attached Details ** |

This Weeks Guest Speaker the bubbly, ever smiling – past Exchange Student - **Luisa Flinkmann by Zoom From Germany**



UPCOMING BBQ'S – POP THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY!

Sunday May 8th - Mother's Day Classic

Bacon & Egg Rolls

Strathdale Park Strathdale

8 – 11 am **4 volunteers**

Sunday 22nd May - "Millions of Paws" Walk - RSPCA Fundraising

Lake Weeroona from 7am

*** more details to come ****

BBQ Dates for the Bendigo South Football Club:

Thanks for a very good response to these to support the mighty bloods. At each BBQ we will have someone who is in the know (now known as the expert) and we require 2 extra to make it work. So far we have the following.

7th May v Castlemaine. Paul, Geoff and one more required.

28th May v Strathfieldsaye (Indigenous Rd) The expert, Merlyn and Clive.

4th June v Maryborough. The expert, Sue and Trevor.

25th June v Eaglehawk. The expert and 2 others required.

16th July v Kyneton. The expert and 2 others required.

30th July v Gisborne. The expert and two others required.

20th August v Kangaroo Flat. The expert, Merlyn and one further required.

Please also consider becoming the third person at the BBQ, that will make it an easy day (and I can watch more football)

Please contact George Ellis on 0438353414 with times that suit you to help.

Save the Date!

Changeover Dinner for BSRC
23rd June at Camp Getaway!

Our Guest Speaker – Shaaron Opie tells of her research and heroics of grandfather – Ben Espisito, family & friends during the Great War.



Rotary Club of Rochester



is having an evening of fellowship at the
Home of the Rotary Club of Rochester
the Heritage Court House

23 Moore Street, Rochester
(opposite Graeme Nelson Motors)

President Heather Watson and members
invite

President Merlyn, members and partners
Rotary Club of Bendigo South

to join them in fellowship
for the

Pie & Port Evening

Saturday 7th May

at

6:30pm for 7:00pm

\$30 per person

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RSVP Monday 2nd May (for catering purposes, thank you)

Please advise Heather of any dietary requirements

Acceptances and apologies to President Heather Watson please.

President Heather Watson (Pie & Port)

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Please direct debit to: or mail cheque to:

Account name: RC Rochester Rotary Club of Rochester

BSB633 000 A/c No. 1321 85521 PO Box 74

please reference Pie & Port and your name Rochester 3566



PRISTINE DRYCLEANERS

The Bendigo Community Coat Drive is happening again – we need your help.

As the cold nights set in, and cooler days are ahead, there are many who need support to keep warm.

In previous years, we've been fortunate to receive more than 2700 donations from our community – and given the pressure Covid-19 has placed on many people, we're hoping to see high numbers this year.

The Coat Drive runs from April 19 until May 13.

Coats can be dropped to: Pristine Dry Cleaners, Shop 141/157-161 High Street, Bendigo.

If you have a question about the coat drive, please email bchscomms@bchs.com.au or call 5448 1600.

Combined Trivia Night.
Bendigo South and Eaglehawk ROTARY Clubs.
Friday May 26.

The Eaglehawk Rotary Club has very generously offered to share equally the proceeds from their forthcoming Trivia Night. They have successfully conducted this event in past years at the Bendigo Exhibition Centre and quite a few from our club have attended so will be aware of what a great event it has been in the past.

To make this a very successful fund raiser we need support from our members in the following ways-

- a) Recruit people to come along with you to ensure we have lots of teams and a broader audience to take money from.
- b) Assist with collecting prizes-two attachments have been included-one is a list of suggested items that Eaglehawk has collected in past years. If you know where you may be able to gather some of these items please have a go. Other items not on the list are also welcome. Included also is a letter you can print off to use when targeting business owners.
- c) John Jones from Eaglehawk will be attending our meeting this Thursday night so a brief meeting to follow with members of our fund raising committee will be scheduled to outline what needs to be organised.

Tony Plant

Please see attachments:

- ** 2019 Prize list to have sponsors followed up, and ideas of what constitutes prizes
- ** The letter to Sponsors advising of event, and asking for sponsorship.



Rotary

District 9800



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



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WHO'S WHO?

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT: | Shekhar Mehti |
| RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR: | Dale Hoy |
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| CLUB PRESIDENT | Merlyn Quaife AM |
| SECRETARY | Paul Gibbons |
| TREASURER | Greg Noonan |
| YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR | Mark Tracy |
| INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR | Heather Nixon |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR | Emily Mudge |
| MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR | Tony Plant |
| CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR | Rod Spitty |
| CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER | Geoff McKinna |
| ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR | Peter Kilpatrick |
| FUND-RAISING and FINANCE | Gary Pinner |
| CLUB COMMUNICATIONS | Matthew Scott |
| NEWSLETTER EDITOR | Sue Duncan |

CLUSTER CLUB MEETING TIMES

DISTRICT 9800 GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER ROTARY CLUBS

RC KANGAROO FLAT: Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park

Secretary - Geoff Wakefield 0408510218

RC BENDIGO: Tuesday 12:45pm, Bendigo Club, Park Street, Kennington.

Secretary: Danielle Ioniescu – 5444 0190 secretary@rotarybendigo.org.au

RC ECHUCA MOAMA: Tuesday 6pm, Moama Bowling Club, Shaw Street, Moama.

RC BENDIGO SANDHURST: Wednesday 7.30am, New Meeting Venue to be advised.

Secretary: John Harkin – 0409957000

RC EAGLEHAWK: Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

Contact on 0428468298 eaglehawkrotary@gmail.com

RC ROCHESTER: Thursday 6pm, The Court House building, Moore Street (Opp. G. Nelson Motors)

Contact - Heather Watson on 0439842177

RC CASTLEMAINE: Wednesday 6:30pm, The Cumberland Hotel

Secretary - Lyndal McClure 044339116