

# *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**

I am writing this report in Albury, after Day 1 of the District Conference. Elizabeth Bell and Heather Nixon have joined me, representing our Club. It has so far been a wonderful Conference with many good connections made plus inspiration and ideas.

At our last Meeting the Club welcomed five guests as well as our two guest presenters. Paul Taylor who is in charge of Music at Sacred Heart Cathedral and organist Thomas Heywood, who we met at Langley Hall talked about the Choral Scholarship program at the Cathedral. They also spoke passionately about the history and tradition of ecclesiastical choral music, the history of Sacred Heart and much more! We learned that Bendigo has a plethora of wonderful organs in the various Churches. They both spoke of the value of choral training for young people – any young talent you know of should be encouraged to consider singing in the Sacred Heart Choir and there is no requirement to be Catholic. Music is a powerful source for good!! Plus there are scholarships to be had!

**Merlyn Quaife AM**



# ‘Let’s Get Together’

District 9800 Conference 2022



President Merlyn Quaife, Club Members, Heather Nixon & Elizabeth Bell enjoyed many of the activities at the District Conference

# APRIL PROGRAM

MONTH	VENUE	PROGRAM
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Lakeview Hotel	Guest Speaker – Shaaron Opie - Anzac & Gallipoli Presentation Chair – Rod Spitty
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 - TBA
Thurs 19th May	Lakeview Hotel	Guest Speaker - Dr Clayton Massey - Principal Girton Grammar & Girton Grammar Scholarship recipient Chair - Merlyn Quaife <b>Board meeting to follow</b>
Thurs 26th May		<b>NO Meeting in lieu of Trivia Night</b>
Fri 27th May -	Bendigo Showgrounds	Joint Trivia night organised by Rotary Club of Eaglehawk and Rotary Club of Bendigo South

## This Week's Guest Speaker - Shaaron Opie

- Shaaron Opie and husband retired "home to Bendigo" 7 years ago.
  - She has been involved in the Eaglehawk Heritage Soc.
  - Her great great grandparents on both mother and fathers side were pioneers of Eaglehawk and Bendigo.
- She idolized her grandfather Ben Esposito MM and is delighted to share the story of this amazing man and his brother's Anzac stories with Rotary



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

**Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>** - Mother's Day Classic

Bacon & Egg Rolls

Strathdale Park Strathdale

8 – 11 am     4 volunteers

### **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.**



## 50 Mentors for International Students

The new Rotary International Student Mentoring program is a great way to engage Rotarians, particularly newer Rotarians. Even if members are still concerned with COVID this is a program Rotarians can do in their home, via video conferencing. And the value to both the student and Victoria is considerable.

It can also be a great way for international students to engage with Rotary projects, learn more about Rotary and your club.

Having successfully completed the first pilot back in 2021, with eleven mentors, we are now looking to run a second pilot. This time with fifty mentors. The pilot will run over a restricted eleven-week period with one one-hour mentoring session per week.

This project came about through a partnership between Rotary and MentorMatch that was formed to compete in a Victorian state government challenge. It was one of six challenges the state government issued to address identified social issues. The goal of the international student mentoring challenge is to improve the social connectedness and employability of international students studying in Victoria.

There are no specific requirements to be a mentor in this program, beyond being a good listener an effective communicator and having a genuine desire to help the student assimilate and learn.

This program, with its clear guidelines and supporting training videos, will provide a great introduction to people who would like to get involved in mentoring but lack experience and/or confidence. If you think the international student mentoring program might be something of interest to you or your club please contact Warwick Cavell on [warwick.cavell@rotary9800.org](mailto:warwick.cavell@rotary9800.org)

# 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)

ph: 0439 842 177

email: [ghwatson1@bigpond.com](mailto:ghwatson1@bigpond.com)

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 3561

# 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?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:  
RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR:

Shekhar Mehti  
Dale Hoy

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CLUB PRESIDENT	Merlyn Quaife AM
SECRETARY	Paul Gibbons
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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR	Heather Nixon
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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