

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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President's Report

Last Thursday the Club met at Camp Getaway. The evening started with a tour of the facilities and grounds of the Camp, led by our two most involved Members Graham Neivandt and Paul Gibbons who divided the group in two to share the load. The gardens are looking splendid for mid Summer which is a tribute to all the Clubs who have working-bees as well as a tribute to the masterplan! The garden bench in memory of Club Member Ken Briggs is in an area awaiting landscaping and our Club will undertake that task when the weather is more appropriate. The water tank which is starting to take the form of Thomas the Tank Engine is looking great!! The new and improved kitchen provided us with a delicious roast dinner and we enjoyed conversation and Fellowship. A BIG thanks to Paul Gibbons for donating an esky full of wine and beer for Members to enjoy with their meals.

This weekend I have been doing PET training as, although I am President, there are still ideas to be gleaned and networking to be done! Saturday night was a welcome dinner and we had an ideas packed day on Sunday. It was great to sit with our Cluster and chew the fat, so to speak! Matthew Leeder, President of RC Kangaroo Flat was called upon to open both days with his Welcome to Country. It was announced that Michael Lapina is to be DG in 2024/25. Michael will be a very capable DG as demonstrated in his leading of sessions along with Keith Ryle.

I look forward to our next Meeting at the Lakeview!

Merlyn Quaife AM

Camp Getaway Visit



Thank you to Graham & Paul for the organization, and a big "Thanks, Paul" for the Esky full of drinks!

FEBRUARY & MARCH PROGRAM

MONTH	VENUE	PROGRAM
Thurs 17 th Feb	Lakeview Hotel	Guest speaker from Tibet - Tsering Dorje Chair - Greg Noonan
Thurs 24 th Feb	Lakeview Hotel	Guest speaker - Michael Deschepper - Wintringham - Homeless Women Chair - Jan Pagliaro
Thurs 3 rd Mar	Lake View Hotel	Member talk by Ian Ellis – History of the Bendigo Fire Brigade. Chair - Rod Spitty
Thurs 10 th Mar	Lake View hotel	Guest Speaker Brian Ashworth Honorary CEO - Disaster Aid Australia via Zoom Chair - TB
Thurs 17 th Mar	Lake View Hotel	Guest Speaker Adrian Martins - Fundraising cyclist "Ride for Lily Foundation" - Liver cancer in children Chair - Merlyn
Thurs 24 th Mar		No meeting in lieu of Club Wine and cheese social Fundraiser
Sun 27 th Mar		Wine and Cheese fundraiser- see flyer for details
Sun 31 st Mar	Star Cinema	Maubisse Film Night Eaglehawk – Please see attached details



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This week come along to the Lakeview



Our Guest Speaker - Dorje Tsering –

Tsering Dorje born in Regong eastern Tibet, used to be a teacher and interpreter, worked as a school's teacher for Tibetan herders' children in Tsekhok, a grassland county. Also taught English for Chinese pupils at mainstream Chinese middle school. Fluent in languages Tibetan Chinese and English, Tsering Dorje worked as translator and interpreter for International NGOs in Tibet such as MSF-Belgium and Kunde Foundation(UK Charity).

Tsering Dorje is one of the generations bridging Tibetan culture from elder Tibetans who rarely survived from CCP cultural revolution and the coercive brainwash. He was grown up at a time of CCP's Communist utopia was bankrupted and people were allowed to have some freedom and space for restoring traditional Tibetan life. That was the rare chance for him to inherit precious Tibetan culture from elders.

In 2005 Tsering Dorje left Tibet and lived as a refugee in India. He worked with Wildlife Trust of India, and worked as a senior researcher for several years with Tibet Watch, a British Charity field office in northern India.

In 2014, he moved to Australia with his family. He used to be the president of Victorian Tibetan Community in Melbourne.

Someone links about me. Please note that my name was formerly written as Tsering Dorje.

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/asa170351999en.pdf>

<http://content.time.com/time/subscriber/article/0,33009,1541363,00.html>

<https://freetibet.org/na/blog-into-exile>



- February 20th (Sun) – Disc Golf – details to follow – **CANCELLED**
 - **February 23rd – Early Bird Registration for conference finishes**
 - February 23rd – BRC Annual Bowls Night – details attached.
 - February 27th – Langley Hall – Opera Plus – starring our Merlyn – details attached
 - March 27th – Wine & Cheese Tasting at Lindsey Jolley's as a fund raiser for the International Committee
 - March 31st – Maubisse Film Night – details below
 - April 22nd -24th – Rotary 9800 Conference in Albury – website links
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**The International Committee, invite you to Save the Date, Sunday 27th
March for Wine Tasting and Cheese Fundraiser.**



The Wine & Cheese event is to raise funds to buy bikes for school children to pedal to school plus a school library, both for the poor in Cambodia

Details to follows

BENDIGO MAUBISSE FRIENDSHIP INC.

BERGMAN ISLAND

MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Thu Mar 31st, 2022 | 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Star Cinema, Eaglehawk

FEATURING NEW RELEASE

BERGMAN ISLAND

TIX \$22 BOOKINGS ONLINE
WWW.STARCINEMA.ORG.AU

Funds raised assist BMFI's strong & ongoing
friendship with the community of
Maubisse in East Timor ☐☐

All bookings to be made independently of Rotary – please
log in to www.starcinema.org.au

ROTARY 9800 CONFERENCE!

A poster for the Rotary District 9800 Conference 2022. The background is a scenic image of a large tree with yellowing leaves, a body of water, and a grassy bank. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent dark rectangle. The text includes the Rotary logo, the conference title, dates, and a list of registration fees.

Rotary District 9800  **Conference 2022** 22nd to 24th April
Let's Get Together in Albury

Rotarian, Partners & Friends Early Bird (until 23rd February):	\$395
Rotarian, Partners & Friends (after 23rd February):	\$430
First-time attendee:	\$330
Rotaractor:	\$330
Foundation Breakfast:	\$30
Gala Dinner:	\$90 (for those not attending the full Conference)

Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWKQC>

The last day for **Early Bird Registrations** for our **District Conference in Albury** is fast approaching and happens to be the same day as **Rotary's Birthday**. And to celebrate you have the chance to **win one of 50 vouchers valued at \$50 each** to be spent in Albury.

Early Bird Registration will end at 12 midnight on **23rd February** for the reduced price of \$395.00 per person. Even less for first-timers and Rotaractors. **To book go to:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BWKQC>.

Conference Video: With so much to see and do in Albury, [watch the conference video of our recent visit](#). (Creatively produced by Rotarian Michael Lapina and his son Alex. Thank you to both of you.)

For accommodation options within walking distance of the Albury Entertainment Centre:
<https://www.visitalburywodonga.com/app/uploads/2021/12/Rotary-District-Conference-Albury-Wodonga-Accommodation-Guide.pdf>

Consider arriving earlier or staying later to enjoy the local attractions in the Albury region:
<https://www.visitalburywodonga.com/rotary-district-conference-april-2022/>

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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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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