

Rotary Club of Bendigo South **SIGNPOST**

Volume 63, No. 40, 5th May 2022

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

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



bendigosouthrotary.org.au

<http://www.twitter.com/RotaryBendigoS>

Presidents Report

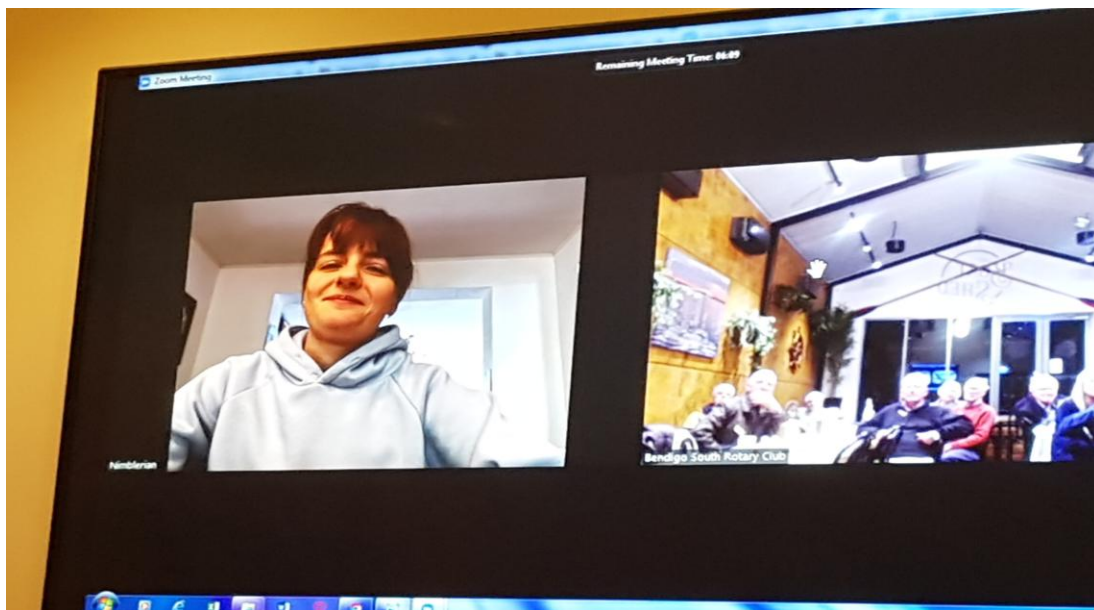
How nice it was to have Luisa Flinkmann, our Exchange Student from 2018/19 join us via Zoom from Germany and fill us in on her life to date. She didn't find it so easy settling back into life in Germany after her year in Bendigo. After a few twists and turns she is training in the Police Force with her ultimate aim of doing Forensics. She lives with her boyfriend who she assures us is very handsome and has a 12 month old Malamute puppy, already the size of a small horse! The good news is that Luisa has a trip to Oz planned for September when we will be able to see her in person. Her boyfriend is not coming so we have to take her word for just how good looking he might be!

Rochester Pie and Port Night was finally able to happen, having been cancelled last year due to Covid. I travelled to Rochester with Sandhurst Rotarians for a most enjoyable night which turned out to also be the Club's Changeover. The formalities were discharged of most efficiently and we were able to enjoy conversation with a range of Rotarians from both the Cluster and Melbourne, plus a range of locals from Rochester. DG Dale Hoy attended along with his wife Maureen, whose birthday it happened to be – Heather Watson produced an amazing Birthday Cake for the occasion and we all sang lustily to wish her many happy returns! President Heather Watson also regaled us with the history of the Pie and Port Night which has quite a tradition! Our Club was represented by myself and Anne Peace. A great event!

Merlyn Quaife AM



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



MAY PROGRAM

| MONTH | VENUE | PROGRAM |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Thurs 12th May | Lakeview Hotel | Guest Speaker - Georgie Redmond "Heart Matters" Chair – Heather Nixon |
| Thurs 19th May | Lakeview Hotel | Guest Speaker – Dr Emma O'Reilly - Acting Head 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 ** |
| Sat 28 th May | Virtual | District Assembly – see attached details |

District Assembly (virtual)

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZLHU>

District Assembly is a must attend forum for club officers, directors, committee chairs and project leaders.

Collaborate, be inspired and take action with other club leaders at the upcoming online District Assembly.

The sessions give all participants valuable new ideas to take back to their clubs and clusters. Some of the most experienced district leaders will conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects.



Our Next Guest Speaker – Georgie Redmond

Hi my name is Georgie,

I was born in Bendigo and have lived in this great community all my life. I am a Paramedic working in Bendigo with Ambulance Victoria. I know the Heart Matters message will save lives in our community. I often see people that have waited too long to call 000 as they didn't know the warning signs of a heart attack. So I'm excited to be able to help educate to help save lives.

What you learn on Thursday night may save your life or the life of a loved one.

Your Heart Matters.

What is a Heart Matters education session?

Heart Matters education sessions can be as formal or informal as you like. Speak with your Heart Matters Coordinator about what sort of session will work best for your group or business.

The session will cover the following topics:

- the warning signs of a heart attack
- what to do if you or someone you know has those warning signs
- how to reduce your risk of having a heart attack.

What you learn in a Heart Matters session could save your life, or the life of someone close to you

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

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.

28th May v Strathfieldsaye (Indigenous Rnd) 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!

Membership Update.

Letting all members know that unfortunately the board recently accepted with regret a resignation from Helen Steele who has found it difficult attending meetings due to work commitments. Helen as a past member of the Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale had made a significant contribution to the National Youth Science Forum. We hope sometime in future Helen when perhaps work commitments are not so pressing may find her way back to Rotary.

On a very positive note we have recently been successful in recruiting two new members in Margaret Kelly and Dorje Tsering. I am also currently in the process of arranging a transfer for Michelle Newman who is currently a member of a Rotary Club based in Mount Isa. Michelle has expressed a desire to join our club.

I encourage all members to be alert to the fact that many new people have moved to Bendigo in recent times sometimes for work opportunities but also to retire. These people may be just waiting for the opportunity to be asked along to a Rotary event and to be encouraged to meet and make new friends and give back to our great community.

KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN AND MORE IMPORTANTLY ASK THE QUESTION!!

Tony Plant
Membership Director.

Membership Revitalises Rotary Clubs

The energy of Rotary comes from the collective energy of its members. In large and small ways, how we support one another and work cooperatively on projects is how we 'do good in the world'. New members provide energy, enthusiasm, skills and passion, which drive Rotary clubs forward.

Across Australia and New Zealand, Clubs recruit 12% new members every year, but lose 15% of members every year. This is not a path to the future, added to which our club membership is ageing. We simply must change our model to be relevant in a world which has changed dramatically. Another alarming statistic is that 40% of new members leave within their first two years. Why?

During the current health crisis, every corner of society is rethinking its priorities, core values and future directions. It is essential that each Rotary club reassesses and reimagines what it should be like in the future.

Here are some suggestions on how to revitalise our club:

- Discuss our club plan in a club forum. Use Zoom breakouts to allow smaller group discussions, as well as whole club discussions
- Modernise our meeting format and schedule in variety:
 - Face-to-face/hybrid with some in person, some online, projects, events and vocational visits. Mix it up.
 - Do Rotary business online for efficiency, but have social events for members and families.
- Investigate new membership categories of Corporate (for businesses wishing to support Rotary and provide development for their younger leaders), Associate members and Family members (clubs can use these as a volunteer resource as supporters, and as a transitional role into active membership) and retention of members facing major challenges.
- Develop a wider view of Rotary participation that includes regular and ad hoc volunteer activities, making them part of the broader Rotary family.
- Reach out to support or start Rotaract. Approach students in secondary schools so as to develop an interest in being involved.
- Investigate event-based, hands-on projects to engage potential volunteers and members. Get started with something local and build on it over time, with local government, other clubs, and stakeholders in your community.
- Investigate project partnerships with organisations where the club is under-represented, e.g. local Indian, Chinese or other ethnic groups.
- Investigate personal and club opportunities to engage in the internationality of Rotary through Rotary Action Groups, Fellowships, sister-club relationships, etc. Find a speaker to present to our members on these aspects



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

Trivia Night-refer to the poster for specifics.

Notice to members.

Given the success this event has been in the past for The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk, it is now a great opportunity for our club to help make it an even bigger and better event.

Members need to not only make every effort to attend but just importantly work together to compile tables of friends and neighbours. Given how well this event is conducted it is a great opportunity to show case what Rotary clubs are about and who knows maybe recruit a new member.

The Maiden Gully/ Myers flat members consisting of Glenn, Paul, Clive and Tony are working together to put together a minimum of 3 tables by targeting people outside the club we know.

It is not our aim to be seen to be all sitting together on a table of one. I am suggesting that other members who live in close proximity could adopt a similar approach.

We have set an aim of 10 tables from each club meaning 100 attendees from each club.

Lets give it a fair dinkum red hot go!

Also we are still looking for prize donations too. Info attached that may assist you.

Tony Plant Bendigo South . John Jones Eaglehawk.

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.

First Solo Art Exhibition – Greg Penno Is being held at Cortille Café, in Lyttleton Tce, Bendigo

It was suggested that we might put something in the newsletter to promote Greg's first solo exhibition Art Exhibition He has installed 20 works of art at Cortille Cafe in Lyttleton Terrace, opposite Coles. These works will be on display for 4 weeks from the 4th of May. Cortille is open early until 4.00pm. My works range in price from \$90 thru to \$200.00 well under general art show prices. I am an award winning abstract artist who enjoys pushing the boundaries of what can be achieved with paint. Some samples are below. Greg Penno



MAY DESIGNATION IS



"If you really want to change the world you have to inspire young people. That's how you change the world."

Joe Rogan



TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary, Change Lives



***"If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.
If you want happiness for a day, go fishing
If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.
If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody."***

– Chinese Proverb

Kindly borrowed from the Rotary Club of Bethlehem Morning Star , Pennsylvania, USA

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

Rotary
District 9800



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

WHO'S WHO?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:
RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR:

Shekhar Mehti
Dale Hoy

CLUB PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER
ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR
FUND-RAISING and FINANCE
CLUB COMMUNICATIONS
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Merlyn Quaife AM
Paul Gibbons
Greg Noonan
Mark Tracy
Heather Nixon
Emily Mudge
Tony Plant
Rod Spitty
Geoff McKinna
Peter Kilpatrick
Gary Pinner
Matthew Scott
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