

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

We had an excellent turn-out of members for the AGM which Secretary Paul Gibbons led with super efficiency. We welcomed AG Graeme Lyons who addressed our Club about Australia Day Grants. This was followed by a demonstration of the Defibrillator our Club now has which we will take with us to outdoor events. There were plenty of questions which Heather was able to answer. There was so much conversation flowing as we dined which augers well for our return to a somewhat more normal life. A Board Meeting followed and I am pleased to report that some BBQs are finally in the pipe-line! Sadly we also accepted the resignation of Richard Epskamp from our Club. Richard has been a great Club Member, especially with the hosting of Exchange Students. Kylie McCalman is also taking a break from Rotary as she embarks on a new career move.

Club Member Bernie Young found a website 'Connect Greater Bendigo' – a way of people finding activities or groups with whom they may wish to engage. At the recent Cluster Presidents' meeting I suggested we have a combined listing of all Rotary Clubs in the District, enabling interested potential Rotarians to see at a glance when the different Clubs meet, day and time, plus a website and contact details. With the agreement of all Clubs, AG Alison Bacon is attending to this.

Please note the RC Eaglehawk Wine Auction (attached) and the RC Rochester 'Creative Seeds Exhibition' (attached). Plus, don't forget the BSO Concert early December where I will be a part of the line-up.

Our next meeting is a visit to historic **Langley Hall 6.00 – 7.00** followed by a meal at the Lakeview. There is ample parking in the side street and some on-site as well. Meet at the front door!

Merlyn Quaife AM



BSRC AGM Meeting & Defibrillator Demonstration



AG Graeme Lyons advising of the Australia Day Grants



Heather Nixon explaining how to use a defibrillator



The attentive audience

*Many thanks to those that supply articles and photos for the Signpost
Also thanks to Bernie Young for putting out a great Signpost last week*

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER PROGRAM

(NOTE - The program for November & December is dependent on the COVID situation).

November	Venue	Program
Thurs Nov 25th	Langley Hall 484 Napier Street White Hills	Inspect Langley Hall, 6-7pm. Chair Merlyn Quaife Meal to follow at Lakeview Hotel
Thurs Dec 2nd	Lakeview Hotel	Guest Speaker- Matt Maudlin, Rotary Outreach Myeloma Program Chair - Merlyn Quaife
Thurs Dec 9 th	Lakeview Hotel	Guest Speaker - Toni West CEO Impact Recovery followed by Board Meeting Chair - Rod Spitty
Thurs Dec 16	Mechanics Institute California Gully	Inspection of club storage facility, and Christmas dinner
Thurs 13 January	Tony and Betty Plant's home	Social night to resume Rotary year

If you wish to head back to the Lakeview for dinner after Langley Hall -

Members and any partners are wanting to return to the Lake View following the Langley Hall visit they need to supply names and name of the item from the menu to me by no later than 2.30 pm this Thursday. Arrangement will be to return to the Lake View by 7.15 pm, pay for the meal at the register then sit down. Aim to start serving at 7.30 pm.



Join us for
Morning Tea with the DG
10:00am to 11:15am
Saturday 27th November
Register your attendance at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BUCYL>

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FIREWOOD SALES/ DELIVERY HAVE STARTED

Greetings and thanks to all those hard-working members that were involved in any way in the Firewood Working bees held last year at Tony's place at Allies Road.

Some orders have been received after an ad was placed on BUY/SWAP/ SELL to seek out any interested buyers. Three loads were delivered over the past weekend -see the above photo of the Saturday afternoon delivery ready to go.

The wood was well dried out and ready to burn thanks to the good preparation of many hands in cutting, splitting and stacking it. The recipient of the load I helped deliver with Tony was most impressed with her firewood.

A huge thanks to Tony for storing all the firewood and sorting out a way to ensure a set amount in each load delivered.

PAUL G

FOODSHARE – *Are you able to help?*

Once again we are able to assist Foodshare in early January, so I am calling for volunteers for **Tuesday January 4**

9.30 am Pick-up from Supermarkets - 1 Driver, 2 Rescuers (1 in own car)

1.00 - 3.00 Distribution to Eaglehawk Community House - 1 Driver, 2 Rescuers (1 in own car) plus 1 - 2 volunteers to set up and greet clients

Merlyn

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Climate change

Sub-committee member Lindsay is interested to hear from any members who have thoughts about things that the club may wish to participate in or promote on the topical theme of climate change. Please contact Lindsay if you have any passionate ideas that you would like to champion.

Local natural environment Facebook page

Members who wish to share and/or increase their knowledge about the local natural environment may wish to join a Facebook group hosted by local naturalist Felicity Johnson. Search for Northern and North Central Victorian Biodiversity, request to join, and enjoy the regular postings from keen naturalists across our region.



Even some Sydney diehard golfers had to take cover – great day to take up Golf!

Rotary Projects Around the Globe

Serbia

The Rotaract Club of Belgrade Čukarica spotlights men's health with dramatic flair. For several years, the club has staged a play as part of the "Movember" global initiative — "m" is for "mustache" — which has funded more than 1,250 health projects. Penned and directed by doctor and former club member Emilija Ivančajić, the play, *Men and Other Problems*, adopts a lighthearted approach to serious matters such as suicide and prostate and testicular cancers. The event went on hiatus because of COVID-19, but the 2019 production drew an audience of some 300 people. "All club members act in the play, with special guests from other Rotaract clubs in District 2483," says Kristina Zejak, the club's immediate past president.

Tanzania

For girls in the developing world, a lack of safe transportation can be a barrier to education. At the Ndevelwa Secondary School outside Tabora, Tanzania, for instance, "typically only the boys had the benefit of bikes to help with the journey," says Elizabeth Demichelis, a member of the Rotary Club of Modesto Sunrise, California. "Thus the concept of pink bikes was born." The Modesto Sunrise club, with help from the local Rotary Club of Arusha, arranged for the bicycles to be made available to girls; the conspicuous color is a theft deterrent. The girls, their families, and the head of school signed contracts denoting responsibility for the care of the assigned bikes.

Nepal

Long after a vocational training team helped Nepali schoolteachers make the most of their Rotary-funded library and computer lab, the initiative continues to pay dividends. "The resource center is helping to manage online classes in this pandemic time, even in the rural areas of Nepal," says Rabindra Thapa, a member of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu North, which joined the Rotary Club of Stowe, Vermont, in the global grant-supported project at the Shree Ram Secondary School in Koshidekha. Carolyn Holcombe Damp, a past volunteer at the school, enlisted her partner, Larry Heath of the Stowe club; her sister, Joan Holcombe; and Didi Kearsley — all retired educators — for the team's trip in late 2017. They stocked the facility with some 1,500 books, 15 laptop computers, and other equipment. The Stowe club and District 7850 each provided \$10,000; The Rotary Foundation added \$15,000 in funding for the project.

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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

