

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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BSRC PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Last Thursday might just have been our final meeting via Zoom...??? As this was our meeting closest to World Polio Day, our guest speaker was the inspirational Bev Watson, who is the Chair of Polio Network Victoria as well as the Bendigo Polio Group. Bev shared with us her life as a young victim of polio which left her paralysed from the waist down. She now suffers from Late Effects of Polio for which there is no cure and makes daily activities difficult and tiring. However as Bev pointed out – it is not in the nature of a Polio survivor to give in, just make adjustments. Bev is full of positivity and gratefulness for her life – a true inspiration. You will find attached some newsletters from Polio Network Victoria supplied by Bev.

On the topic of Polio – I have clocked up 114 k and so far raised \$808!!! Can I get to \$1000??

A BIG thanks to Club Members who have added to my total. I'm doing my longer walks with the Bendigo Bushwalking and Outdoor Club, Junortoun Walking Group and a friend with a dog!

This week we have the opportunity to visit **The Iris Place** where Glenda Liddicoat grows and propagates irises. This will be followed by dinner at the Allies Pub. **The Allies Pub is strictly requiring patrons to show proof of being double vaccinated**, so bring a copy of your certificate if you do not have it attached to your Service Victoria Check-in app. Numbers are no longer a problem but you must provide proof of vaccination. This will no doubt be an on-going scenario with most, if not all, of our meeting venues.

Members can arrive at the Iris Place from 5.30 pm, look around, hear from Glenda in two groups and then move on to the Allies Pub.

While numbers are no longer problematic, it would be good to have an indication of who plans to attend. Partners are most welcome! Please email or sms Rod Spitty if you intend coming.

Merlyn Quaife, AM



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Our last Guest Speaker – Bev Watson Polio Network Victoria.



Many thanks to those that supply articles and photos for the Signpost

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER PROGRAM

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

October	Venue	Program
Thurs Oct 28th	Iris Farm, & then the Allies Pub	Vocational Visit to Iris Farm with meal to follow at Allies Hotel Beer Darden Venue - Iris farm - (DIRECTIONS BELOW) and Allies Hotel Chair - Merlyn Quaife
Thurs Nov 4th	Zoom or Lakeview Hotel	MS Ambassador Program Guest Speaker - Trish Mifsud Chair - Merlyn Quaife
Thurs Nov 11 th Remembrance Day	Lakeview Hotel – covid permitting	Re Guest Speaker – Committee Chair -Milton Long - Overseas Scholarship Program Chair - Heather Nixon and Delivery of Remembrance Day Message - Heather Nixon
Thurs Nov 18 th	Lake View Hotel or Zoom	Annual General Meeting & Social night Chair - Merlyn Quaife *** Board meeting to follow ***

To all Members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

This is a notice to inform you of the upcoming **Annual General Meeting** of the club to be held on **November 18, 2021** .

Should any member wish to change the club constitution any submissions must be sent to the secretary within 14 days of this notice for inclusion .

yours sincerely
PAUL GIBBONS BSRC Secretary
pgibbons1964@gmail.com



**Information for our Vocational Visit to *THE IRIS PLACE*
*This Thursday Night***

Come and be enchanted by Glenda Liddicoat's fields of Irises. Glenda will also talk to us about her propagation and breeding of new varieties.

Part A – masks and social distancing

Members and partners are welcome to arrive from 5.30. We will hear from Glenda in two groups which will enable social distancing. You may even wish to place an order for a few plants!

Part B – no numbers restriction now but you must have **proof of double vaccination** to eat or drink at Allies Pub (outdoor area) following the Iris Experience

Please book your place for Part A and/or B with Rod Spitty sms: 0402 883 747 or email: rspitty@gmail.com

Directions:

THE IRIS PLACE 155 Booth Rd WOODVALE

At the Eaglehawk Townhall (Star Cinema) take the right hand side road (Sailors Gully Road) past the Court House Hotel on the right stay on this road as it bends to the left and then veer right again leaving Sailors gully road into Raywood Pyramid Road passing the Eaglehawk North School on the left. Turn right into Camp Road and then left into Booth Road at the old Red brick Homestead. Iris farm next house on the left in Booth Road.

Please RSVP by Tuesday 26 at 5.00 pm to Rod (as above)



Club Members Auction Project.

Our auction has been conducted over the last few weeks (4 Thursdays in succession) – with the first week introducing the idea to members and gather in the items and/activities or services they are prepared to donate.

Then we List the items, and allocate those interested parties a number, and then the bidding begins!

We invite you all to participate – firstly by contacting Tony on anthony.plant@bigpond.com and he will allocate you your number

Next step is to peruse the List of Auction items (see attachment), then email Tony with your number and the amount you would like to bid!

The latest Auction Catalogue is part of the Attachments!

**So, if it is cruising around in a Mustang or vintage Car, homemade baking, stunning wall art, or a much needed stay in Merrijig!
Bid Now!**

**Last Week so
get in with a
bid now!!**

A Trip Down Memory Lane.....

End Polio Fundraiser Concert of Merlyn & Katie.



If you'd like to make a donation for Merlyn's efforts, here's the link:

<https://www.rotarywalkwithus.org/fundraisers/merlynquaife>

A Chicken Changed My Life!



For one little girl at Lightning Reef Primary School in North Bendigo, a gardening program, with the added bonus of chicken ‘cuddling’, changed her outlook on school attendance and illustrated the difference Rotarians’.

If you have ever wondered about the difference being a Rotarian can make, then being part of Rotary Bendigo Sandhurst’s children’s gardening program at Lightning Reef Primary School in North Bendigo could be your answer; on a Wednesday afternoon (before lockdown), it was mine! (Lightning Reef Primary School services an area where many parents face barriers to employment and where nearly one third of the school community is from the Karen ethnic minority group, which has a very strong post-refugee community in Bendigo).

For a very busy hour, around eight students from Prep to Grade 4 enthusiastically crowd around the raised garden beds wanting to plant, weed, look for bugs, and generally ‘muck in’. A teacher accompanies the group, but generally maintains a background role. We provided biodegradable storage bags for the kids to harvest vegies, a popular part of the session. Enthusiastic ‘harvesting’ of pak choy, silver beet, spring onions, etc. saw the bags brim full of fresh produce, hopefully to make it home for parents to prepare a meal.

The best part of this very involving program (for the kids), comes at the end, when weeds and vegie scraps are given to the chooks in a nearby pen. With the kids running amok in the spacious chook yard, the chooks get a bit flighty, but we manage to catch a few for the kids to hold and pet.

For me, the chook-catching was the best part of the session. The kids of all ages were keen to hold and pet the chooks, some with more trepidation than others. Petting and calming the chooks seemed to calm the kids and to fleetingly establish a special bond with them. The ‘Rotary moment’ for me, occurred when one young girl, let’s call her Sally, wanted to hold and pet a chicken, saying she had never done it before. After a short time petting the chook, Sally said ‘this is so great with the chooks, I think I’ll come to school every day now’. The teacher, standing nearby, said (quietly), ‘That’s a breakthrough, attendance is certainly an issue.

So, if a Rotary gardening program, with a side-serve of chooks, can have such an impact on a child’s perception of the value of school attendance, then that’s a real ‘Rotary moment’ for me. If you have the chance to get involved with a gardening program at a school such as Lightning Reef Primary School, just say ‘yes’. It doesn’t have to be a fortnightly or, monthly commitment, it could just be a few hours at a weekend working bee to set up new vegie beds or do some weeding. You will potentially have the chance to make such a difference!



Promotion for Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute Program presents a wonderful opportunity for experienced Rotarians, new members and indeed people interested in finding out more about Rotary to take some time to experience the history, current and new initiatives related to this great organisation we call Rotary.

This four-part program is now available online.

Part 1 & 2: Growing and strengthening Clubs through developing a Plan for the future of your Club.

Looking at Rotary Leadership through examining the styles and characteristics of great leaders. Becoming a confident Club President or another club leader through understanding the roles and responsibilities and characteristics of effective and happy teams.

Part 3: Focussing and Increasing Humanitarian Service whilst learning more about **The Avenues of Service** and **The Rotary Foundation**.

Part 4: Enhancing Public Image and Awareness of Rotary and **Sharing and promoting what we do**

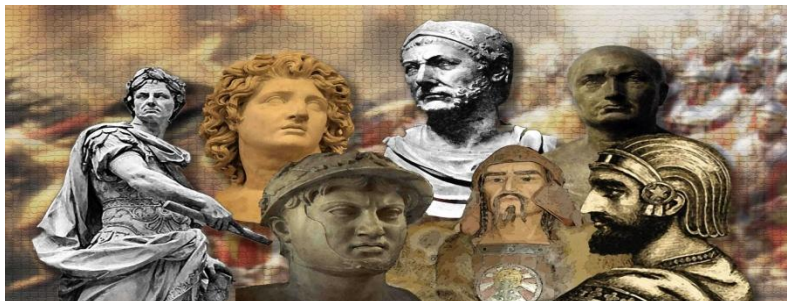
The next Rotary Leadership Institute will be conducted on the following dates:

Part 1 and 2 on **Saturday 20 November at 11am** and will run for one and a half hours.

Part 3 on **Sunday 21 November at 11am** for one hour

Part 4 on **Sunday 28 November at 11am** for one hour

To register you need to email Jane Pennington Jane.Pennington@rotary9800.org by Friday 13 November. There is a limit of 20 people for each program.



Rotary



**The best way
to find yourself
is to lose yourself
in the service of others.**

FOREIGN COIN - keep this for Lyn Comer.....



CHOCOLATES! Bring your Gold Coins on Thursday!



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:

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Dale Hoy

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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 Mc Clure 044339116

