

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 welcomed our Guest Speaker Tsering Dorje to our meeting at the Lakeview Hotel last Thursday. Dorje was born in Tibet and he shared his life story with our Club Members. It is very humbling to hear what he went through before finally coming to Australia as a refugee.

Dorje, with his family now resides in Kangaroo Flat. He is a man of many talents who speaks numerous languages – a great asset to our Community. Thanks to Greg Noonan for organising Tsering Dorje to be our Guest Speaker.

It is wonderful that BBQs are back on the agenda. As the weather cools we will also be able to have a Highway Clean-up day which thanks to Covid is well overdue!

A few Members have indicated that they are attending the Conference in Albury. It is always an interesting weekend so if you haven't scheduled it in, so give it some thought.

See you at our next Meeting when we will be hearing about the issue of homelessness, in particular the growing demographic of homeless women.

Merlyn Quaife AM



Guest Speaker – Tsering Dorje
His Life in Tibet, and then as a refugee.....



FEBRUARY & MARCH PROGRAM

MONTH	VENUE	PROGRAM
Thurs 24 th Feb	Lake View Hotel	Guest speaker - Michael Deschepper - Wintringham – Subject - 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

Possibly our next new member – Margaret – Welcome!



Important Attachment – Our Sub-Committee & Member Roles

Please check out the attachment with the List of Sub-Committees, and on which committee members sit.

There is also an outline of what is expected of each committee.

Wont it be great to get involved yet again!



Our next Guest Speaker.....

Wintringham



Michael Deschepper Deputy Chief Executive Officer

As a background to Wintringham, the organisation was founded in 1989 on the enduring principles of social justice. Our mission is to provide dignified, affordable, high quality care, support and housing to people aged 50-plus who have experienced or are vulnerable to homelessness. Over 2,200 at-risk clients are supported every day with a wide range of services including outreach, community home care, social housing, housing support, NDIS and residential aged care in Victoria and more recently Tasmania (Hobart). Wintringham employs over 900 staff and this year will generate operating revenue of \$80 million.

Our subsidiary entity, Wintringham Housing Limited is a registered Housing Association, meaning we are State government approved provider of social housing, and can access State government capital funding to build and manage housing for those most in need. Our 10-unit Castlemaine development is a prime example of the housing we build with the support of the State government (a purpose designed cluster to create community and allow ageing-in-place); our housing is located throughout regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne, with a portfolio of over 800 housing units. We have also secured State government funding to build a further 112 units that will be completed over the next 18 months.

More information can be found on our website www.wintringham.org.au and more specifically our most recent (2020) Annual Review https://www.wintringham.org.au/file/2981/1/Annual_Review_2019-20.p



- **February 23rd – Early Bird Registration for conference finishes**
 - February 27th – Langley Hall – Opera Plus – starring our Merlyn – *SOLD OUT!*
 - March 27th – Wine & Cheese Tasting at Lindsey Jolley's as a fund raiser for the International Committee – more details following before long
 - March 31st – Maubisse Film Night – details below
 - April 22nd -24th – Rotary 9800 Conference in Albury – website links
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BBQ'S

As mentioned, at our last Meeting, we have 2 confirmed BBQ's coming up.

Wednesday 23 February,
Latrobe Uni Welcome Day lunch, Free BBQ.
10.30 – 1 pm Latrobe University Edwards Road Flora Hill.
3 more volunteers required.

Sunday 20th March
Bendigo Cycling Classic
7am – 1 pm
Council Gardens Hargreaves Street to be confirmed
3 volunteers to work from 7am to 1pm.
An extra 2 volunteers to work from 10am to 1pm.

Please get back to me if you can help.

George.
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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**

There is a special booking site just for our fundraiser. It is as follows
[<https://www.starcinema.org.au/movie/fundraiser-bergman-island>]

YOUTH NEWS – NYSF

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is a not-for-profit organisation that runs a number of residential programs to encourage young people in their passion for science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). Our programs show the wide variety of engaging, rewarding and inspiring study and career options available in STEM fields.

***Rotary** is the Founding Partner of the NYSF, and every year Rotarians continue to support the NYSF Year 12 Program by promoting the opportunity in local communities, managing applications and selections of students and assisting with funding or fund-raising for student fees to attend. Rotarians also volunteer during the NYSF Year 12 Program in January. We estimate that Rotarians contribute more than 20,000 volunteer hours to the NYSF every year.*

Just a few snippets of news, from our past NYSF students for your interest. Many of them keep in touch with me and its very rewarding to hear about their studies and developing careers.

Liloma Qorbani is about to move to Deakin University at Waurin Ponds, Geelong and live on campus to study Medical Imaging.

Khatima Qorbani is returning to BSSC to do year 13 prior to going to university in 2023/24.

Alyssa Lai has returned from a long holiday to see her family in Malaysia and she is back on campus at ANU.

Emily Mannix is back at Janet Clarke Hall to continue her Pharmacy degree but has also made her first performance playing cello with the Melbourne Youth Orchestra. They appeared with the MSO this week at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl.

Jemma Pearce and Jenna Barton have started year 12 at BSSC - they will be sending an NYSF report to the club soon.

Yasin is in his final year at Griffiths University on the Gold Coast and is working in the hospital system in a covid related role part -time.

Eve Gray - " I'm now in my third year at The University in Melbourne studying science and majoring in infection and immunity! I get to study at the Peter Doherty Institute which is a lot of fun. Outside of uni, I'm currently the President of the Student Club at Janet Clarke Hall – my residential college. I've been enjoying life in the big smoke but equally love coming home and spending time in the bush".

My NYSF Experience- Jemma Pearce

Hello Rotarians, my name is Jemma Pearce and I was involved in the 2022 National Youth Science Forum. I would firstly like to thank everyone that was involved to help me attend this program, without your help I may not have been able to attend it.

When I first heard of NYSF I thought it was an amazing program, and it was an amazing opportunity as I want to pursue a career in science and having experienced this I was able to see what was offered at universities and what sciences there are. I never believed that I would be accepted into this program and join hundreds of other like minded students all online.

Even with NYSF being online, I still made friends with many like-minded people. We were able to connect on an app called Whova, which meant we could talk online to like-minded people that also have the same passions in science. We were also able to organize Discord groups, and organize games and movie nights, and then we added social media too. It was great for us to stay in contact with people with similar passions and dreams.

Hopefully once covid-19 has got better, we will be able to attend our week in Melbourne for all the in person visits. Then we would be able to meet people from our state attending the program, and they too had similar hopes for university and careers. The in-person visits included meeting speakers, experiments, and spending a day at two different universities so that we could get a feel for what life will be like after year 12.

The highlight of my NYSF experience was listening to so many scientists and their careers, it was very inspiring for me. We also got to listen to people that had one Nobel Prize, we learnt so much from these people and it was a once in a lifetime experience. We listened to speakers talk about using artificial intelligence to help people living on the spectrum, and how the covid-19 vaccinations worked- there was a massive difference in things we were being taught about and there was something for everyone doing this program.

After finishing at BSSC I hope to study at Melbourne University and do my bachelor in Science and become a scientist. NYSF strengthened my ambition to be a scientist, because it gave me the insight of so many other people my age with the same dedication, passion and interests. Again, I would love to thank everyone for helping me be a part of this amazing, rare experience. It has really helped me for my future in science.

Only two more days for the Early Bird Price!

ROTARY 9800 CONFERENCE!

A promotional poster for the Rotary District 9800 Conference 2022. The background is a scenic photograph of a large, leafy tree on a grassy bank next to a body of water. Overlaid on this is a semi-transparent grey box containing the event details. The text includes the Rotary logo, the conference name, dates, and a list of ticket prices for different categories. At the bottom, it provides a booking link.

Rotary  **Conference 2022** 22nd to 24th April
District 9800 **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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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 McClure 044339116