

## *Rotary Club of Bendigo South*

# SIGNPOST



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Meets Thursdays 6pm for 6.30pm at the Foundry Hotel  
High St, Golden Square.

**“Rotary Serving Humanity”**



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### **President's Report.**

As I indicated in my report last week it was shaping as a very busy Rotary week and so it proved to be. The undoubted highlight was of course the hosting of our five lovely guests in LZL, Jerrick, Mafe, Leny and Niki the five members of The Vocational Exchange Group from The Philippines. Due to the great organization by Lindsay Jolley and Bob Edgar supported by Cora Fuentes- Mahnic our visitors were treated to an action packed week. Combining with some members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo, plus a couple of guests from other clubs we had a great dinner meeting at the Bendigo Club. Our guests gave us an insight into their personal lives, some facts about the Philippines and then finished off with a very colourful dance and the club banner exchanges. There was also an extended photo session conducted by our visitors before we were allowed to go home. I would also like to thank Greg and Kathy Noonan and Terry and Fran Dalwood for providing home hosting in supporting our contribution to this project.

At this same meeting we welcomed and inducted Heather Nixon as a new member of our club. If you have not met Heather as yet I would encourage you to make yourself known to her. A further three new members before the end of April will enable us to gain access to a further district allocation of \$1000 for a project of their choosing. If you have anyone in mind now is the time to get them along.

Prior to welcoming our guests in the afternoon, last Monday morning found Rod, Emily, Bernie and I, along with Tim from the Next Gen Club lurking in the corridors of the The Bendigo Bank Headquarters. Our aim to conduct an information morning about Rotary and particularly how our two clubs operate for the staff as they passed us by on their way to work. This was a new member recruiting idea devised by Tim supported by the Management of the Bendigo Bank. Like any new venture there would be things we may do a bit differently at a future event but overall for a first effort the interest was encouraging.

During the same Monday afternoon I had a chat with Graeme Meager, the chairman of the local Lifeline, to discuss the possibility of working together to turn the Peter Symons night into an information and fund raising community event. It would be my plan now to put a small working group together to plan and implement this coming event.

Bernie mentioned to those present at a recent meeting the need to make some slight amendments to our rules.

The current wording of the club locality in our Rules is '*The area known as Bendigo South and comprising part of the City of Greater Bendigo*'. The locality description has implications for the membership provisions of the Rules. We are amending the club's Rules to achieve greater flexibility to foster growth of the club, and we want to facilitate recruitment and retention of members from a broad catchment area. We currently have members who reside in Echuca and Castlemaine. The proposed new club locality wording is 'The City of Greater Bendigo and surrounding areas'. If you have any concerns about this amendment, please contact Acting Club Secretary Bernie Young.

Please consider supporting the Night Golf Event being organized by the Rotary Club of Bendigo to be held on Friday March 17. All proceeds raised go to support Cleft Palate operations. We need teams of four to take part. Only 9 holes to play and all par threes-accuracy, not power is what will be required.

I have heard that Ron Deveraux has been the first club member to get a close up tour of our new hospital from inside a bed. Seriously I wish Ron a speedy recovery and hope to catch up with him soon.

See you all at The Bendigo Primary School on the corner of Webster and Old Violet Streets at the usual time 6 for 6.30pm. Guest speaker will be returning exchange student in Emily Barton Grace. Also reminder to board members to get reports into Bernie prior to our meeting scheduled to follow our club meeting this week.

Tony Plant

### **An Evening at Camp Getaway**

On 16 March we will sojourn to Camp Getaway at Axedale to tour the facilities of this Rotary camp, and learn about it's history and current usage by many community groups. Hopefully it will be one of those lovely evenings to enjoy a BBQ outside for dinner. There will be a signup sheet circulating for the next few weeks.

### **Tesselaar Gardens and Plants Expo**

Bernie Young has received some free passes to this very picturesque display of tulips up in the Dandenongs for 22 and 23 April which he will bring to the next few meetings. If you are interested please see Bernie.

## Club Program

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	<b>MARCH – WATER &amp; SANITATION</b>	
Mar 9	Dinner Meeting - Exchange student Emaby Barton-Grace	Violet St Primary School
Mar 16	Visit Camp Getaway, Axedale	Camp Getaway
Mar 23	Dinner Meeting - Jane Anderson from Bendigo Health	Foundry
Mar 30	<b>No meeting – District Conference in Shepparton</b>	

### CLUB DUTY ROSTER

Date	9 <sup>th</sup> March	16 <sup>th</sup> March	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	
<b>Topic</b>	Exchange Student Memoirs	Camp Getaway, Axedale	Dinner meeting – New hospital Foundry	
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Emaby Barton- Grace	Tour Trio	Jane Anderson	
<b>Chair</b>	Gary Pinner	Graham Nievandt	Rod Spitty	
<b>Cashiers</b>	Andrew Palmer Bill Ashman	Jim Rinaldi Cora F-Mahnic	Trevor Hawking Zoe Pocock	
<b>Regalia/Fellowship</b>	Heather Nixon	Zoe Pocock	Sue Hawking	
All Rotarians on duty must arrive before 6pm on the night. If you are unable to complete your duty please arrange a substitute.				
<b>Attendance Officer: Zoe Pocock 0409 514 996 <a href="mailto:zhpocock@yahoo.com.au">zhpocock@yahoo.com.au</a></b>				



LZL, Jerrick, Mafe, Leny and Niki being presented with their club banners (Vocational Exchange Group from the Philippines)





LZL, Jerrick, Mafe, Leny and Niki performing.



Our newest member Heather Nixon was inducted to the club. Welcome Heather!

## Roundup from our Cluster Clubs.....

### Women in Rotary Breakfast

As numbers of women are increasing in Rotary, and certainly in our club, I would like to invite you to the Women in Rotary breakfast to be held in Melbourne on Wednesday 8 March 2017. If you are interested in joining women from other Rotary clubs and able to get there, I would encourage you join in this Breakfast with very interesting keynote speakers. Here is the link to the poster: Bookings: <http://rotarywomen.org.au/>

### Bendigo Branch of Australian Institute of Management

It is exciting to announce that after a lapse of many years the Bendigo Branch of the Australian Institute of Management has been reformed. They are having their first event on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the All Seasons Hotel from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. A highly qualified guest speaker will speak on five modern management techniques. He has had world wide experience in management training.

Our Bill Ashman was a member of the inaugural Bendigo committee in the 1950's and chairman of the branch in the 1960's. If anyone is interested in attending the cost is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members. You could contact Bill for details or register direct with Ashleigh Rennison, Events Manager on T.03 9536 3237 or M 419 484 517 or [ashleigh.rennison@aim.com.au](mailto:ashleigh.rennison@aim.com.au).

**Rotary Bendigo Night Golf - Friday, March 17 2017**

Yes, it's on again. The annual Rotary Club of Bendigo 'Night Golf' has become a regular fixture on the scene and Bendigo Golf Club again plays host to this iconic even.

Golf in the dark is not as dangerous as you might think and each team's entry fee will buy a child a life changing operation as part of Operation Cleft.

Get some partners, 4 people Ambrose all par 3 and BBQ, and mark your calendar for a great night's fun and change someone's life. Contact Glenn Reilly for more details & to book your team



Here is a preview of some of the activities to be available during the District Conference at Shepparton in March:

- Guided historic walk of Shepparton
- Settlement Journey
- Scenic walk and cellar door at Tellis Winery in Dookie
- Golf Day

Anniversaries & Birthdays - March	
Happy Birthday to....	Induction Anniversaries
10 Trevor Phillips	15 Max Ellis
	17 Clive Hughes
	17 Jennie Hughes
	23 Anne Peace
	26 Merlyn Quaife



## 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 persons united in the ideal of service.

## ATTENDANCE & MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

### *DISTRICT 9800 GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS*

**KANGAROO FLAT:** Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park

**BENDIGO:** Tuesday 12:45pm, Bendigo Club

**BENDIGO STRATHDALE:** Tuesday 6:15pm, Nancy Long Dining Room, La Trobe Uni.

**BENDIGO NEXT GENERATION:** Wednesday 6:30pm, Shamrock Hotel

**ECHUCA MOAMA:** Tuesday 6pm, Border Inn, Moama

**BENDIGO SANDHURST:** Wednesday 7.30am, BRIT Restaurant or breakfast at Café alternate weeks.

**EAGLEHAWK:** Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

**ROCHESTER:** Thursday 6pm, The Court House building, Moore Street (Opp. G. Nelson Motors).

## **WHO'S WHO?**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:** John Germ (USA)

**RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR:** Neville John

**ASSISTANT GOVERNORS (GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER):**

Gary McClure (Goldfields South) & Greg Noonan (Goldfields North)

**PRESIDENT:** Tony Plant

**SECRETARY:** Ruth O'Connell

**TREASURER:** Greg Noonan

**CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER:** Geoff McKinna

**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/ P.R.:** Rod Spitty

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Gary Pinner

**CLUB SERVICE, SIGNPOST:** Ros Chenery

**ROTARY FOUNDATION:** Merlyn Quaife

**YOUTH SERVICES:** Glenn Madden

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:** Lindsay Jolley

**CLUB COMMUNICATIONS:** Matthew Scott

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH  
ATTENDANCE OFFICER**

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## THE FOUR WAY TEST

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned
5. ?