

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

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ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH
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Rotary Year 2022-23 Leadership



Rotary International
President:
Jennifer Jones



9800 District Governor:
Amanda Wendt



Club President of Bendigo
South:
Merlyn Quaife AM

Board Members: Paul Gibbons (secretary), Greg Noonan (Treasurer), Mark Tracy and Glen Madden (Youth Services Directors), Lindsay Jolley (International Service Director), Emily Mudge (Community Service Director), Tony Plant (Membership Director), Rod Spitty (Club Service Director), Susan Duncan (Rotary Foundation Chair), and Gary Pinner (Fundraising and Finance).

President's Report

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South has had a positive year as we got back in gear after the issues of Covid which interfered with so many activities in the previous two Rotary years. You will see from the various Directors' Reports that we have been highly engaged in fund-raising activities which has enabled us to support many on-going activities and scholarships as well as fund some new initiatives. It has been pleasing to partner with Cluster Clubs in a more significant way – this is definitely the way of the future as many hands make light work eg. Trivia Night, Christmas Trailer Raffle. We also share the load with various Community Groups who then raise much needed funds for their organisations.

The Club has enjoyed a variety of guest speakers and we learnt to make Tibetan Dumplings! Gardening is one of this Club's fortes and we continue to provide two people every week to do gardening at Annie North Women's Refuge. We also recently went to East Loddon P-12 with 60 Callistemons that were left from the Gippsland Revegetation Project which Grade 5 students planted after some senior students dug holes. A trip to Echuca to see the new bridge was an opportunity to have lunch in Rochester and put some money into that flood devastated community via lunch at the pub, purchasing petrol and doing a spot of shopping. Membership remains stable and Meeting attendance is consistent. The Board has worked well together and Members have stumped up as required.

We organised a fabulous concert in conjunction with the Ulumbarra Foundation and the City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band with James Morrison as the guest artist who thoroughly entertained the audience and lifted the Band to great heights. Our Club also funded James to conduct two workshops in schools. It has been very pleasing to support the following organisations financially and/or in-kind: Imagination Library, Annie North, Mothers' Day Classic Breast Cancer fund, Heathcote Scouts, DIK, Foodshare, Seven Women, Maubisse Friendship Society – scholarships for girls, Tall Ship Experience, Science and Engineering competition (local and National Final), Bikes and Libraries in Cambodia, Aboriginal Literacy Foundation, Scholarships at Secondary and Tertiary level, sourcing and paying for a mower for a newly arrived refugee family (via Rural Australians for Refugees) plus our annual donation to Rotary Foundation. In all, a most satisfactory Rotary Year! A hearty thanks to my Board and of course all the Club Members.

Yours in Rotary,

Merlyn Quaife AM

President 2021-22, 2022-23

Footnote: In 2022-2023, the Rotary Club of Bendigo South members completed over 1975 hours of Volunteer service. The club also supported over 50 organisations locally, state wide and internationally through either financial or in kind support in this past rotary year.

Donations made during 2022-23

Donations made during 2022-23

International Service

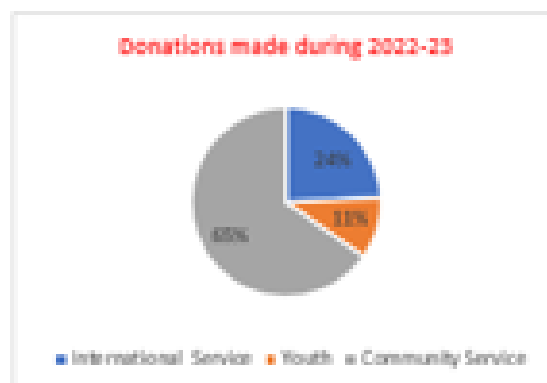
Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee	\$520
International Knitting Project	\$823
RAWCS	\$3,000
Rotary Foundation	\$3,405
Seven Women Scholarship	\$1,000
Sub-total	\$8,748

Youth

Avedale Primary School	\$500
Bendigo Senior Secondary College (Music Scholarship)	\$500
Bendigo South-east College	\$1,000
Bendigo South-east College -scholarship	\$500
Catherine McCauley College	\$500
Cruise 7-10 College	\$500
East Loddon P12	\$500
Gitton Grammar	\$500
Heathcote Scout Group	\$1,000
National Science Forum	\$1,000
Rotary Youth Sailing Challenge	\$800
United Way Australia	\$1,000
Sub-total	\$3,800

Community Service

Aboriginal Literacy	\$500
Annie North	\$500
Bendigo Chinese Association	\$1,000
Bendigo Foodshare	\$500
Christmas Toys	\$500
City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band	\$5,810
Donations In Kind	\$500
February Floods	\$415
La Trobe University Scholarships	\$4,000
Mothers Day/Classic Breast Cancer Fund	\$485
Rotary Fire Aid	\$1,000
Tree Project	\$2,548
Ulumbura Foundation	\$5,810
Sub-total	\$23,568
Grand Total	\$36,116



Camp Getaway Report

It is regretful to have to start this report on a sad note, but it would be remiss of me not to express the profound sadness felt by all those associated with Camp Getaway on news of the death of our dear friend and valued colleague John Flood.

John was a member of the Board of Management of the Camp for twenty-two years – eighteen of those as treasurer. He remained an active and dedicated member until advancing years and failing health in recent times prevented his active participation and he formally retired from the board in October last year.

John's active participation included volunteering at every working bee that was called, when available to do so and he was able to turn his hand to any task. He will be sorely missed.

On brighter matters, the Camp has continued to thrive with the continued steady increase in mid-week bookings and the maintenance of the very high level of week-end bookings. Our funding situation has allowed us to continue with offering fully sponsored camps to "Special Needs Groups" and to actively seek out and encourage such groups to use the Camp. Where and when required, we have continued to provide catering for these groups free-of-charge. We have welcomed other paying user groups, such as family gatherings, craft groups, school and church groups, etc. and of these, some are returning for up to the twenty first time. We must be doing something right. Oh I nearly forgot. The Camp also hosted its first wedding reception this year.

Last year, we were pleased to welcome RYLA and RYPEN to the camp for future activities and this year we are welcoming back Youth Exchange after an extended layoff due to COVID-19 restrictions. Works wise, our focus over the last two years has been on the rehabilitation of the tennis/basketball courts area. Last year I reported that completion of

this project was anticipated around mid-July 2022. However, due to circumstances, some of which were beyond our control, this do-by date is now mid-July 2023. But we are getting there. The playing surface has been re-asphalted, the courts line marked and the flood lighting installed, as shown in the accompanying photos. We managed to obtain a State Government Grant through DELWP (now DEECA) during the year to fund a second solar installation, which included battery storage. This will assist in lowering our energy bills and is another step towards becoming independent of the grid.



Flood Lighting on Show



Courts Line Marking

Other smaller capital projects included the completion of the trailer storage shed and the replacement of the four air conditioning units in Dormitory One. We were also able to secure a variety of catering and furniture items at auction with the closing down of the Mt Aitken Conference Centre at Craigieburn. All of our crockery has been replaced and some kitchen equipment and a number of new tables and lounges have been acquired. We are now on the lookout for replacement cutlery (at the right price).

As usual, there have been a number of working bees by other D9800 Rotary Clubs to undertake building and grounds maintenance and minor repairs. This work together with on-going maintenance undertaken by our resident managing caretakers, Benji and Tara Harrold has the camp looking “spick and span”.

Last year, the Bendigo South conducted its changeover meeting at the Camp and we are delighted that Bendigo Sandhurst has decided to hold its changeover this year.

Yours in Rotary,

PP Wayne W Smith

Chairman Rotary Youth Camp Inc/Camp Getaway (D9800)

BSRC Membership Report

Director –Tony Plant, with committee members Clive Hughes (club photographer), Matthew Scott (website and Facebook coordinator) and Zoe Pocock (Signpost Editor)



Our membership numbers remained solid during the 2022/23 Rotary Year. Greg Penno stepped down to remain a Friend of the Club but was still very active with ongoing International Projects. Katie Kim, due to family and work commitments also opted to become a Friend of the club. We still remain in touch with Katie through Facebook and perhaps in time she may be able to re -join when circumstances allow.

We welcomed three new members in Craig Wright, Shireen Yeoh and Kerri Mayberry, this resulting in the club finishing this Rotary year with a membership of 37. We will soon welcome back Greg Penno as a full member, along with Bob Simpson, who is transferring his membership from the Rotary Club of Irymple to join Bendigo South. Both Greg and Bob bring to us a wealth of experience which will undoubtedly help us to remain a strong club. Matthew continued to post updates of club happenings on social media and our website, utilizing the many photos Clive collects during the year and Zoe churned out our weekly newsletter on time every week with lots of important information to make sure members knew what was coming up. Special thanks to all of you.

Our meeting venue has been a plus and the relationship we have been cultivating with owner Kane Gould and his right-hand man in Leigh Evans is very positive. Given where some of the other clubs within our district meet and the issues that arise with numbers, meals and privacy that I hear about from time to time we can declare that we are in a good place. We no longer require as much reliance on Zoom to conduct our meetings but our venue

does enable us to access speakers in this format. Also it can enable absent members to join our dinner and board meetings.

Our best marketing ploy has been the purchase of our fully signed Marquee we can now use at public events. Also, this Marquee is large enough to keep us dry at BBQ's in the event of wet weather. This was tested and proven at the recent Good Friday event. I would also recommend we now upgrade our website. Technology has moved on leaving our website somewhat behind.



Matthew will take over my role as the board member representative next Rotary year however I do intend to remain on this sub-committee. At the recent district conference, I attended a session intitled "Igniting pathways for Member Growth and Retention" where I heard about a new concept -Impact Companion Clubs" This is something I would like to further explore in the next Rotary Year. Also another idea explored was how to offer individual personal development via Rotary membership. An aspect I have concerns about is how best do we rejuvenate our board and encourage new members to take up leadership roles within the club? There seems to be a bit of trend emerging in the past 10 years, not just in our club but others too, whereby the same club leaders are being returned. To those members who are shying away from club leadership positions I say to you that you are not fully utilizing your Rotary membership to personally develop and grow as an individual. Nothing like getting out of your comfort zone and testing yourself to raise your self-esteem and confidence. I too was once a shrinking violet!

Finally, my personal congratulations to Merlyn on two great years as our club President. Having done a two-year term I know that keeping up the enthusiasm to be front centre can become a challenge. In Merlyn's two-year term I know she has flown the Bendigo South flag, along with cluster and district events to great effect.

Yours in Rotary,
Tony Plant
BSRC Director

International Committee Report

Director – Lindsay Jolley, with committee members Elizabeth Bell, Cora Fuentes-Mahnic, Anne Peace, Greg Penno, Heather Nixon, Dorje Tsering and Matthew Scott.

Timor Leste

- In previous years, the Club contributed \$5,320 to nutrition studies for Maubisse student Santulino Xavier at the National University Timor Lorosa'e (UNTL) in Dilli. Since then, he has been working in South Korea for twelve months to gain post-graduation experience. On completion, he hopes to return to work in Maubisse.
- The Club continued its support for four \$130 annual scholarships for secondary students in Maubisse.
 - 2022 students: Lindalva Lopes Rodrigues (yr 10), Ana Mendonca Benevides (yr 11); Fatima da Costa Mendonca (yr 11); and Octaviana Z Amaral Bossa (yr 12).
 - 2023 students: Lucia de Fatima (yr 10), Lindalva Lopes Rodrigues (yr 11), Ana Mendonca Benevides (yr 12); and Fatima da Costa Mendonca (yr 12).
- Provided \$822.89 to the cluster committee of four Bendigo clubs managing the knitting project to assist it in supplying volunteer-knitted clothes to Maubisse. Tony Plant represents our Club on the committee.

Cambodia

- \$1,206.75 was provided to the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh from the RAWCS project "Urgent Food Relief for Cambodians (RAOAF)" (27-2020-21), clearing the account. The Rotary Club of Phnom Penh has been asked if it agrees with the project being closed.
- \$4,100 was provided to the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh from the RAWCS project "Developing Schools Organisation, Phnom Penh – Cambodia" (7-2013-14) for the purchase of 26 sturdy second-hand Japanese bicycles with front basket, helmet, lock, front light and stand for school students and the provision of library sets with shelving to thirteen primary and secondary schools.
 - Fund sources were: \$1,100 existing RAWCS funds; \$1,000 District Foundation Grant; \$1,834.40 from the 2021-22 wine & cheese fundraiser; and \$165.60 Club funds.

Natalia Asperay

- Natalia returned home to Jayapura, West Papua after the successful operation to straighten her left leg. She was provided with an orthotic device to make up for the 7cm difference in leg length. A big thanks is due to Greg Penno for the hard work in ensuring a successful outcome.

- This work was stage two of a project where the earlier stage, managed by the Rotary Club of Strathdale, had dealt with the surgical removal of large tumours on Natalia's face because of neurofibromatosis. The subsequent surgery on her leg and associated transport and accommodation was provided through the RAWCS project "Project Natalia (RABS)" (23-2018-19) and totalled about \$28,000. Further expenditure is expected for the provision of both a leg X-ray after six months and of a shoe with a raised platform after eighteen to 24 months.
- For his pro bono surgical work for Natalia, as well as for many other cases, Dr Leo Donnan will receive a Paul Harris Fellow recognition from our Club at the Changeover night for the Rotary Club of Williamstown, a major donor for the project.
- The Club received a District 9800 "Save Lives" People of Action Award 2022-2023 for Greg Penno's work in ensuring the successful stage 2 of the Natalia Project.

Nepal:

- \$1,000 was provided to the Seven Women organisation in Nepal to fund four school scholarships for a year at \$250 per scholarship.
 - Fund sources were: \$370 from the screening of the documentary "A spirited journey" at the Star Cinema, Eaglehawk (\$374 was raised by the screening); and \$630 From the Tibetan dumpling cooking class run by Dorje and Lhamo Tsering, with 20 participants at Camp Getaway, Axedale.

Wheelchairs for kids

- Encouraged other clubs in the Goldfields Cluster to take on the Wheelchairs for Kids project. Subsequently, the Rotary Club of Castlemaine is liaising with Russell Hayes, the coordinator, to run events. Glenn Madden is also working with Russell to organise an event with our Club.

Yours in Rotary,

Lindsay Jolley

International Service Director

Club Service and Administration Report

Committee Members:

Rod Spitty - Chair, Bernie Young, Geoff McKinna, Ian Ellis, Peter Kilpatrick, Greg Noonan and Merlyn Quaife

During the Rotary year this committee, or working elements have met on four occasions.

The following has been achieved:

- The Club has settled into the Lakeview Hotel as the meeting venue. Members like the arrangement, thank you to Tony Plant for the regular communication with the Publican. Meeting attendance has been consistent with weekly numbers of 20-25 and exceeding 30 for special events.
- The club has remained financially viable during and post lockdown due to the relatively strong financial reserves and to the commitment of members during this period.
- Club morale has remained positive and the board and members have remained enthusiastic.
- The Club has successfully implemented cashless operations for the year in both administration and where possible Club projects and all members have been able to adjust. There are occasions where cheques are in use by members which is fine.
- Zoom meetings have been used from time to time for Project Work or General Meetings e.g. Extremely inclement weather, and this has provided a workable option for face to face meetings.
- The Club's meeting program throughout the year has been varied and successful. It has been designed to meet members needs and wishes and to match where possible the Rotary monthly themes. Set out below is the completed meeting program for the year. A big thank you to members who regularly suggested meeting topics and to Paul Gibbons for his excellent and continued work in meeting "set up" and I.T. with "face to face" meetings. It is only through quality preparation that a "face to face" meeting will be successful. An example of this was the quality meeting that was delivered with the Scholarship program, chaired by Lindsay Jolley and Glen Madden.
- This committee has commenced implementation of club records improvement to include better use of the Cloud and options for safe storage of records. This will further continue over the next 12 months.

- Electronic Club Honour boards have been developed by Ellis Signs. A big thank you to both Max Ellis and Ian Ellis for all of their ongoing contributions to Club signage in both Club operations and specific projects.

Thank you to Committee Members for their dedication and commitment over the last 12 months.

Yours in Rotary,

Rod Spitty

Club Service & Administration Director



Club Program 2022-23

Rotary Club of Bendigo South - Club Program 2022-2023					
Date	Activity	Venue	Chair	Who Responsible	Confirmed
JULY THEME - SETTING THE SCENE					
Thurs 7th July	"The Year Ahead" Theme 2022/23 "IMAGINE"	Lakeview Hotel	Merlyn Quaife	Merlyn	Y
Thurs 14th July	Guest Speaker – Dr Cael Laskovec City of Greater Bendigo – Heritage Advisor	Lakeview Hotel	Rod Spitty	Rod	Y
Thurs 21st July	Vocation Visit to Valentines Antique Centre Followed by dinner at Alium Restaurant	Valentines Antique Centre View Street	Merlyn Quaife	Merlyn/Rod	Y
Thurs 28 th July	Guest Speaker – Mary Hendricks Rotary Club of Sydney Cove "The Why, Where & What of Electric Vehicles" Presentation by Zoom Followed by Board Meeting	Lake view Hotel	Gary Pinner	Rod/Lindsay	Y
AUGUST THEME – MEMBERSHIP					
Thurs 4 th Aug	Guest Speaker – John Quaife AM Author of "Viking Boys" by Zoom	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn Quaife	Merlyn/Rod	Y
Thurs 11 th Aug	Guest Speaker – Chris Rowlands Community Engagement Manager NBN	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty	Rod	Y
Thurs 18 th Aug	Cathie Miller Presentation of Zone 8 Regionalisation Project Followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn Quaife	Merlyn	Y
Monday 22nd Aug	Science & Engineering Challenge – Regional Event	Bendigo South East College	N/A	Rod & Committee	Y

Thurs 25 th August	Russell Hayes & Grant Klaaysen East Coast Co- ordinators – Wheelchairs for Kids via Zoom	Lake View Hotel	Matthew Scott	Rod	Y
SEPTEMBER THEME – BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY					
Thurs 1 st Sept	New Member Talk – Margaret Kelly	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn Quaife	Merlyn	Y

Thurs 8 th Sept	No Meeting in lieu of Tree Planting Project	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y
Friday 9 th – Sunday 11 th Sept	Tree planting in East Gippsland	N/A	N/A	Paul & Tony	Y
Thurs 15 th Sept	Guest Speaker – Jan Pagilaro Topic – Care packages for the elderly Followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn	Merlyn	Y
Thurs 22 nd Sept	Guest Speaker – Doug Lougoon Chair of the Bendigo Chinese Association	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty	Rod	Y
Thurs 29 th Sept	Quarterly report presentations by President and Directors & Tree Planting report by Paul & Tony	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn	Merlyn	Y

October	Economic and Community Development.				
Thurs 6 th Oct	No Meeting	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y
Sunday 9 th Oct	James Morrison/City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band fundraiser concert	Ulumbarra Theatre	N/A	N/A	Y
Thurs 13 th Oct	Guest Speaker – Richard Bennett RMIT Flight School via Zoom Followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty	Rod	Y

Thurs 20th Oct	Science & Engineering Challenge National Final Dinner	Bendigo South East College Stadium	Merlyn	Rod & Committee	Y
Friday 21 st Oct	Science & Engineering Challenge National Final Event	Bendigo South East College	N/A	Rod & Committee	Y
Thurs 27 th Oct	No Meeting in lieu of Bendigo Maubisse Film Night	Star Cinema Eaglehawk	N/A	Tony	Y
NOVEMBER THEME – FOUNDATION					
Thurs 3rd Nov	Report from James Morrison/Bendigo Brass Band Concert and presentation of proceeds to Bendigo Brass Band	Lake View Hotel	Tony Plant	Tony/Merlyn	Y
Thurs 10 th Nov	Remembrance Day Meeting Members bought war memorabilia to share. Guest Speaker John Quaife AM author of “Battle of the Atlantic” by zoom	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn	Rod/Merlyn	Y
Thurs 17 th Nov	Annual General Meeting Presentation by Glenn Madden “Riding for the Disabled” followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn	Merlyn	Y
Wed 23 rd Nov	Foundation Dinner hosted by Rotary Clubs of Bendigo & Sandhurst	Bendigo Club	N/A	N/A	Y
Thurs 24th Nov	No Meeting due to Foundation Dinner	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y
Wed 30 th Nov	La Trobe University – Joint Vocational Visit of Engineering & Technology Dept with R C Sandhurst – followed by breakfast at La Trobe canteen	La Trobe University Bendigo	N/A	N/A	Y
DECEMBER THEME – DISEASE PREVENTION					
Thurs 1st Dec	Guest Speaker – Michelle Murphy MBA, CEO of	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn	Merlyn	Y

	Foodshare				
Thurs 8 th Dec	No Meeting due to Club commitments	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y
Thurs 15 th Dec	Christmas Function Guest Speaker – Michael Peebles President of Bendigo LEGO User Group, Salvation Army representative Captain Lauren Kirkham and Alex & family with his assistance dog DJ	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn	Rod/Merlyn	Y
Thurs 22 nd Dec	No Meeting – Xmas break	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y
Thurs 29 th Dec	No meeting – Xmas break	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y

Date	Activity	Venue	Chair	Who Responsible	Confirmed
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JANUARY 2023 – VOCATIONAL					
Thurs 5 th Jan	No Meeting	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y
Thurs 12 th Jan	Social night at Tony & Betty Plant's house	Allies Road	N/A	N/A	Y
Thurs 19 th Jan	<i>Guest Speaker: Julie Amos – Manager of Bendigo Events and Venues Followed by Board Meeting</i>	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn	Merlyn	Y
Thurs 26 th Jan	No Meeting due to Australia Day Australia Day BBQ	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y
FEBRUARY – PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION					
Thurs 2 nd Feb	Report of the Second Quarter and Club Forum	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn	Merlyn	Y

Sunday 5 th Feb	Lunch at Rochester followed by inspection of Echuca bridge at Echuca. Afternoon tea at Matthew Scott's home	Rochester & Echuca	N/A	Rod/Merlyn	Y
Thurs 9 th Feb	Guest Speaker: Michael Anderson – Civil Celebrant	Lake View Hotel	Tony Plant	Tony	Y
Thurs 16 th Feb	3 year plan Development Workshop moderated by Keith Ryall	Lake View Hotel	Keith Ryall	Merlyn	Y
Thurs 23 rd Feb	New Member talk – Shireen Yeoh – Immigration Lawyer	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn	Merlyn	Y

MARCH – WATER & SANITATION

Thurs 2 nd March	No Meeting in lieu of Stephanie Woollard OAM, presentation of her second Documentary "A Spirited Journey"	Star Cinema Eaglehawk	N/A	Merlyn/Tony	Y
Thurs 9 th March	Guest Speaker Andrew Coldwell – Imagination Library	Lake View Hotel	Tony Plant	Rod	Y
Thurs 16 th March	No Meeting in lieu of Maubisse film night	Star Cinema Eaglehawk	N/A	N/A	Y
Thurs 23 rd March	New Member Talk – Kerri-Ann Maybury	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn	Merlyn	Y
Sunday 26 th March	Social outing and fundraiser Tibetan Dumplings with Lhamo & Dorje	Camp Getaway Axedale	N/A	N/A	Y

Thurs 30 th March	Guest Speakers – Kane Gould, proprietor of Lake View Hotel followed by Roxanne Lyon presentation about Anglicare Foster Care Program	Lake View Hotel	Sue Duncan	Merlyn	Y
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APRIL – MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

MAY – YOUTH SERVICE

Thurs 4 th May	Secondary School Scholarship Recipient. Presentations	Lake View Hotel	Lindsay Jolley/Gle nn Madden	Lindsay Jolley	Y
Thurs 11 th May	Guest Speaker – David Birkett – Emergency Manager and Resilience Coordinator – Coliban Water	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty	Rod	Y
Thurs 18 th May	Guest Speaker – Lucy Mayes – Author “Beyond the Stethoscope”	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn	Merlyn	Y
Thurs 25 th May	Guest Speakers Ash Griffith – Manager Advancement La Trobe Uni via Zoom and Cameron Lee – La Trobe Uni scholarship recipient	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty	Rod	Y
Thurs 6 th April	No Meeting in lieu of Easter	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y
Friday 7 th April	Good Friday – Easter Fair BBQ	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y
Thurs 13 th April	3 rd Quarter Report presentations by Board	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn	Merlyn	Y
Thurs 20 th April	“My Rotary” Training session with Alison Bacon Followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn	Merlyn	Y
Thurs 27 th April	No Meeting in lieu of Trivia Night	N/A	N/A	N/A	y
Friday 28 th April	Trivia Night – joint with R C of Eaglehawk	St Liborius Centre Eaglehawk	N/A	Tony	Y

June –Fellowship

Thurs 1st June	Social Fun Night	Lake View Hotel	Tony Plant	Tony	Y
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Thurs 8 th June	Guest Speaker Ivan Honey “Get Happier Project”	Lake View Hotel	Greg Penno	Greg	Y
Thurs 15 th June	“The Year in Review” followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn/Pau l	Merlyn	Y
Thurs 22 nd June	Changeover Dinner & induction of Rod Spitty & Board	Shamrock Hotel	Gary Pinner	Merlyn/Rod	Y
Thurs 29 th June	The Year Ahead 23/24 Theme “Create Hope in the World”	Lake View	Rod	Rod	Y

Youth Services

Director July 2022 to February 2023: Mark Tracy

Director February 2023 to June 2023: Glenn Madden

Committee members: Lindsay Jolley, Phil Lethbridge and Lyn Comer

The 2022/23 Rotary Year began with the world slowly coming out of the grip of the Covid pandemic. Rotary Youth programs started to regain momentum with the National Youth Science Forum being conducted in January. The NYSF was held in Canberra and Brisbane and places were keenly sought after by local students. Four Bendigo students participated in the NYSF. Our Club contributed \$1,000 to help send a student to the NYSF.

The RYPEN camp was held in March and two students attended from the Bendigo and surrounding district schools. Our club assisted with participant funding and transport for the camp.

Youth Cluster Meetings were held regularly throughout the year and enabled valuable sharing of information between the local Rotary clubs as well as joint planning of events. Rotary Clubs in Bendigo are realizing more than ever the benefits of joint planning and sharing of projects.

The Sailing Challenge was a new program this year and involved senior secondary school students sailing a ship from Adelaide to Melbourne. Four students from the Bendigo area participated with our club assisting with the costs of one student.

The Youth Exchange program is also up and going again. Our Club and the Eaglehawk RC will be jointly hosting a student (Nacho) from Spain. Nacho will arrive in Australia in July and will be hosted by Eaglehawk for the first six months with our club to follow.



The Science and Engineering Challenge National Final was held in Bendigo and hosted by our club. This was a major undertaking and much credit goes to Rod Spitty and his committee for making this event so successful.

Our Scholarship Program continues to help many secondary and tertiary students across Bendigo schools, TAFE and LaTrobe University. The Club currently funds six secondary school scholarships, one TAFE award and two LaTrobe University bursaries. One of the highlights of this Rotary year was when the students attended a recent club dinner meeting and gave a brief talk on their studies and aims for the future. A huge thankyou to Lindsay Jolley for his excellent work in coordinating this program.

Yours in Rotary,
Glenn Madden
Youth Services Director

Foundation Report

Director – Susan Duncan, with committee members Glenn Madden and Greg Noonan

End Polio Walk

- held in the month of October with two internal teams from Bendigo South Rotary Club raising money for the End Polio Campaign. This was a bit of fun, with each week a report on the competitiveness of each team.
- The teams:
 - Bendigo South Lassies raised \$937
 - Bendigo Laddies raised \$730 – Total of \$1667 towards Rotary Foundation.
 - The Bendigo Lassies were in the top 10 fundraisers!

Foundation Dinner – held on 23rd November 2023

- 14 members from BSRC attended @ \$45ph (one member not eating) = \$585 in total. A great night was had by all, with a delicious meal, great fellowship but with a truly inspirational speaker, Mr Murray Verso, and End Polio.
- The Citation for Meritorious Service recognizes one individual Rotarian per district per year who have demonstrated outstanding active service to The Rotary Foundation for more than one year.
- This year PDG Murray Verso has been recognised due to his service to Rotary and The Rotary Foundation for a number of decades

End Polio Movie Night – held on the 6th December 2023 The Lost King

- Again, another Cluster event with a fabulous turnout of apx 120 people attending. From BSRC, we had 27 enjoy the movie at \$20ph = \$540 with \$270 being our contribution towards the End Polio Fund

Overall, aprox. \$2000 was raised and donated to RI Foundation in this Rotary year.

Yours in Rotary,

Susan Duncan

Foundation Director

Finance and Fundraising Report

Director – Gary Pinner, with committee members Glenn Madden, George Ellis, Tony Plant, Paul Gibbons, Maureen Plant, John Stewart and Greg Noonan.

The 2022 – 23 post Covid Rotary year has been a great improvement on the previous Rotary years but some events have still been impacted on fundraising income. I.E. Swap Meet Catering cancellation and The Scott's day Out, moving away from Bendigo. On the positive side we have been able to participate in several great events:

- Ulumburra Concert featuring James Morrison & The Bendigo Brass Band was well attended and "First Class Entertainment".
- The Christmas Trailer Raffle after 3 years of trying has been run & won partnering with the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk.
- Rotary Trivia night partnering with the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk.
- Car Parking at Bendigo Jockey Club supporting Rotary Club of Bendigo.
- Supporting South Bendigo Football Netball Club at home game BBQ's.

The BBQ's and catering have continued to be a regular source of income with an estimated \$15,000.00 profit income into our projects account from 29 events over the year. This equates to approximately 1,000 volunteer hours for our club's members and friends' involvement and hoping the next Rotary year will continue to see an increase in events we cater for.

This Rotary year a new BBQ Committee Tony, Paul, George, and myself has been established which helps in sharing the load and enhances the planning, logistics and maintenance. Thanks to George Ellis for his fantastic work co-ordinating all the volunteers for the events and to everyone who has volunteered to help over the year, it would not be possible to run the events that we have.

Looking ahead to the next Rotary year as plans are well in place to continue with the Swap Meet Catering, Christmas Trailer Raffle and Australia Day. So, as you can see, we

have many activities and Community Service involvement planned for the 2023- 24 Rotary year.

Congratulations to President Merlyn on what has been a “Very Rewarding Year” for all her hard work and dedication to our club over the past 2 years. We look forward to working with incoming president Rod and continuing to achieve great things in 2023/ 24.

Yours in Rotary,

Gary Pinner

Finance and Fundraising Director



Science & Engineering Challenge

Committee: Rod Spitty (Chair), Paul Gibbons, Bernie Young, Emily Mudge, Mark Tracy and Peter Kilpatrick

During the last 12 months the project committee conducted two major events in the 2022/2023 rotary year. These were:

- Science & Engineering Challenge Regional Event - 22nd August, 2022 held at Bendigo South East College Stadium
- Science & Engineering National Final - 28/29th October, 2022 held at Bendigo South East College Stadium.

The successful implementation for both events was COVID dependent. The club has been undertaking the annual regional event for 16 years and last hosted the National final in 2009.

A special thank you to all committee members for their dedication, hard work and support to this project which is aimed at developing science & engineering commitment to year 10 students so as to study and undertake a career in these demanding and expanding disciplines and to assist in addressing the skill base deficiency in Central Victoria and Regional Australia.

Thank you to our extensive industry and community partnerships for their ongoing commitment over the years in what is a difficult and challenging project to implement in these current times. Over the last 12 months the COVID situation made the implementation of both events uncertain. Both events however were successfully undertaken and thank you to all schools for their participation.

Each event involved participation of 250 year 10 students with all activities supervised by Rotarians and retired teachers and the program undertaken by Newcastle University.

The budget for the Regional Event was \$10,000 and 8 schools registered. The budget for the National Event was \$15,000 and involved the 8 top schools throughout Australia competing.

The National Final was opened by the Mayor of the City of Greater Bendigo, Cr Andrea Metcalfe, at an Event Dinner with Bendigo Chinese Association and South East College Band providing the entertainment.



The Club will again be hosting the Regional Event in August 2023 at Girton Grammar Stadium.

Yours in Rotary,

Rod Spitty

Chair - Science & Engineering Challenge Project Committee

Annie North Volunteering



Each week two club members of the Gardening team visit Annie North to assist in maintaining the grounds and gardens. Team members are Jan Pagliaro, Merlyn Quaife, Trevor Hawking, Phil Lethbridge, Tony Plant, Clive Hughes, George Ellis, Paul Gibbons.

The club has also donated goods as required over the past year which has included women's products and toys and games for the children.

Wonderful results from the recent Annie North Working Bees and weekly team visits have maintained the gardens in great shape.

Having been involved in the early stages of the development of the garden since the facility opened our club should be proud of the contribution, we have made in helping to provide such attractive surrounds at this complex. Given the amount of maintenance and further improvement we were able to achieve in about 4 hours it should ensure our regular rostered on weekly gardeners will be able to better maintain things for at least another year.

Our donation of labour is very much appreciated by the management and staff at Annie North. If we were to express our donation of labour in dollar terms it would be right up there with any of our more identifiable fund-raising projects.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

The Rotary movement was founded in February 1905, by Paul Harris, a lawyer from Chicago, who recognized the potential of an association of like-minded professional and business people who could meet and share common interests on a regular basis. In 1957, the Rotary Foundation introduced a recognition known as a Paul Harris Fellow in memory of the founder as an expression of appreciation for a contribution of US\$1,000.00 or more to the Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs. The recipients receive a pin and certificates that identify them as advocates of the Rotary Foundation's goals of world peace and understanding.

In Australia and New Zealand it has become a tradition that a club may determine to recognise a Club Member or community member as a Paul Harris Fellow for meritorious service, where the club contributes US\$1,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation from club funds. Recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow remains a respected and prestigious honour for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.

Recipient	year	Recipient	year	Recipient	year
Jack Bright	1978	Elizabeth Allen	2006	Cathie Steele	2021
George Symons	1982	Ken Briggs OAM (S)	2007	George Ellis	2022
Don Allen	1984	Ron Twitt	2007	Anthony Plant (S)	2022
John Parsons	1987	Lindsay Jackson	2007	Bernie Young	2023
Bill Rodd	1987	David Cotton (S)	2008	Rod Spitty (S)	2023
Bill Ashman	1988	Gary Pinner (S)	2009	Paul Gibbons (S)	2023
Tom Glazebrook AM	1988	Peter Kilpatrick (S)	2009		
Bill Hoare	1988	Greg Noonan	2009		
Frank Budge	1988	Ralph Birrell	2009		
George A Ellis	1989	Terry Dalwood	2010		
George Dawson	1994	Peter Kilpatrick (S2)	2011		
Graeme Norris	1995	Ian Ellis	2011		
Eddie Beer	1996	Greg Noonan	2013		
Geoff Holland	1997	Maggie Merigan-James	2013		
Trevor Phillips	1997	Greg Penno (S2)	2013		
Laurie O'Farrell	1998	Paul Gibbons	2013		
Ron Devereaux	1999	Erma Hoare	2014		
Margaret Roberts	1999	Bill Ashman (S2)	2014		
Rob Hunt	2000	Verna Ashman	2014		
Ken Briggs OAM	2001	Lynette Comer	2016		
Gary Pinner	2002	Tom Campbell	2017		
Lindsay Jolley	2002	Anthony Plant	2017		
Max Ellis	2003	Richard Epskamp	2019		
Graham Neivandt	2004	Geoff Mc Kinna	2019		
David Cotton	2004	Max Ellis (S)	2019		
Anne Peace	2005	Rod Spitty	2019		
Elizabeth Allen	2006	Graham Neivandt (S)	2020		
Ken Gittens	2006	Julie Oberin	2021		

(S) Indicates Sapphire 1. (S2) indicates double Sapphire

Club Records

MAX ELLIS AWARDS

The Presidential award *'For dedicated and selfless service by a Non-Board member'*. This award was introduced by Past President Max Ellis during his term of office. In his words "It is the honour of the incumbent President to choose a Club member who is the 'Best and Fairest' for the Rotary Year".

1974-75	Jim Porter	1998-99	Tony Plant
1975-76	Bill Rodd	1999-2000	Marilyn Botwood
1976-77	George Symons	2000-01	Gerald Kavanagh
1977-78	Alan Williams	2001-02	Graham Neivandt
1978-79	John Parsons	2002-03	Ken Gittins
1979-80	Graeme Norris	2003-04	Bev Ormerod
1980-81	Les Pascoe	2004-05	Ruth O'Connell
1981-82	Gordon Hellyer	2005-06	Ken Briggs OAM
1982-83	Don Allen	2006-07	David Carbury
1983-84	Frank Monti	2007-08	Andrew Palmer
1984-85	Vic Wodetski	2008-09	Wendy Learmount
1985-86	Graham Neivandt	2009-10	Ian Ellis
1986-87	Bill Hoare	2010-11	Elaine Harrington
1987-88	Darrel Walker	2011-12	Greg Noonan
1988-89	Bob Forbes	2012 -13	Tony Plant
1989-90	Ken Gittins	2013-14	Bernie Young
1990-91	Laurie O'Farrell	2014-15	Anne Peace
1991-92	John Grylls	2015-16	Sue and Trevor Hawking
1992-93	Tony Britt	2016-17	Jennie and Clive Hughes
1994-95	Keith Inglis	2017-18	Heather Nixon
1995-96	Gerald Kavanagh	2018-19	Merlyn Quaife AM
1996-97	Jenni Hillman	2019-20	Graham Neivandt
1997-98	Bill Ashman	2020-21	Clive and Jenni Hughes
		2021-22	Susan Duncan
		2022-23	Maureen Plant

PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS

1959-60	Les Harris	1990-91	Brian Thomas
1960-61	Alan Fraser	1991-92	Colin Walton
1961-62	John Corbett	1992-93	Geoff McKinna
1962-63	Ian McHardy	1993-94	Neil Zantuck
1963-64	Bill Ashman	1994-95	Eddie Beer
1964-65	Jack Bright	1995-96	Geoff Holland
1965-66	Len Knox	1996-97	Gary Pinner
1966-67	Alex Fraser	1997-98	Kay Branson
1967-68	George Ellis	1998-99	Jenni Hillman
1968-69	Harold MacDonald (dec)	1999-00	Dean Shirley
	George Ellis Snr	2000-01	Paul Blacker
1969-70	Neville Howell	2001-02	David Cotton
1970-71	Don Allen	2002-03	Ian Ellis
1971-72	Colin Scheumack	2003-04	Ken Briggs OAM
1972-73	Jim Osborne	2004-05	John Steele
1973-74	Bill Rodd	2005-06	Terry Dalwood
1974-75	Max Ellis	2006-07	Bev Ormerod
1975-76	Ron Twitt	2007-08	Greg Noonan
1976-77	Bryan Milne	2008-09	Frank Cinquegrana
1977-78	Bob Johns	2009-10	Philip Jan
1978-79	Ray Foley	2010-11	Geoff McKinna
1979-80	Brian Thomas (Dec)	2011-12	Ruth O'Connell
1980-81	Tom Johnson	2012-13	Wendy Learmount
1981-82	Graeme Elvey	2013-14	Helene Brown
1982-83	John Parsons	2014-15	Rod Spitty
1983-84	George Dawson	2015-16	Tony Plant
1984-85	Bill Hoare	2016-17	Tony Plant
1985-86	Laurie O'Farrell	2017-18	Bernie Young
1986-87	Ralph Birrell	2018-19	Rod Spitty
1987-88	Rod McLeod	2019-20	Glenn Madden
1988-89	John Hewitson	2020-21	Paul Gibbons
1989-90	Rob Aitken	2021-22	Merlyn Quaife AM
		2022-23	Merlyn Quaife AM

CLUB MEMBERS 2022-23

Elizabeth Bell	Nursing	Heather Nixon	Nursing
Lynette Comer	Silo Manufacturing	Greg Noonan	Management Accounting
Ron Deveraux	Bread Manufacture	Jan Pagliaro	Disability Services
Sue Duncan	Property Management	Anne Peace	Education
George Ellis	Emergency Services	Greg Penno	Driver Education
Ian Ellis	Emergency Services	Gary Pinner	Automotive Repairs
Max Ellis	Signwriting	Tony Plant	Catering
Cora Fuentes-Mahnic	Ethnic Management	Maureen Plant	Retail Sales
Paul Gibbons	Education	Zoe Pocock	Environmental Planning
Trevor Hawking	Building Supply Sales	Merlyn Quaife	Music Education
Clive Hughes	Carpet Laying	Matthew Scott	Education
Lindsay Jolley	Environment Mgt	Bob Simpson*	Police Services (retired)
Margaret Kelly	Sales Professional	Rod Spitty	Engineer Local Government
Peter Kilpatrick	Project Engineer	John Stewart	Public Accounting
Philip Lethbridge	Law	Mark Tracy	Education Secondary
Glenn Madden	Primary Education	Dorje Tsering	Translator
Kerri Anne Maybury*	Health Case Manager	Shireen Yeoh*	Migration Agent
Emily Mudge	Civil Engineering	Bernie Young	Public Land Management
Geoff McKinna	Police Service	Craig Wright*	Retirement Village Management
Graham Neivandt	Waste Water Disposal		* joined in 2023

HONOURARY MEMBERS

David Cotton	Genealogy	Wendy Learmount	Banking Management
Ken Gittins	Sheep Grazing	Trevor Phillips	Engineering Consultant

Tom Glazebrook	Highway Construction	Laurie O’Farrell	Law	
Lindsay Jackson	Tertiary Education	Peter Simmons	SES	
2022-23 DEPARTURES				
Katie Kim				
FRIENDS OF ROTARY				
Jodie Bice	Leesa Bice	Daniel Giles	Chloe Kilcullen	Brock Pinner
Mercy Saddul Priest	Robin Shepherd	Val Payne	Gemma Wilson	

ROYCE ABBEY AWARDEES

This program is to recognize Club members in their early years of Rotary who show Enthusiasm and commitment to the ideals of Rotary. The selection is by the President of the Rotary Club and it is hoped by early recognition, members will be encouraged to continue to enjoy their membership and appreciate the contributions Rotarians can make to the community, both locally and internationally.

This Award encourages Clubs to contribute AU\$1,000 through the Rotary Foundation to the Royce & Jean Abbey Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship, a program that is available to assist the training of young men and women in developing countries.

2007-08	Helene Brown, Peter Ryall
2008-09	Marie Jenkins
2009-10	Wendy Learmount
2011-12	Ros Chenery, Matthew Scott
2015-16	Bernie Young

Special Awards and Changeover

The Changeover Dinner at the Shamrock Hotel was successful and went off without too many hitches. Congratulations to outgoing President Merlyn on a successful 2 years and dealing with all the COVID related challenges. You held our Club together and we have emerged into 23/24 in good condition.

The Changeover Dinner included the Bendigo Youth Choir performing the National Anthem and the Bendigo Brass Band providing the entertainment and the opportunity for dancing. It was great to see Max and Jackie Ellis having a go.

City of Greater Bendigo Mayor Andrea Metcalf provided an inspirational message of volunteerism. DG Elect Ron Payne (now DG) did the same for the Rotary Toast and Assistant DG Rob Forum presented the four way test closing the meeting in a timely manner on an absolutely terrible weather night to be out. Thank you to members and all those who attended for coming and braving the elements.

Merlyn also presented to Paul Gibbons and Rod Spitty with Sapphire Recognitions and Bernie Young a Paul Harris Recognition for many years of dedicated service to the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.



Incoming DG Ron Payne presents Incoming President Rod Spitty his Paul Harris Sapphire



President Merlyn Quaife presents Peter Simmons his Honorary Membership award



Bernie Young receives a PHF award



Paul Gibbons receives a PHF Sapphire



2023-24 Board: Bernie Young, Matthew Scott, Peter Kilpatrick, Sue Duncan, Rod Spitty (President), Merlyn Quaife, Greg Noonan, Paul Gibbons