



# SIGNPOST

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*We meet Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Lakeview Hotel, McRae Street (TBC weekly)*



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## **Science and Engineering Challenge 25/26 - Call for further Supervisors and Invitation to lunch.**

Venue: South East College Stadium - 56 Ellis Street, Flora Hill, Victoria, 3550

Date: 31st July.

All Club Members are invited to see the Challenge in action and for lunch. There is a need for further Supervisors and for assisting with the day.

Some 150 Year 10 Students will be participating.

If you can assist, contact Tony Plant.

If you would like to come to lunch contact me for catering purposes.

The Challenge is again shaping up to be an important day in Rotary's Youth/Vocation Program and is well supported by Industry and the community.

Your assistance and support is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Rotary  
Rod Spitty

### **No meeting**

No club meeting on Thursday, 31 July 2025, due to the Science and Engineering Challenge

**That's 100 Years of Rotary in Bendigo.**



The Rotary Club of Bendigo's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Date: 23 August 2025, Saturday  
Venue: All Seasons Resort, Mc Ivor Highway, Bendigo  
See the attached Invitation Brochure

Our club will be making a group booking soon to attend this function.

Please indicate your interest to Gary Pinner @ [gary@gejayautomotive.com.au](mailto:gary@gejayautomotive.com.au) or mobile phone 0408507868.

I will have an expression of interest form at next week's meeting.

Please do not wait too long, as bookings are filling fast.

Regards,

Gary Pinner

**Vic RESCA 2025 Awards dinner - Saturday 6th September - All welcome**

**The finalists for the 2025 Vic RESCA program have been selected.** This year there are 16 finalists from 11 ES agencies which is our biggest number of agencies and finalists represented since we commenced the awards two years ago.

On Saturday 6th September the awards dinner will be held at Hyatt Place Essendon Fields at 6.30pm it will be an evening of Recognition and Celebration

All Welcome - book at this link

<https://events.humanitix.com/2025-victorian-rotary-emergency-service-community-awards-vic-resca>

\$100 per head

Ticket price includes

- 2-course meal and drink on arrival
- Unlimited soft drink, juices, still and sparkling water, tea and coffee
- Additional alcoholic drinks can be purchased at bar prices
- Complimentary on-site car parking
- Discounted accommodation (details on booking site)
- Children discounted pricing available (during booking)

**BOOKINGS CLOSE Thursday 28th August - so get in quick!**

For more information see attached flyer.

Any questions please contact PDG Grant Hocking - [granthocking64@gmail.com](mailto:granthocking64@gmail.com)

To find out more about Vic RESCA go to: [www.vic.rescawards.org.au](http://www.vic.rescawards.org.au)

## DGE Peter Shephard - 2026 Multi District Conference



Following the tremendous success of this year's Impact Summit in Morphetville, I'm thrilled to announce that our 2026 Multi District Impact Summit will be held from 27–29 March 2026 in the beautiful regional city of Horsham!

We're taking everything we've learned—collaboration, energy, and community—and bringing it to regional Victoria. I can't wait to see how we will grow this Summit together in its second year. Mark your calendars and get ready for an even greater Impact!

We're once again collaborating with District 9510, and this time we'll also be welcoming District 9780 to join us for what promises to be an even bigger and more inclusive event. Our main plenary sessions will take place at the Horsham Town Hall, with a strict capacity of 500 delegates, so you'll want to book early to avoid missing out.

Set in the heart of the Wimmera region, the weekend will showcase the best of local produce, with our Gala Dinner taking on a Paddock to Plate theme—celebrating the rich agricultural heritage of the area. With so many exciting activities, speakers, and surprises planned, now is the perfect time to lock in your accommodation and mark the date in your calendar.

**\*\* Please Note: DG Peter Shephard will at our Club on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> \*\***

We can't wait to see you in Horsham!

### News from FOODSHARE



### **Our Community Food Drive**

Bendigo Foodshare relies on donations large and small. We hold our Annual Community Food Drive for non-perishable/pantry food items each winter, to help provide food relief to those in our community who are doing it tough. In 2025, we are holding our Winter Food Drive during the month of August.

The food drive runs throughout all Bendigo supermarkets (Coles, Woolworths, IGA and Aldi) and across many local organisations for a month-long effort to fight hunger in Central Victoria.

We currently support over 90 food partner organisations across Central Victoria who provide food relief to Central Victorians who are food insecure.

Please donate what you can in the yellow bins located at your local Coles, Woolworths, Aldi and IGA supermarkets in Bendigo.

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<b>JULY THEME: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH</b>				
Meeting Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
Thurs 24 July	Marie Leehman-Gillies, Pres of Bendigo Filipino Foundation Inc  Rotary Topic Speaker – Tony – Satellite Clubs	Cora Fuentes- Mahnich	Ian & Max Ellis	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 31 July	NO CLUB MEETING DUE TO THE SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE			
Thurs 31 July	South East College - Science and Engineering Challenge			South East College
<b>AUGUST THEME: MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION</b>				
Thurs 7 Aug	The Smith Family Speaker: Heather Barton AM	Jan Pagliaro	Cora / George	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 14 Aug	Club Forum	Lindsay Jolley	Tony & Lyn	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 21 Aug	Jennifer Fitzpatrick - The Otis Foundation	Merlyn Quaife	Graham & Mark	Lake View Hotel
Sat 23 Aug	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner – Bendigo RC			All Seasons Hotel
Thurs 28 Aug	Annette, Bendigo Family History Group	Geoff McKinna	Phil & Shireen	Lake View Hotel

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<b>BBQ Catering bookings</b>		
Tues 12 Aug	TAFE Tradies Mental Health BBQ Lunch Charleston Road Campus	11 am – 2 pm 4 volunteers required
Sat 16 & Sun 17 Aug	Bendigo Writers Festival Rear Dudley House, View St, Bendigo Street trader required	10 am – 3 pm 3 volunteers required each day
Tues 20 Aug	La Trobe Uni Pride Day BBQ Lower terrace - area near the oval.	11 am – 2 pm 3 volunteers required
Sun 24 Aug	La Trobe Uni Open Day	9 am – 2 pm 6 volunteers required
Sun 24 Aug	RMIT Flight School Open Day Bendigo Airport	10 am – 2 pm 3 volunteers required

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**JULY IS**

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

**Rotary**   
District 9800

*"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver"*  
**Mahatma Gandhi**

**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 persons united in the ideal of service.

**WHO'S WHO?**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT	Francesco Arezzo
DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR	Peter Shephard
DISTRICT 9800 NC VIC COMMUNITY LEADER	Alison Bacon
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CLUB PRESIDENT	Lindsay Jolley
SECRETARY	Bernie Young
TREASURER & IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	Peter Kilpatrick
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT ELECT	Cora Fuentes-Mahnic
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR	Jan Pagliaro
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR	Heather Nixon
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CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR	Sue Duncan
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VOCATIONS DIRECTOR	Rod Spitty
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER	Geoff McKinna
FOUNDATION OFFICER	Anne Peace
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Shireen Yeoh

**D9800 Goldfields Cluster Club Meeting Times**

**RC KANGAROO FLAT:** Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park  
Secretary - Geoff Wakefield: 0407 561 997

**RC BENDIGO:** Tuesday 12:45pm, Bendigo Club, Park Street, Kennington  
Secretary: Daniela Ionescu – d.ionescu@latrobe.edu.au

**RC ECHUCA MOAMA:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of month - 6 for 6:30pm,  
Rotary Park Clubrooms, Rose Street, Echuca

**RC BENDIGO SANDHURST:** Wednesday 7am for 7.30am start,  
Peppergreen Farm, 40 Thunder Street, North Bendigo  
Secretary: John Harkin – 0409 957 000

**RC EAGLEHAWK:** Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute  
Contact 0428 468 298

**RC ROCHESTER:**  
Thursday 6.15pm for 6:30pm, The Rochester Hotel.

**RC CASTLEMAINE:** Wednesday 6:30pm, The Cumberland Hotel  
Secretary - Lyndal McClure: 0438 391 160

**INNER WHEEL CLUB of BENDIGO:** 11.15am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month,  
Mechanics Institute, Long Gully.  
Bernadette: 0407051722