

Rotary Club of Bendigo South SIGNPOST



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*Meets Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Foundry Hotel
High Street Golden Square.*

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President's update

Club meeting 17 August

We welcomed Glenn Madden back to the club after some time away as his wife Rosemary has been seriously ill and hospitalised in Melbourne, and his daughter requires care in Bendigo. We were pleased to hear that Rosemary is improving and returning home soon. Glenn, who is our Youth Services Director, jumped in the deep end by chairing our meeting, with its focus on a presentation by Girton Grammar students.

We again trialled recording and live streaming our meeting as part of our club innovation program. Some adjustments were made by Greg, and we again ensured all present were informed about the trial. Again, feedback from members on this innovation is welcomed.

Victor celebrated his birthday during the week, and we all wished him a rousing 'Joyeux Anniversaire' as he blew out the candles and cut his birthday cake. We look forward to his first report to members next meeting.

Our guest speakers were Girton Grammar School students (and mates of Victor) Ben Pignataro, Robert Wood and Monty, accompanied by 2016 student Lucas Kirby and his father Robin Kirby. The students have been competing in a range of competition series with their hybrid petrol/electric vehicle, and a highlight was their recent invitation to compete in a category of the international Shell Eco-marathon in Singapore. Their challenge was to travel as far as possible on a litre of fuel. There was only one other secondary school competing in a large field of university teams, and the only other Australian entrant was a team from Deakin University (who finished one place behind the Girton team in their category).

Ben (the driver) and Robert told us that the team not only finished in the top ten, covering 500km on one litre of fuel in their best attempt, but also received the technical innovation award for a device that used exhaust heat to produce electricity that powered the engine fuel injection system. The next phase of competition for the Girton team is to develop an electric powered vehicle, reflecting the reality of the global trend in vehicle design.

Former student Lucas, who led the technical design of the vehicle, aspires to a career in Formula One engineering. The participation by the students delivers a range of personal development outcomes, including practical engineering, design, project management, teamwork, and communication, among other things. Our engineer members were salivating, and all were impressed by the student's achievements and maturity.

This week, the gold star (and Foundry voucher) for the tallest poppy went to Greg 'Mr Innovation' Noonan for his roll out of electronic cashier recording, and piloting of meeting recording and live streaming technology. Greg of course also spends a lot of time managing our finances, is a member of the Welsh Choir Concert committee, and is convening the club fundraising committee now that he has freed up time by relinquishing his Assistant Governor role. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes that underpins the success of the club. Thanks Greg.

Other news

Tony reported that the D9800 membership forum provided a wealth of stimulating ideas and sharing of experience that will feed into his committee's membership plan. Let's get those ten new sign ups that we have committed to as a key club goal for 2017-18!

Last Wednesday I volunteered at the weekly community meals project that is hosted by RC Kangaroo Flat at their Gateway Park premises. Rotarian Mary coordinated and assisted four community volunteers who collected prepared food items, served the meals, set up and cleaned up the room, packed and distributed takeaway food packs, and washed up. It was all completed within about 1.5 hours. I will find out some more about the project and see if there are opportunities for willing members to assist. Please let me know if you would like further information about this.

On Saturday I attended the Zonta Club birthing kit packing project that I mentioned in my report last week. Geoff McKinna and I represented our club (although to be fair, Geoff didn't have much choice as Irene McKinna is the coordinator of the project for Zonta). The Zonta Club of Bendigo raised \$6,000 to purchase the contents of 2,000 birthing kit items, and then engaged schools during the week, and then community members on Saturday, to pack and box the kits. I was amazed to learn that a simple kit that packed into a zip lock bag the size of a mobile phone could have such a significant life saving impact in the developing, underprivileged communities around the world. And we sweat over our first world problems???

I learnt that the global Zonta organisation is not exclusively for women members, although their membership is predominantly female, and their purpose is to support the advancement of women who need support in society through service and advocacy. It was interesting to see how this initiative attracted a high level of community support through a simple story in last week's Bendigo Weekly. I packed kits with some senior secondary school students who see community service as a natural thing to do, handed a membership brochure to a prospective member, and did my best to catch the eye of the roving WIN News team. A very satisfying morning.

And on a sad note, Graham Neivandt informed me that Dowell Mitchell finally lost his long and valiant battle with leukaemia on Friday evening. Many members have known Dowell as the Camp Getaway caretaker and a member of the Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst, and his wife Barbara is a recent Past President of Inner Wheel. Our thoughts are with Barbara and their family.

Club business

Club Protection Officer Geoff McKinna, Youth Exchange Counselor Peter Simmons, and I joined the D9800 child protection update briefing via the Zoom video-conferencing platform on Sunday. We were joined by Lisa Pearson representing the Rotary club of Bendigo. (Zoom worked well, and saved a trip to Melton). The presenters reinforced the need to make child safety a priority, following the revelations of institutional failures revealed in recent inquiries, and reminded us that we should not be looking for loopholes to avoid taking fair and reasonable steps to safeguard children we come into contact with in Rotary.

There is now a far greater expectation that all Rotarians will have a Working With Children card, unless the club has zero contact with children (under 18 years). We have a proud history of achievement in Rotary youth programs, and we do not want to jeopardise this important avenue of service. We will review the advice and report to the Board on any new actions that the club needs to take to comply with the new Victorian statutory obligations.

Also on Sunday, 'Field Marshall' Ian Ellis coordinated phase one of our Adopt a Highway roadside maintenance project for the year. I understand a modest crew rolled up and worked hard to get the job done. There were a few less than expected unfortunately, so Ian will schedule a second attempt before Christmas to complete phase one of our commitment to VicRoads. Thanks Ian for continuing to lead this valuable community service effort that keeps our club name in the public eye.

Coming up

- Next meeting we look forward to hearing from Raylene Harradine, the CEO of the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative (which is now located in that iconic building complex in Prouses Road).
- The annual Camp Getaway partnership working bee and social weekend with RC Keilor East is on 8, 9 and 10 September, commencing with dinner at the Axedale Tavern on the Friday evening. Graham Neivandt has passed the attendance list to John Bergbauer to update numbers again this week. Please let John know which activities you will attend if you have not done so already.

Cheers

Bernie Young

Thank You - Member Education

On behalf of our club members, thank you to:

- PP Tony Plant, Trevor and Sue Hawking who attended the **Membership and Marketing Seminar** at Trinity Grammar.
- Counsellor Peter Simmons, Gary Pinner and President Bernie Young who attended the **Youth Exchange briefing** at Camp Getaway as part of the Orientation weekend for the current students.
- Protection Officer Geoff McKinna and President Bernie who attended the **Governance Seminar** at Tabcorp Park.
- Secretary Elizabeth Bell who attended the **Rotary Leadership** program Part 1 & 2.

Your attendance was appreciated by our club and the organisers.

Camp Getaway Weekend

Come out to Camp Getaway on the weekend of the 8, 9 & 10 of September. Please let John Bergbauer know if you can volunteer on one or all of the days and if you will be attending the dinner at the Axedale Tavern on the Friday night.

Goldfields Clusters Hat Day Party

Join us on Thursday 12 October for an evening of competitions, hat trivia and raffles. Guest speaker will be PDG Greg Ross Australian Rotary Health Chair. See attached flyer for details.

Foundation Dinner

Join us at the fifth Annual Rotary Goldfields Cluster Foundation Dinner as we learn about the Rotary Foundation's Centenary of 'Doing Good in the World'. The event is being held at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club on Thursday 30 November. See attached flyer for details.

Rotary Club of Maryborough Upcoming events

Wings and Wheels Event

The Maryborough Rotary Club is catering at the Wings and Wheels Event across the weekend of 23 – 24 September. During the weekend they are also hosting a Rock and Roll Dance in the Maryborough Town Hall with the Fender Benders. The dance starts at 7.30pm on 23 September. The event is \$25 per person and is BYO drinks and supper. Please contact Jackie for further details on 54614264.

Blue Pyrenees Magic Bike Ride - 29 September

Join us for a great day of cycling through the undulating foothills of the Pyrenees Ranges. This is a boutique cycling event with a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere. For full details and to secure your entry visit www.EventBrite.com.au and search "Blue Pyrenees Magic Ride.

Rotary District 9800 Conference

Friday 16 March 2018 to Sunday 18 March

Peter Frueh, District 9800 Governor, and his wife Anne invite you to join them at Warrnambool for the 2018 District conference hosted by the Rotary Club of Balwyn. Early bird bookings are now open. Please click on the following link for further information and booking details.

www.rotaryconference.org.au

Training Opportunities

Members please note the Training Dates coming up. These sessions are conducted by the District 9800 Training Team and are highly recommended. Rotary education is an ongoing process not dependent on how long you have been a member.

Rotary Leadership Institute - Parts 3 & 4 - Sunday, October 8

New Members Seminar - Sunday, October 29

Future Club Leaders Seminar - February 25th, 2018

The location is at the Golden Square Primary School, Laurel Street, Golden Square. Attendance

will be taken closer to the date but please consider your attendance and future commitment to the club and Rotary.

Victoria Welsh Choir Concert

Ulumbarra Theatre and the Rotary Club of Bendigo South present *The Victoria Welsh Choir* on Sunday September 10 at Ulumbarra Theatre. The event is a fundraiser to support the provision of additional theatre facilities, as well as providing bursaries for talented local musical artists.

The Victoria Welsh choir is well known by Bendigo concert goers and, with their beautiful singing in four part male harmony, and their entertaining and humorous concert presentations, is always a favorite event. For this concert, the choir will be joined by principal guest artist Silvie Paladino as well as Bendigo Senior Secondary College Musician of the Year award winners for the past 2 years, Aidan Purdy and Deanna Jerman.

Silvie Paladino is one of Australia's most versatile and talented musical theatre entertainers. She has had leading roles in many Australian productions, as well as performing at notable events in Europe and America. She is also well known as a regular in Nine Networks "Carols by Candlelight".

Aidan Purdy is a classical tuba player currently pursuing further musical training in Adelaide.

Deanna Jerman is a vocalist currently pursuing further musical training in Melbourne.

Tickets are now available at the Capital Theatre booking office, by phone on 54346100 or on line at www.gotix.com.au.

World of Difference Tours 2017-2018

World of Difference is pleased to confirm three exciting tours to Cambodia and Laos. If you or anyone you know is looking to get involved at an International level in something exciting and different then one of World of Difference's humanitarian adventure tours to Asia could be the perfect offering.

Over the next 9 months you have three exciting tours to choose from. Please take a moment to have a look and please pass this information onto any of your friends who you think may be interested: -

Cambodian Humanitarian Adventure Tour

13 Days from 5th of November 2017

This tour is perfect for those who would like to roll up their sleeves and get involved in some humanitarian work. During this 13 day tour, you will visit Cambodia's spectacular tourist attractions including Angkor Wat and it's many temples, museums that capture the dark past of Cambodia during the cold war and get involved in humanitarian activities such as teaching at a school, building water filters or helping out at one of the legitimate orphanages.

Cambodian Humanitarian Family Adventure Tour

16 Days from 5th of January 2018

This Humanitarian Tour is the perfect educational life experience for families to share whether it be parents and their children or grandparents and their grandchildren. Following a similar format

to our November tour, this tour will provide families with an opportunity to experience Asian culture at the grass roots, as well as enable you to change the way our children think about the world, while making a World of Difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Laos & Cambodia

16 Days from 20th of March 2018

A unique opportunity to join our first WOD tour to Laos. We will be based at the world heritage Luang Prabang and attend the opening ceremony for the latest Rotary primary school project in the remote village of Ban Heuthan. This tour will not include the usual WOD hands on volunteering but rather will be an opportunity to experience the real Laos that is not often seen by tourists.

Please click on the following links to view the tour brochure or booking form for more information and prices.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/4348a4ac76a55a07e4b20a852/files/6bc869d3-3da0-4f94-bde2-55cadf8de5ae/WOD_Upcoming_Tours_old.pdf

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/4348a4ac76a55a07e4b20a852/files/fa5ecf8d-a3ec-47df-81ef-957d9eb1b719/Tour_Booking_Form_2017_18.pdf

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rob or Barry.

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Adopt a Highway roadside maintenance team Bernie Young, Tony Plant, Sue Hawking, Ken Briggs, Maureen Plant and Gary Pinner.



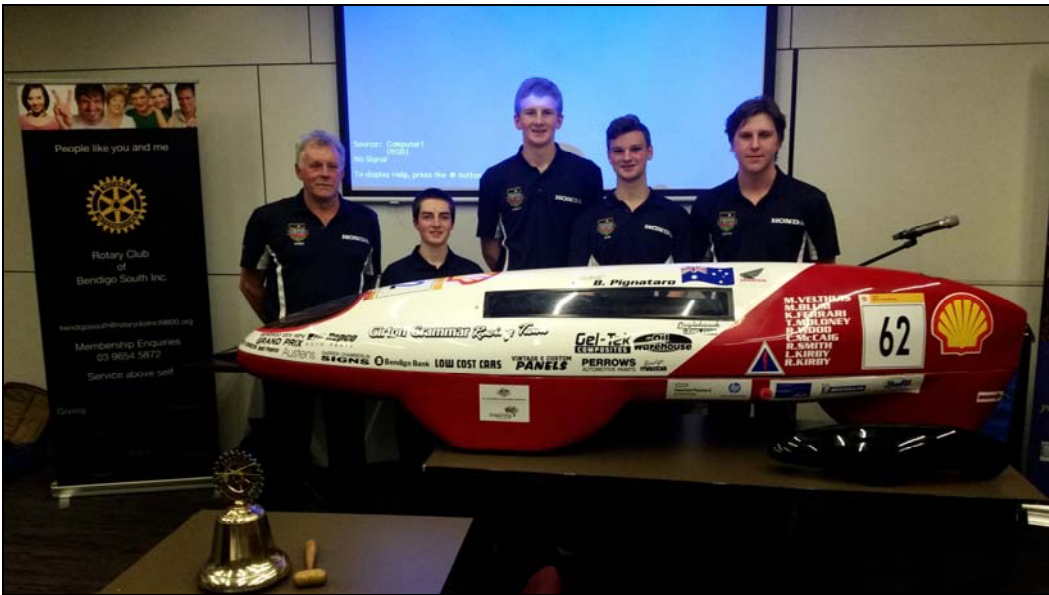
Happy Birthday to Exchange student-Victor Saelens



Youth Exchange students at the D9800 briefing for inbound and outbound students at Camp Getaway last weekend.



Girton Grammar students Ben Pignataro, Robert Wood and Monty, accompanied by 2016 student Lucas Kirby and his father Robin Kirby.



CLUB PROGRAM

| AUGUST - MEMBERSHIP / SEPTEMBER LITERACY | | |
|--|--|-------------------|
| 24 August | Raylene Harradine CEO of the Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative. | Foundry Hotel |
| 31 August | Rotary Friendship Exchange | Foundry Hotel |
| 7 September | DG Visit and Board meeting | Foundry Hotel |
| 8 September | Dinner at Axedale Tavern-Camp Getaway Weekend combined working bee-KEILOR EAST | Axedale Tavern |
| 10 September | Victoria Welsh Choir Concert | Ulumburra Theatre |

| People Away | Returning |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Ruth O'Connell | 1 September |
| Rod Spitty | 30 September |
| Graham Neivandt | 12 October |
| Max Ellis | October |
| Lindsay Jolley | 19 October |
| Greg Noonan | 19 October |
| Ros Chenery | |

CLUB DUTY ROSTER

| AUGUST MEMBERSHIP / SEPTEMBER LITERACY | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Date | 24 August | 31 August | 7 September | 14 September |
| Topic | Raelene Harradine | Rotary Friendship Exchange | DG Visit and Board meeting | No Meeting |
| Guest Speaker | Raelene Harradine CEO of the Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative | Terry Dalwood | | N/A |
| Chair | Bernie Young | Heather Nixon | Bernie Young | N/A |
| Cashiers | Zoe Pocock Paul Gibbons | Geoff McKinna Paul Gibbons | Zoe Pocock Trevor Hawking | N/A |
| Regalia / Fellowship | Cora Fuentes-Mahnic | Cora Fuentes - Mahnic | Sue Hawking | N/A |
| All Rotarians on duty must arrive before 6pm on the night. If you are unable to complete your duty please arrange a substitute. | | | | |
| Attendance Officer: Zoe Pocock 0409 514 996 zhpcock@yahoo.com.au | | | | |

Birthdays - August

5 Bill Hoare
 13 Max Ellis
 15 Tony Plant
 20 Ian Hanger
 31 Lindsay Jolley

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:

Ian Riseley

RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR:

Peter Frueh

ASS'T GOVERNOR (Goldfields South):

Cliff Downey

CLUB PRESIDENT:

Bernie Young

SECRETARY:

Elizabeth Bell

TREASURER:

Greg Noonan

YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR:

Glenn Madden

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Lindsay Jolley

COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Gary Pinner

MEMBERSHIP /P.R. DIRECTOR:

Tony Plant

CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Rod Spitty

CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER:

Geoff McKinna

ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR:

Merlyn Quaife

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS:

Matthew Scott

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Wendy Tagliabue

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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