

Rotary SignPost Bendigo South



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MEETS THURSDAYS

6pm for 6:30pm

@ THE FOUNDRY HOTEL

"Connect to the Community"

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our Thursday meeting saw us return to the Stirling Room after quite a long absence. Numbers were a little down due to a variety of reasons relating to illnesses, other engagements and travel ventures. We look forward to seeing a few more along this coming week when we hear from our esteemed member in David Lea.

We did welcome some visitors into the fold in Zoe Pocock, Trevor Phillips and John who was a visitor all the way from the south of India. Club member Matthew had met John on a recent trip to India and brought him along to our club. John was also preparing to speak to the students at St Joseph's College in Echuca the following day. However it still was a wonderful meeting where Terry provided us with a very moving story around the poor treatment of our Vietnam veterans up until more recent times where this attitude has been somewhat rectified. We then heard from Thomas Wigney a year 10 student from Crusoe College who provided us with a wonderful presentation about his trip to Gallipoli as part of the 100 year commemoration. Thomas was one of only three students chosen in Bendigo to go on this trip offered last year by the state government so this was a great achievement in itself. With many great visuals Thomas presented us with a great insight of the whole experience and then recited some excellent verse he had created capturing his personal feelings on this historically significant event. All those present were very moved and impressed by this young man.

Other good news is that our container of school furniture and sundries is due to arrive in Lautoka today Saturday May 21. Maratha left yesterday to meet its arrival. Hopefully it will then be moved to its destination with not too many more hassles and we look forward to hearing about its successful delivery.

This weekend we have the two Soiree events happening at Merlyn's house in Somerset Park Road. Both days are now completely sold out and proceeds will bolster our music scholarship fund for the next two years. Special thank you-s go to Merlyn for initiating this event and to Anne and Ros for helping out with arrangements.

A reminder to all those members wanting to make a batch of beer on June 9 at *Truebrew* to let me know asap. Also a further notice to all members, partners, interested friends and neighbours to start booking in for our end of year celebration on June 23. The Flyer containing details will be sent out with this Signpost addition.

On a sad note, on behalf of our club I would like to convey our thoughts and condolences to Verna Ashman on the passing of her brother. Also to the Ramage family and the members of the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat on the tragic incident that resulted in Noel Ramage's passing. Those of us that knew Noel well were very greatly saddened when we heard this terrible news.

Tony Plant – President Bendigo South Rotary Club



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ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE?
May	Rotary Theme – Youth Services	
26 th	Mature Member talks David Lea	Foundry Hotel
Changeover dinners	Goldfields Cluster	
18 th June	Bendigo Rotary Club	
23 rd July	Bendigo Next Generation	
6 th July	Bendigo-Sandhurst	
23 rd June	Bendigo South	
28 th June	Bendigo-Strathdale	
29 th June	Eaglehawk	
24 th June	Echuca-Moama	
2 nd July	Kangaroo Flat	
19 th June	Rochester	

MAY 2016 CLUB DUTY ROSTER

Date				26th
Topic				Mature Member Talks
Guest Speaker				David Lea
Chairperson				
Cashiers				Glenn Madden & Bill Ashman
Regalia/Fellowship				Ian Ellis
Sergeant				

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 – Ros Chenery 0407 802 801 or ros.chenery@visionaustralia.org

Birthdays and Induction Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to the following Members

George Ellis	2 May
Sue Hawking	4 May
Tom Glazebrook 90 th Birthday	7 May
Geoff McKinna	17 May

Happy Induction Anniversary to the following Members

Steven Lee	8 May
Terry Dalwood	16 May
Andrew Palmer	17 May
Russell McGibbon	30 May
Bernie Young	30 May

Poem by Thomas Wigney - In their shoes

One hundred years on I'm in their shoes –
Only 14 and with nothing to lose.
With my family's blessing and mates watching
My back
I'm off to the trenches for a look without attack!

Unlike those before me, I don't have to kill or fight , kill
Or malm
My trip in comparison is somewhat tame!
I don't have to have my gun at the ready,
Trying very hard to keep my nerves steady.

I don't have to put up with the dying stench
Or the putrid mud in my filthy trench.
I don't have to go to sleep wondering
If I shall live with all those bombs thundering.

I don't have to write tear stained letters home
Telling my mother how I feel all alone.
I don't have to look after the injured and dying
Or comfort those who cant stop crying.

I don't have to continually question why
I was silly enough to put my hand up to die!
I don't have to wish I was still a child
Growing up freely and running wild.

One hundred years on, I get to reflect
On the sandy shores where we come with respect.
Like those before me, it is scary and new.
We owe so much to the Anzac crew!

“Lest We Forget”

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH INFORMATION

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

WHO'S WHO?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT: K.R. "RAVI" Ravindran

RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR: Julie Mason

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS (GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER):

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

PRESIDENT: Tony Plant

SECRETARY / CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER: Bernie Young

TREASURER: Greg Noonan

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/ P.R.: Rod Spitty

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Gary Pinner

CLUB SERVICE: Ros Chenery

ROTARY FOUNDATION: Anne Peace

VOCATION: Ruth O'Connell

YOUTH SERVICES: Matthew Scott

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: Steven Lee

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Rod Spitty / Anne Peace

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 7:30pm