

Rotary Club of Bendigo South

SIGNPOST



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

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President's Report.

We held our meeting for March 9 at the Bendigo Primary School. Meal was a Chinese Buffet supplied by the Toi Shan Restaurant which seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. Following our meal together, we then adjourned to the school's library where our recently returned local exchange student in Emmaby Barton Grace provided us with an extensive report on her year spent in Denmark.

Attending a new school, living with three host families and having to communicate in the Danish language were just some of the regular daily challenges Emmaby encountered. Highlights undoubtedly were two trips to Sweden (just a two hour journey) and the European Tour that is a big feature of this particular European Exchange. Travelling with a number of other exchange students to neighbouring countries such as Germany, Austria and then several days in Italy all went to ensuring Emmaby had a life changing experience. Now back in Bendigo, doing year twelve at the Bendigo Senior Secondary College with a view to enter University, life for Emmaby is now back to reality. However like most exchange students gone before her, Emmaby will have made many life- long friends from all parts of the globe that I am sure she will stay in touch with and make visits to for many years to come. Once again, we witnessed another great outcome for a young person we were able to offer this unique opportunity to via The Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

As I verbally reported to those members present the outcome of the recent Swap Meet Committee meeting was that six out of the seven clubs would like to continue with this long standing project if a satisfactory agreement can be reached between Rotary the Bendigo Vintage Car Club in relation to the catering fee. We will wait to see what the outcomes of the next round of negotiations will be then perhaps a decision can be decided upon based on the result. I would suggest too that we would also need to be confident that there is a realistic plan to ensure we can find sufficient volunteers to staff this event. Our club has been contributing a very large number of volunteers, well above what we have been asked to provide. We have achieved this firstly by having a high percentage of members who all provide a four hour shift with some doing multiple shifts. Secondly, we have also made donations to other groups outside Rotary to provide additional labour. If our club is to re- engage with this combined project we would need some assurances that the responsibility of the recruitment of the required labour is shared more equally and fairly across all participating clubs. Some years back there was a formula worked out as to the

amount of labour each club needed to provide-not sure that this had been adhered to in recent years.

At our recent board meeting it was agreed to support youth exchange again in 2018 if we could reach an agreement to share a student with the Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale. We did have a similar arrangement some years ago that was most successful. This arrangement would enable both clubs to be involved in this project, reduce costs and make it much easier to find suitable host families.

Our change over dinner will be held on Thursday June 29 at the Big Hill Winery. Cost will be \$50 per person. It was decided that by charging this amount we would be able to value add (will provide more about this nearer the event). It was agreed also that there would not be any raffles or fine sessions that guests would be asked to financially contribute to. Also means no single member has to go out and find prizes or sell tickets. Just pay to come and sit back and enjoy the night.

This week we meet out at Camp Getaway. Jennie Hughes is organizing catering and the cost will be \$20 p.p. Please do not come expecting to pay by EFTPOS as I have been informed that it is unlikely our machine will work out at Axedale as phone reception is very poor. Either use direct debit beforehand or bring a nice new red note with you. Alternatively, you may be asked to scrub the kitchen floor and clean the toilets. Please try to arrive by 6.15pm. See you all next Thursday.

Also please consider supporting Operation Cleft –still need a couple of hackers for my golf team. Google this website- www.operationcleft.org.au/au/rotary/ to see what your participation in this fund raiser will achieve.

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.

Pie and Port Night

On Saturday the 6th of May the Rotary Club of Rochester is hosting an evening of fellowship with their Pie and Port night. The evening commences at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. If you would like to participate in the event please see the attached flyer and ensure you RSVP by Monday the 24th of April.

Club Program

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	MARCH – WATER & SANITATION	
Mar 16	Visit Camp Getaway, Axedale	Camp Getaway
Mar 23	Dinner Meeting - Jane Anderson from Bendigo Health	Foundry
Mar 30	No meeting – District Conference in Shepparton	
April 6	Dinner Meeting - Mayor Margaret O'Rourke	Foundry

CLUB DUTY ROSTER

Date	9 th March	16 th March	23 rd March	6 th April
Topic	Exchange Student Memoirs	Camp Getaway, Axedale	Dinner Meeting Foundry Hotel	Dinner Meeting Foundry Hotel
Guest Speaker	Emaby Barton-Grace	Tour Trio	Jane Anderson	Mayor Margaret O'Rourke
Chair	Gary Pinner	Graham Nievandt	Rod Spitty	
Cashiers	Andrew Palmer Bill Ashman	Jim Rinaldi	Trevor Hawking Zoe Pocock	
Regalia/Fellowship	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.				
Attendance Officer: Zoe Pocock 0409 514 996 zhpocock@yahoo.com.au				

Roundup from our Cluster Clubs.....

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 15th 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.

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. ?