



Welcome to this weeks edition of the SignPost

Dear Fellow Bendigo South Rotarians and Friends,

This week we combined with the cluster group and enjoyed fellowship, a meal and an interesting guest speaker at the Bendigo Stadium. This event was organised to raise funds for the Australian Bushfire Relief Fund. 160 Rotarians and guests raised approximately \$1,600 simply by enjoying a meal at the stadium. It was fantastic to see so many there to support a wonderful cause. Just imagine how many raffles we would need to have, or how many sausages we would need to cook, to raise those sorts of funds!

A presentation was made by the Swap Meet committee to the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra, 1st Bendigo Scouts group and Bendigo Special Development School, of \$6,000 each. Each of the Bendigo Rotary clubs also received a donation of \$4,500.

Interesting facts on the event, provided by Swap Meet Treasurer, Ian Doak are as follows:

Sales at the swap meet:

Ice creams 5530, BBQ 2750 hamburgers, 280kg of snags, 310kg of bacon, 200kg of onions, 500 steaks, 480 dozen eggs, 880 loaves of bread, 4200 hamburger rolls, 307 x 2 Lt. milk cartons, 1200 bottles of water, 35kg of cold meats, 60kg of roast beef, 120 chicken schnitzels, 60 pieces of fish and 330 coffee scrolls.

Turnover since 1998 - 2012: \$1,341,800.

Distribution: \$532,580 to Rotary & funding recipients.

An outstanding effort for a very successful event that brings together all the Bendigo clubs.

The Exchange students being hosted in our district were also at the dinner; introducing themselves and where they come from. Sebastian also presented the club presidents with a banner from his home Rotary club.

Special guest speaker was Alexandra Gartmann, CEO of FRRR (Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal) based here in Bendigo. Alexandra explained that FRRR was established in 2000, to support the renewal of rural and regional communities in Australia through partnerships with the private sector, philanthropy and governments.

In its first ten years, FRRR has managed the distribution of over \$25 million in grants and provided substantial capacity building support to community organisations across the nation, including Rotary. This group obtained a tax status to enable donations to be tax deductible. Approximately \$6 million per year is raised, with a targeted distribution group of communities of less than 10,000 people. Funding provided for emergency community networks, training in equipment use e.g., chainsaws, creating community meeting places, fishing trips, programs to engage children (for example - Circus Oz events), community radio stations and much more.

Sunday was an enjoyable 'picnic in the park', with family and friends of Rotary. The weather was very kind by not being too hot on the lawns of Rosalind Park, so long as we kept to the shade of the lovely big trees. There was also live music for all to enjoy. I'm thinking next picnic will be at the White Hills Botanical Gardens...

Please also note that **all are welcome** to attend this weeks club meeting, where our guest speaker will be representing Inner Wheel. So, wives, husbands and friends are most welcome to join us at the Foundry this Thursday evening!

Peace through Service,

WENDY LEARMOUNT

PRESIDENT of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South

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ATTENDANCE,
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Wednesday afternoon!!



ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH -

Calendar of Events

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE? (Details & Contact Info)
February	World Understanding	
Thursday 21	Guest Speaker – INNER WHEEL	Foundry Complex
Thursday 28	Guest Speaker – Bronwyn Stephens – World of Difference	Foundry Complex
March	Literacy Month	
Sunday 3	Mystery Winery Tour	- CANCELLED -
Thursday 7	Club Committee Forum Board Meeting	Foundry Complex
Thursday 14	* Normal Meeting for those not attending D9800 Conference. * DISTRICT 9800 Conference begins in Albury.	ALBURY, NSW Or, the Foundry for those not attending the conference.
Saturday 16	District 9500 Conference Begins, D9800 Conference Concludes	All Seasons Bendigo Li Cunxin (Mao's Last Dancer)
Thursday 21	Vocational Visit to Bendigo Tramways Depot	1 TRAMWAYS AVENUE.
Thursday 28	Guest Speaker– AM Easter Meeting	Venue to be confirmed
Friday 29	Good Friday BBQ– Lake Weeroona	Volunteers required
Saturday 30	Relay for Life Plant Sale	Elaine Harrington's– MANDURANG
April	Magazine Month	
Thursday 4	Board Meeting	Foundry Complex
Thursday 11	Guest Speaker – Dr Daniel Lavery from Interplast	Foundry Complex
Thursday 18	White Ribbon – Margaret Singe (Sergeant) Family Violence Advisor	Foundry Complex (PARTNER NIGHT)
Sunday 21	Rotary at Work – National Program	Event to be confirmed by Cluster
Thursday 25	6am Dawn Service in lieu of dinner meeting	Breakfast with family, Venue to be confirmed

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH -

Calendar of Events Continued...

May	Rotary Health	
Date to be set	Bus Shopping Trip to Melbourne	
Thursday 2	Club Committee Forum Board Meeting	Foundry Hotel Complex
Friday 3 & Saturday 4	Relay for Life	
Thursday 9	Guest Speaker – Jerry Phillips – Romac	Foundry Hotel Complex
Thursday 16	Scholarship Night	Foundry Hotel Complex
Monday 20	Joint with Kangaroo Flat – Birthday Celebrations	Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club
Thursday 30	Guest Speaker – FOUNDATION	Foundry Hotel Complex
June	Rotary Fellowship	
Thursday 6	Joint Board Meeting	Foundry Hotel Complex
Thursday 13	Changeover Dinner	
Thursday 20		
Sun 23 – Wed 26	RI Conference	Lisbon- Portugal http://www.riconvention.org
Thursday 27	Presentation of next years business plan	Foundry Hotel Complex

CALENDAR KEY:

- Family/ Social Events
- Guest Speakers
- Connect to Community Events
- Other Events



“Greetings fellow Bendigo South Rotarians, from Shepparton ...

*I’ve been over here for the last week ...
looking forward to getting back and seeing you all again soon!”*

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

23rd Feb- Terry Dalwood

24th Feb- Jacqui Ellis

25th Feb- Ken Briggs

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil Anniversaries



DONATIONS IN KIND - Reminder!!

MARCH IS CONFERENCE MONTH and WORLD LITERACY MONTH so please help us implement our first **District 9800 Basic Education and Literacy Project**

Purchase and or collect new picture story books, easy fiction and non-fiction books for children 0-12 years and bring them along to the Literacy Stall in the Albury Conference Market Place. We will add a sticker to indicate that they have been given by your club and at the conclusion of the Conference they will be donated to the

ABORIGINAL LITERACY FOUNDATION.

It would be a wonderful show of our commitment to **"Literacy for All"** if every club made a contribution; and it would certainly help to address the problems faced by 80% of aboriginal children in regional and remote communities whose National Literacy Testing results placed them in the bottom 5% of all Australian children.

DIK is also in need of Basic Educational materials, especially exercise books and pencils so if you can bring some of these along, it would be fantastic, too! **Bronwen Scarffe** - District 9800 Basic Education and Literacy Chair.

For further details contact bronwenscarffe@harboursat.com.au

* And, if your not going to the D9800 Conference in Albury, please bring your books along to a regular club meeting for distribution to the above foundation.



ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH PHOTOBOARD

Joint Goldfields Cluster Dinner @ Bendigo Stadium



LEFT: Club presidents, Wendy and Doug, together with exchange students from the various Bendigo clubs.



LEFT: Goldfields Rotary Cluster Presidents, together with our President, Wendy Learmount front and center.



ABOVE: Money, money, money!!
The Swap Meet fund recipients.

Rotary Club of Bendigo South President, Wendy Learmount, and Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst President, Doug Lougoon with CEO of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), Alexandra Gartmann.

CLUB DUTY ROSTER -

February is the Rotary Month of World Understanding

DATE	21st February	28th February
ACTIVITY	Guest Speaker- Inner Wheel	Guest Speaker- Bronwyn Stephens from 'World of Difference.'
CHAIRMAN	Ruth O'Connell	Ros Chenery
CASHIERS	Bill Ashman & Peter Ryall	Matthew Scott & Andrew Palmer
REGALIA	-	-
FELLOWSHIP	Andrew Palmer	Ruth O'Connell
RAFFLE	Helene Brown	Ian Hanger
SERGEANT	Lindsay Jackson	David Cotton

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH PHOTOBOARD

Picnic In The Park



Rotarians, Friends of Rotary and extended family, enjoying a PICNIC IN THE PARK, in Bendigo's delightful Rosalind Park.

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- Sakuji Tanaka (Kyoko)

RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR- Dennis Shore

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR (GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER)-

Rick Reid

PRESIDENT- Wendy Learmount

VICE PRESIDENT (Club Protection Officer)- Ruth O'Connell

HON. SECRETARY- Gary Pinner

HON. TREASURER- Philip Jan

CLUB SERVICE- Helene Brown (President Elect)

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/ P.R.- Jim Boyer

COMMUNITY SERVICE- Terry Dalwood

ROTARY FOUNDATION & VOCATIONAL SERVICE-

Sam Tayeh

NEW GENERATIONS- Rod Spitty

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE- Ros Chenery

SIGNPOST EDITOR- Matthew Scott- mattgscott@telstra.com

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 6pm, All Seasons

ECHUCA MOAMA- Tuesday 6pm, Border Inn Moama

BENDIGO SANDHURST- Wednesday 7am, BRIT Restaurant

EAGLEHAWK- Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

ROCHESTER- Thursday 6pm, Commercial Wine Tavern

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH ATTENDANCE OFFICER

MATTHEW SCOTT- mattgscott@telstra.com

Please email your attendance to Matthew before each Wednesday.

To telephone through your attendance, please do so on Matthew's mobile phone number.

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?