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each week ASAP!!



## Welcome to this weeks edition of the SignPost Bulletin...

*Dear Fellow Bendigo South Rotarians and Friends,*

*Last weekend, I was lucky enough to attend the D9800 annual conference in Albury. I thought that I would dedicate my weekly bulletin column to sharing my conference experience with you all.*

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Helene, Pierre and I travelled to the conference via Shepparton (we had morning tea with some of my family), Benalla (a walk by the water was a nice break in the travel), Beechworth (where we had lunch) then on to Albury. After leaving Pierre in the safe hands of the district representatives at the caravan park where the exchange students were staying, Helene and I went on to our motel, then on to the Welcome BBQ. There we met Ken Briggs and Glenis, and Anne Peace was also there somewhere. 400 delegates were registered for the BBQ, and 600 for the conference.

Friday morning I attended the workshop on social media and Technology. I was joined by Ken Briggs. Very interesting talk, with a lot of points to consider and very thought provoking. Helene went to the seminar on membership. At the welcome to the conference we were entertained by a most amazing young boy, Amanuael Visser, an orphan from Sudan, only 11 years old ..... but by golly what a voice!! Then after some of the usual formalities we were entertained by Peter Fitzsimons AM with some most irreverent stories, and talking of irreverent, John Blackman of *Hey Hey Its Saturday* fame, kept us in laughter throughout the conference. We were also privileged to have some very inspirational women tell us their stories too. Carolyn Creswell from *Carmen's* and her overnight success that took 20 years, Indira Naidoo with her book *'The Edible Balcony'* and how it has changed her life and her perspective on sustainability and now led to her championing a roof top garden for the homeless in Sydney, Suzi Duncan AO with what and how and why *'Wheelies with Wings'* came to fruition and what she and the foundation has achieved. These are only a few of the guest speaker who were emotive, funny, inspirational. Saturday afternoon was 'Rotary has Talent' .... and we actually do, our RIPR (Rotary International Presidents Representative) has a wonderful voice and sang (Karaoke style) *Pretty Woman* by Johnny Cash, 3 Dogs Barking singing *Roll Over Beethoven* won the contest, but the were others who sang, others who gave monologues. It was good old fashioned light entertainment and enjoyed by everyone. Some more guest speakers followed, then it was time for the dinner dance and to start to say goodbye to new and old friends alike and to discuss **next years conference, on the Gold Coast.**

A full weekend, but very enjoyable!

*Peace through Service,*

*Wendy Learmount*

*PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH*



*It wasn't Albury, but Bendigo South Rotarian, Matthew Scott had the opportunity to meet 'Mao's Last Dancer', Li Cunxin at the D9500 Conference at the All Seasons on Saturday 16th March.*

*Our club sold over 50 tickets to the event, raising funds for our club.*

*What an amazing story Li Cunxin has!*

# ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH -

## Calendar of Events

### CALENDAR KEY:

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

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE? (Details & Contact Info)
<b>March</b>	<b>Literacy Month</b>	
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- Sidney Myer Place	Volunteers required
Saturday 30	Relay for Life Plant Sale	** POSTPONED!! **
<b>April</b>	<b>Magazine Month</b>	
Thursday 4	Farewell Dinner for Ian Hangar & Board Meeting	Foundry Complex, Partner & Family night.
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
<b>May</b>	<b>Rotary Health</b>	
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 Joint Meeting w. Bendigo Strathdale	Foundry Hotel Complex in the Platinum Room
Thursday 16	Scholarship Night	Foundry Hotel Complex
Sunday 19	D9800 District Assembly	Tabcorp Park, MELTON
Monday 20	Joint with Kangaroo Flat - Birthday Celebrations	Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club (FAMILY NIGHT)
Thursday 30	Guest Speaker - FOUNDATION	Foundry Hotel Complex
<b>June</b>	<b>Rotary Fellowship</b>	
Thursday 6	Joint Board Meeting	Foundry Hotel Complex
Thursday 13	Changeover Dinner	FOUNDRY HOTEL COMPLEX
Thursday 20	Vocational Visit- Discovery Science & Technology Centre	Discovery Centre, Between Marketplace & train station
Sun 23 - Wed 26	RI Conference	Lisbon- Portugal <a href="http://www.riconvention.org">http://www.riconvention.org</a>
Thursday 27	Presentation of next years business plan	Foundry Hotel Complex

# CONGRATULATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

20th March- Ralph Birrell

30th March- David Cotton

## ANNIVERSARIES

\* No anniversaries



## THIS WEEKS MEETING

This weeks meeting of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South will take place at the Bendigo Tramways depot, located at 1 TRAMWAYS AVENUE, Bendigo.

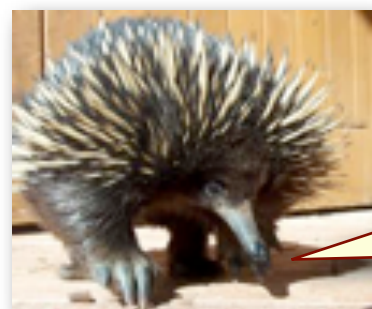
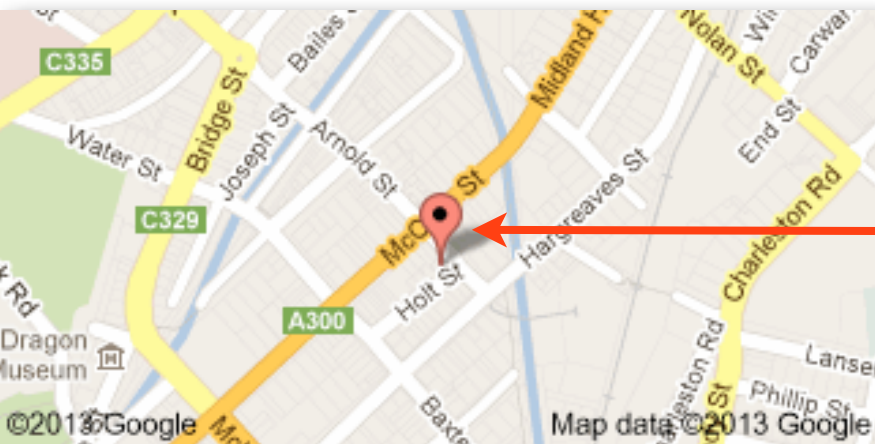
The meeting times will be the same (6pm for 6:30pm) and by the time that this bulletin is published, you should have already let either Greg or Ros know whether you are attending or not. If you haven't already done so, please do so ASAP!!

This should be an informative and interesting evening, as we discover why the trams are such an important part of the Bendigo landscape.



BENDIGO TRAMWAYS DEPOT

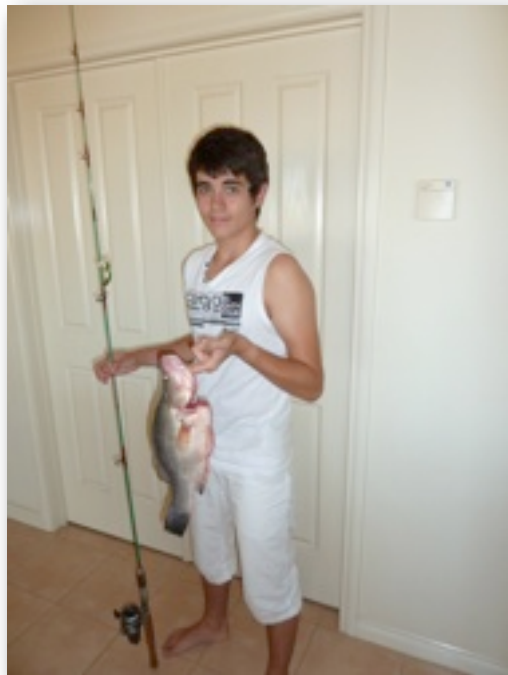
1 TRAMWAYS AVENUE, BENDIGO  
(Located behind the Lake View Hotel)



*“The tram hasn’t operated out to Golden Square since the 70s. How will I get a lift to this weeks meeting from my home at the Foundry?”*

## PIERRE'S PONDERINGS -

### A day in the life of our French Exchange Student, Pierre



Our French Exchange Student, Pierre, is proving to be very useful during his stay at Tony Plant's house.

## Proposed Rotary Club of Bendigo New Gateway

On another matter, over 20 interested members of the proposed Rotary Club of Bendigo New Gateway gathered at the Exchange Cafe, Bar & Grill last Wednesday evening.

There are heaps of committed people interested in the new club, with ideas for potential club projects being suggested left, right and center.

Well done Pierre! Would you like to cook the rest of the club dinner one night?



## ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP

YOU CAN EARN MONEY FOR OUR CLUB, JUST BY DINING AT THE GOLDEN STAR CHINESE RESTAURANT!!

When dining at the Golden Star Chinese Restaurant in Hargreaves Street, simply tell them you are associated with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South, and give your TAX INVOICE to Treasurer Philip Jan at our following meeting. When the tax invoices are compiled, the GOLDEN STAR chinese restaurant will donate back 10% of each meal total to the ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH.

As a further incentive to dine there, one person in your dining group will receive a free **GLASS** of HOUSE WINE. It couldn't be easier. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS EAT, to support two great Bendigo institutions!!



## CLUB DUTY ROSTER -

March is 'Literacy' month & April is 'Magazine' month.

DATE	21st March	28th March
ACTIVITY	Vocational Visit- Tramways	AM Easter Meeting
CHAIRMAN	Greg Noonan	Fellowship
CASHIERS	Cora Fuentes & Tony Plant	Peter Ryall & Bill Ashman
REGALIA	Rod Spitty	Ros Chenery
FELLOWSHIP	N/A	N/A
RAFFLE	N/A	N/A
SERGEANT	N/A	N/A

DATE	4th April	11th April	18th April
ACTIVITY	Farewell to Ian Hangar & Board Meeting	Guest Speaker- Dr Daniel Lavery	Guest Speaker- White Ribbon Day
CHAIRMAN	Wendy Learmount	Anne Peace	Geoff McKinna
CASHIERS	Peter Ryall & Bill Ashman	Andrew Palmer & Matthew Scott	Peter Ryall & Graham Neivandt
REGALIA	Ian Ellis	Graham Neivandt	Andrew Palmer
FELLOWSHIP	Andrew Palmer	Geoff McKinna	Ruth O'Connell
RAFFLE	Cora Fuentes- Mahnic	Cora Fuentes- Mahnic	Cora Fuentes- Mahnic
SERGEANT	Gary Pinner	Lindsay Jackson	Helene Brown

## 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

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## 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

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Or 5445 5700 and ask for Ros.

## 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?