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MORE ABOUT
OUR
ROTARY CLUB
HERE!!



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

Well, what a great meeting we had last week! In the large Platinum Room, it was great to see nearly 60 people in attendance to hear from Gerry Philips, telling us all about ROMAC. A Rotary project that began right here in humble Bendigo at the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat.

According to those who were around at the time, legend has it that Barrie Cooper founded ROMAC after he was pleaded with on a RAWCS project by a Fijian native for Rotary to help her daughter. This is when ROMAC was launched, and nearly thirty years later, Rotary and ROMAC are still helping disadvantaged children from Oceania and the Pacific to live more fulfilled lives.

It was great to hear from Gerry all of the ROMAC success stories from recent years. However, it was disappointing for Gerry to report that many of the ROMAC operations that should be taking place in Australia (Victoria in particular) are being diverted to New Zealand due to their outstanding hospital facilities and willingness of hospital management to take on such delicate operations. Gerry wasn't being critical of Victorian and greater Australian hospitals, as we have outstanding hospitals here in Australia. But, for a project where the majority of such operations have always taken place in Australia, it's a bit of a worry when Australian hospitals are no longer willing to take on such vital operations, and New Zealand hospitals are desperately calling for such operations to be conducted in the expansive treatment rooms available in their brilliant new hospitals. Some operations are even being sent off to Singapore to be carried out. However, at the end of the day, Rotary and ROMAC are still ensuring that these poor children are being well taken care of.

On another note, it was great that several members of the new Rotary Club of Bendigo Next Generation were able to attend, as well as members and friends from the other Bendigo Rotary clubs, including Bendigo- Strathdale with whom we shared our meeting night.

Stephanie Woollard from Seven Women gave us a brief talking to regarding her PhD topic on peace in Nepal, and even had some fancy Nepalese scarves and toys to sell at the end of the meeting. See you this Thursday for our annual scholarship night in the Foundry's Zinc room.

*Peace through Service,
Wendy Learmount*

PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB

OF BENDIGO SOUTH



*President Wendy
and current ROMAC chair
Gerry Philips,
together with his wife Sharon.*

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)
May	Rotary Health	
Thursday 16	Scholarship Night	Foundry Hotel Complex – ZINC ROOM
Friday 17	Joint Birthday Celebrations with Kangaroo Flat Rotary	Kangaroo Flat Sports Club Partner/ Family Night
Sunday 18	Club Visioning 10am until 2pm	Eaglehawk Rotary Club
Sunday 19	D9800 District Assembly	Tabcorp Park, MELTON
Thursday 23	Presentation of Cheques for Swap Meet and Induction of new members 2013 - 14 Planning Meeting	Party Night, Partner Night.
Thursday 30	Guest Speaker- Foundation, Board Meeting	Foundry Hotel Complex
June	Rotary Fellowship	
Saturday 1	Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst 25th Birthday Celebrations	All Seasons, 6:30pm, \$65
Sunday 2	Mclvor HWY cleanup, 9:30am	Lunch Afterwards (TBC)
Thursday 6	Charter New Club	Foundry Hotel Complex in the Platinum Room
Thursday 13	Vocational Visit- Discovery Science & Technology Centre	Bendigo Discovery Centre, Between Marketplace & Railway station
Thursday 20	Bendigo South Changeover Dinner	Kangaroo Flat Rotary Park \$30 per ticket
Sun 23 - Wed 26	RI Conference	Lisbon- Portugal http://www.riconvention.org
Thursday 27	Presentation of next years business plan	Foundry Hotel Complex
Saturday 29	D9800 Changeover & Awards Night	Ultima Reception Centre, Keilor

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays:

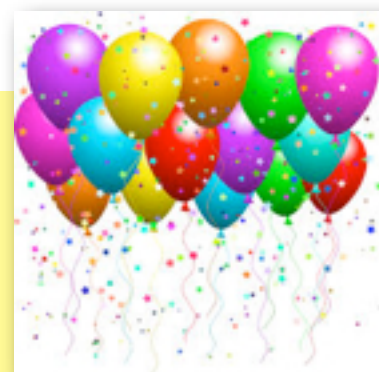
17th May- GEOFF MCKINNA

20th May- PETER RYALL

Anniversaries:

16th May- TERRY DALWOOD

17th May- ANDREW PALMER



CLUB DUTY ROSTER -

May is 'Rotary Health' month.

'If you are unable to complete your duty, please arrange a substitute.'

DATE	16th May	23rd May	29th May
ACTIVITY	Scholarship Night	Presentations & Inductions	Guest speaker- FOUNDATION
CHAIRMAN	Wendy Learmount	Wendy Learmount	Gary Pinner
CASHIERS	Andrew Palmer & Ruth O'Connell	Matthew Scott & Helene Brown	VACANT (Both Positions)
REGALIA	Tony Plant	Ian Ellis	Andrew Palmer
FELLOWSHIP	Geoff McKinna	-	Ian Ellis
RAFFLE	Cora Fuentes - Mahnic	Cora Fuentes - Mahnic	Geoff McKinna
SERGEANT	Lindsay Jackson	Gary Pinner	Tony Plant

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH PHOTO BOARD



ABOVE: Stephanie Woollard from the Seven Women project in Nepal shows us some of the local ladies craft work available for sale at our recent meeting.



LEFT: Friend of Bendigo South, Bill Hoare, tells us about the early days of ROMAC, which he helped to start.

CAMP GETAWAY



The Rotary Club of Williamstown invite you to
a night of Fun, Fellowship and fundraising.

Saturday May 25th at 6:30pm

COME ALONG FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN
AND FELLOWSHIP AT CAMP GETAWAY,
AS WELL AS RAISING MUCH NEEDED
FUNDS FOR ACCESSORIES FOR THE
BATHROOMS AND KITCHEN.

COST: \$25.00

THIS INCLUDES:

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 25th May, Bring your dancing shoes!!

161 AXEDALE – KIMBOLTON ROAD

AXEDALE

RSVP to YVONNE

email: yvonne.moon@bigpond.com

MEETING INFORMATION

ROMAC meeting

Date:

Thursday, 9th May, 2013

Total Attendance:

55

Fines: \$213.15

* Donated to ROMAC

Members:

21

Raffle: \$104.50

Guests:

Gerry Phillips (Guest Speaker – ROMAC),
Pierre-Louis Nottellet (Exchange Student), Sebastian (Exchange student RC Bendigo Strathdale), David Bannon, Stephanie, Brath, Sharon Phillips, Bill Hoare, Eloise Carrasco.

Echidna:

Couldn't find a seat in the room, it was that busy!

Rotary Club of Bendigo

Strathdale: Cheryle Blair, Graeme Chellew, Lyn Comer, Lyn Cooper, Kevin Gallagher, John Lindsay, Pamela Luxford, Mike Nihill, Chris Parks, Mary Parks, Greg Penno, Helen Steele, Julie Vecht, Jan Walklate, Moira Decleva.

Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat:

Roger McKellar, Jill Barker, Liz Dürr.

Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance:

Leslie Mackenzie.

Rotary Club of Bendigo New

Generations: Jodie Bice, Leesa Bice, Arti Shah.

Rotary Club of Bendigo:

Rosalie Vanstan

* Visiting Rotarians

(We had many guests and visiting Rotarians. Apologies for any errors or omissions).



“Well, what a busy meeting we had last week...”

It was great to hear about ROMAC, a Rotary project that started here in our own city, Bendigo. Keep up the great work, Rotary!!”

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

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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?