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MORE ABOUT  
OUR  
ROTARY CLUB  
HERE!!



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

Thursday evening brought us an insight into what the new Rotary Club of Bendigo Next Generation will be all about. The first words that spring to my mind are, energetic, enthusiastic, vibrant, articulate and most of all passionate about doing something for the betterment of the community. We welcomed many a dignitary to our meeting; Cr Lisa Ruffel, Mayor of Bendigo, Cr Mark Weragoda, DG Dennis Shore and Lynda, Immediate PDG Keith Ryall, DGE Ross Butterworth and Annette, DGN Murray Verso, DGND Julie Mason, ADG Rick Reid, AGE Goldfields Cluster Grant Hocking and Melissa, AGE Stonnington Cluster Bronwyn Stephens, President Rotary Club of Melbourne South, Mark Stephens, and Peter Lamping who presented the new club with the Centennial Bell. I also had the pleasure of reading a message from the Honourable Julia Gillard MP, Prime Minister of Australia.

In commemoration of the first 100 years of Rotary International, this bell was gifted by the Rotary Club of Melbourne to Australian Rotary on February 23rd, 2005. The Centennial Bell is presented to the most recently chartered club in Australia, to be then passed on to the next and so on.

Luke Owens quoted many famous and inspirational people when relating his story and how he became involved and created Bendigo for Homeless Youth. He brought home the point very clearly that it is everyone's responsibility to be involved, one way or another. We have all thought 'someone should do something about .....'. Luke referred to it as 'the diffusion of responsibility.' We need to move from being fringe dwellers and being self absorbed, to asking the questions 'how can I help?' and 'what do I need to do?' But not to just ask the question, but to do something with the answer. Just as was done when the question was asked 'why should young people become engaged in our community,' the answer came back with a very resounding 'Because We Need To Be!'

During the first discussions about the need, or even want, for a youth based club, there were quite a few who said that there wouldn't be enough interest to form a club, that 'they' would be too transient, that it had been tried before to involve them in the traditional clubs and it didn't work, that if 'they' wanted to join a club why not invite them to join our clubs, and so the discussions went. Thank goodness that those Nay Sayers were not listened to. These young and enthusiastic people would scare the heck out of quite a few of our traditional members, no longer would be accepted the answer of 'but that's not the way we have always done it'. Their motto may be 'how can we get it done now.' Luke ended his speech with "Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it." Thank you to Greg Noonan for your courage, dedication and foresight.

And speaking of Greg, it was with great pleasure to award Greg with a *Paul Harris Fellow - Sapphire*. DG Dennis Shore presented Greg with his pin to the much deserved accolades of all present, and quite a few from District were there to witness how we all hold Greg in high regard .....

# 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>June</b>	<b>Rotary Fellowship</b>	
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 \$35 per ticket
Sun 23 - Wed 26	<b>RI Conference</b>	<b>Lisbon- Portugal</b> <a href="http://www.riconvention.org">http://www.riconvention.org</a>
Thursday 27	Fellowship, Farewell to Philip Jan	La Porchetta (Family Night)
Saturday 29	D9800 Changeover & Awards Night	Ultima Reception Centre, Keilor
<b>2013 July</b>	<b>Literacy Month</b>	<i>* Please note that the dates below are subject to alteration!!</i>
Thursday 4	Guest Speaker - Pierre-Louis Nottelet & Bastille Day Party	<b>Foundry Complex</b> Family/Partner night
Friday 5	Step on Stage	Strathfieldsaye Hall
Thursday 11	Presentation of Club Vision <b>Board Meeting</b>	Foundry Complex
Thursday 18	Guest Speaker- Bendigo Library	Foundry Complex
Thursday 25	Guest Speaker - PDG Gordon McKern - Aspire Foundation	Foundry Complex
<b>August</b>	<b>Membership Month</b>	
Thursday 1	Guest Speaker <b>Board Meeting</b>	Foundry Complex
Thursday 8	Guest Speaker Phillip Archer/Chris Don	Foundry Complex
Thursday 15	Vocational Visit	
Saturday 17	Inner Wheel 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday \$50 per person	The Fernery Room at the All Seasons
Thursday 22	DG Visit	<b>Foundry Complex</b>
Thursday 29	Fellowship and Family night	Foundry Complex
<b>September</b>	<b>New Generations</b>	
Thursday 5	Speaker- Emma Wilson (Peace Forum Hiroshima) <b>Board Meeting</b>	Foundry Complex
Thursday 12	Joint Meeting with Next Generation	Foundry Complex Partner Dinner
Thursday 19	Speaker- Youth Exchange Student	Foundry Complex

## CLUB DUTY ROSTER -

June is the month of 'Rotary Fellowship'.

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

DATE	13th June	27th June
ACTIVITY	Vocational Visit- DISCOVERY CENTRE	Farewell to Philip, Fellowship @ La Porchetta
CHAIRMAN	-	Wendy Learmount
CASHIERS	Gary Pinner & Matthew Scott	Tony Plant & Anne Peace
REGALIA	-	-
FELLOWSHIP	-	-
RAFFLE	-	Bill Ashman
SERGEANT	-	Gary Pinner

## A Word From President Wendy Learmount

### President's Report, Continued From Page 1:

And speaking of Greg, it was with great pleasure to award Greg with a *Paul Harris Fellow - Sapphire*. DG Dennis Shore presented Greg with his pin to the much deserved accolades of all present, and quite a few from District were there to witness how we all hold Greg in high regard, especially the members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo Next Generation. It was an absolute delight watching Greg as it all unfolded. Moving from worry, to consternation, then onto a 'who me?' followed by 'just you wait!'

Well done Greg!

Well... now I have taken up all the bulletin space, I had better close with a 'see you all next Thursday.' And, just a reminder that we are at the Discovery Centre, 6 for 6.30pm, same as usual. Family and friends welcome, just let Ros know so we can make sure you have a meal.

Looking forward to writing to you again next week.

Peace Through Service,

Wendy Learmount

*PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH*

## RECENT MEETING INFORMATION

Chartering of Next Gen. Rotary Club

**Date:**

**Thursday 6th June**

**Total Attendance:** 149

**Fines:** N/A

**Members:** 19

**Raffle:** \$962.90

Proceeds to new Rotary club.

**Guests:**

**RI D9800:** Dennis Shore (DG),  
Ross Butterworth (DGE),  
Keith Ryall (PDG),  
Rick Reid (AG-Goldfields).

**City of Greater Bendigo:**

Cr. Lisa Ruffell (Mayor),  
Cr Mark Weragoda.

**RC Bendigo South:** Verna Ashman,  
Glenys Pitson, Sharon Pfeiffer,  
Pierre-Louis Nottellet (Exchange  
Student), Theresa Tayeh, Maggie  
Merigan-James (FoR), Emily  
Mudge.

Maxim Zhuiykov (Charter President-  
RC Bendigo Next Generation)  
and many, many more...

**Echidna:**

Couldn't find a seat!

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Birthdays:**

12th June- KATHY NOONAN

**Anniversaries:**

12th June- DAVID COTTON

13th June- GARY PINNER



*"Well, what a week it has been for  
Rotary in Bendigo!*

*And, congratulations to my friend, Greg  
Noonan, on his sapphire Paul Harris Fellow  
award.*

*The look of surprise on your face Greg was  
priceless! Well deserved!"*



# Charter Night- The Rotary Club of Bendigo Next Generation



## 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

**BENDIGO NEXT GENERATION-** Wednesday 7pm, The Exchange (Beneath Bendigo Bank)

**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?