

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

There were many 'Mad Hatters' at the meeting last Thursday where the theme for the meeting was 'Hat Day,' to support the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund fundraising event, raising money for research into Mental Health. We had red hats, multicolored hats, regular and sun hats, and some very quirky hats! The prize for the 'biggest hat' went to Tony Plant who came as 'The Hat Trapper,' and had a rabbit trap welded to fit his head. The winner of the 'most original hat' went to Terry Dalwood in his 'dreadlocks' and crocheted beanie. Terry was able to give a short rapper session prior to receiving his prize where he sang the 'banana boat song' to very loud applause. The hats theme was also represented in the Sergeant's session, where monies raised would go towards the ARHRF. It was a great evening, and so much better due to the effort of so many members who supported the event by wearing a hat.

The other most important process that took place at last Thursday's meeting, was the acknowledgement of our two retiring Past Presidents, Ralph Birrell and David Cotton. Both Ralph and David have long associations with Rotary, and a combined total of 45 years of service with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South. Everyone present at the evening was overwhelmed by the summaries of both gentlemen's Rotary lives, and the amazing variety of achievements that occurred under their direction during their years of service. It was with immense thanks that I wished them well in their retirement from Rotary; and with the presentation of their commemorative plaques, both Ralph and David thanked the Rotarians for their support and fellowship over the many years of their association with the Club.

During the week I attended a planning meeting for the Cluster 'Valentines Ball,' to be held on Valentine's Day, Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the Bendigo Town Hall. The theme for the night will be 'Hearts and Roses,' with all monies raised going to the Oncology Department at Bendigo Health. At present, the majority of the Cluster Clubs are represented on the planning committee, but if you would be interested in assisting either in the planning or on the day, would you please contact me. It is also planned to have a large prize raffle leading up to the event, so if you have any ideas or contacts with businesses that you feel may be able to help with the prizes, could you also contact me. Please consider marking this date in your diaries for next February.

Presently both PE Rod Spitty and I are planning for the District 9800 Conference to be held at the Gold Coast March 6-9<sup>th</sup> 2014, and the RI Convention in Sydney next June 2014. We have a few members who have shown interest in attending one or the other of the events, and I will be asking the other Club Presidents to indicate whether they or any of their Club members will be attending, with a view to a group booking for travel and accommodation. If you are interested in attending the District Conference or RI Convention, please speak with Rod or myself.

Don't forget this week's meeting will be at the La Trobe University Health Campus. I will be absent this week, due to work commitments, so Peter Ryall will be Chairperson for the evening. I will look forward to hearing about the evening, and hope all who attend have a great evening.

See you all in a fortnight's time,  
Helene Brown - *President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South*

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Don't forget we're meeting at La Trobe Uni this Thursday night!!



**CALENDAR KEY:**

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

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE? (Details & Contact Info)
<b>October</b>	<b>Vocational Service</b>	
Thursday 17	Vocational Visit- La Trobe Uni Health Sciences Building	La Trobe Uni
Thursday 24	Guest Speaker- Emily Mudge New Bendigo Hospital progress	Foundry Complex
Thursday 31	Fellowship- Halloween Dinner	Family Night- Foundry Complex
<b>November</b>	<b>Rotary Foundation</b>	
Thursday 7	Guest Speaker- Ian Knight (East Timor training team) & <b>Board Mtg.</b>	Foundry Complex
Thursday 14	NO MEETING- SWAP MEET	
Thursday 21	Guest Speaker- Janine James- Margaret Roberts MND Scholar	Foundry Complex Partner Dinner
Thursday 28	Foundation Dinner & Fundraiser	Foundry Complex, Partner Dinner
<b>December</b>	<b>Rotary Family</b>	
Sunday 1	Mclvor Hwy Clean Up & Fellowship lunch	Lunch venue to be confirmed
Thursday 5	Guest Speakers- The Travelling Trio: Matt, Ros & Tony	Foundry Complex Partner Dinner
Thursday 12	Guest Speaker- Jeanette O'Brien of Bendigo Health (Standby 24/7)	Foundry Complex
Thursday 19	Christmas Dinner	Family & Partner Night
Thursday 26	Rotary Christmas Break	
<b>2014</b>	<b>Rotary Awareness</b>	
<b>January</b>		
Thursday 2	Rotary Christmas Break	
Thursday 9	BBQ & Outdoor Movie	Family Night Partner Night
Thursday 16	Guest Speaker- Rotary Friendship/ Fellowship Exchanges	Foundry Complex
Thursday 23	No Meeting due to Australia Day	
Thursday 30	Fellowship & Family Night	
<b>February</b>	<b>World Understanding</b>	
Thursday 6	Board Meeting & Club Forum	Foundry Complex
Thursday 13	Guest Speaker- Kaye Greaves (Bendigo Refugee Health)	Foundry Complex

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

Eddie Beer's Birthday - 6th October,

Gill Spitty's Birthday - 13th October,

Graham Neivandt's Anniversary - 17th October,

Rod Spitty's Birthday - 21st October,

Wendy Learmount's Birthday -

27th October.

# RECENT MEETING INFORMATION

Hat Night

**Date:**

**Thursday 3rd October**

**Total Attendance:** 29

**Fines:** \$95.45

**Members:** 22

**Raffle:** \$24.10

**Donations:**

\$144.00

**Guests:**

Verna Ashman, Anna Koller,  
David & Patti Cotton,  
Ralph & Marta Birrell,  
Kevin Isaac.

**Echidna:**

\$12.50

# WEEKLY CLUB DUTY ROSTER

## Rotary Club of Bendigo South, October Roster

Theme for month – Vocational Service

Dates	17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Vocational Visit Latrobe University Health & Sciences building	<b>Guest Speaker</b> Emily Mudge New Hospital Development	<b>Fellowship and Family Night</b> <b>Halloween Dinner</b>
<b>Chair Person</b>	Peter Ryall	Gary Pinner	Wendy Learmount
<b>Cashiers</b>	Bill Ashman Gary Pinner	Ros Chenery Peter Ryall	Peter Ryall Bill Ashman
<b>Regalia and badges.</b>	N/A	Andrew Palmer	Andrew Palmer
<b>Raffle</b>	N/A	Anna Kollar	Cora Fuentes Mahnic
<b>Fellowship</b>	N/A	Cora Fuentes Mahnic	Ruth O'Connell
<b>Sergeant</b>	N/A	Lindsay Jackson	Gary Pinner



*"Nobody  
told me that it was 'mad hat'  
week last meeting!"*

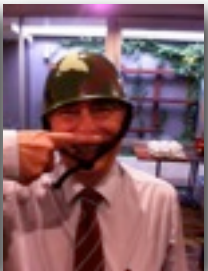
*I felt a bit prickly about being left out of  
that!"*



# THIS WEEK @ ROTARY



President Helene farewells Ralph & Marta Birrell, as well as David & Patti Cotton.



**BELOW:** Matthew Scott attends the Disaster Aid Australia cluster event with Rotary Next Gen members Leesa Bice and Meghan Rogers.

**ABOVE:** Rotary Club members and friends wearing their best hats for 'Mad Hat' night.

**LEFT:** The Chinese dragons at the multicultural festivals' Musical Extravaganza held last Sunday afternoon at the Capital Theatre. David Lea, Matthew Scott & Cora Fuentes-Mahnic attended this event.



# ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH INFORMATION

## **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- Ron D. Burton

RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR- Ross Butterworth

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR (GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER)-

Grant Hocking

PRESIDENT- Helene Brown

PRESIDENT ELECT (Club Service)- Rod Spitty

HON. SECRETARY (Club Protection Officer)- Peter Ryall

HON. TREASURER- Jim Boyer

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/ P.R.- Andrew Palmer

COMMUNITY SERVICE- Ian Ellis

ROTARY FOUNDATION & FELLOWSHIP- Wendy Learmount

VOCATION- Geoff McKinna

NEW GENERATIONS- Tony Plant

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, Shamrock Hotel function room.

## **THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH ATTENDANCE OFFICER**

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## **THE FOURWAYTEST**

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?