

Welcome to this weeks edition of the SignPost...

Hi to you all from sunny Launceston, Tasmania, where I am having a five day break with my son and his family. Once again, the Rotary Club of Bendigo South has been able to complete a first for the Cluster by successfully holding our inaugural Foundation dinner last Thursday evening. It was a wonderful night with many guests from all of our Cluster Clubs represented, and others from within the district, including our Assistant Governor, Grant Hocking and his wife. AG Grant was the MC for the night, and as usual, did an excellent job introducing and discussing various members of the Districts with regards to their contributions and support of the Rotary Foundation. Two awards were presented on the night to John Krach and Lola Miller, both having the honour of receiving the RI Foundation Sapphire pin for contributions exceeding \$10,000 and support of the RI Foundation in other ways.

John Wigley gave an interesting account of the current District 9800 Group Study Exchange team project, that continues even though throughout the Rotary world GSE teams are being discontinued and replaced by RIA TEAMS. John mentioned that it is a credit to our District 9800 that we continue to support the GSE teams. Our current team will be traveling to Germany and will be under the leadership of local Rotarian Dr Phil West.

Guest speaker for the night, RI Foundation trustee, Ian Risely, gave a very informative talk about the various programs that gain support, through our donations to the RI Foundation, like the Polio Plus program and various other projects that commence through the various grants that the RI Foundation are able to support.

Our second speaker for the night Rotary Peace Scholar, Jessica Butcher spoke to us about her experience at the University of North Carolina, USA, and what she has been able to achieve through her studies there. Her studies involved working on the religious implications and influences associated with conflict and how they can be used to work towards resolution. Jessica introduced a program that she believes will assist the assimilation of all students who come from or who have experienced conflict, into the Peace program. Jessica spoke about the issues and behaviours exhibited by these students whilst attending the university, and devised the program to encourage a buddy or mentoring type of system to support them primarily during their first year of studies, but with a view to establishing long term relationships of support into the future. Jessica also spoke about her "Life after Peace Scholar", and is presently employed by the Ballarat local government, but is aspiring to gain further employment in an area where she can utilise her studies.

A reminder that this coming Thursday, Dec 5th, will be a short finalisation of our AGM to complete our financial review. Also, to all Board members there will be a Board meeting following the dinner meeting. Can you all please forward your reports to all others, and ensure that you have forwarded a copy to me as well as I am acting Secretary at present: Thank You! Coming events to remember: Christmas Dinner, Thursday 18th December at The Foundry. Please let Ros or Wendy know how many are coming and also any dietary requests, ASAP. See you all Thursday!

Engage Rotary, Change lives.
 Helene Brown - *President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South*

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CALENDAR KEY:

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

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE? (Details & Contact Info)
December	Rotary Family	
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	
2014	Rotary Awareness	
January		
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	
February	World Understanding	
Thursday 6	Board Meeting & Club Forum	Foundry Complex
Thursday 13	Guest Speaker- Kaye Greaves (Bendigo Refugee Health)	Foundry Complex

CHRISTMAS CAKE & PUDDING NEWS

By the time members read this, we will have just 3 weeks left till Christmas.

3 weeks in which to sell our remaining Cake and Pudding stock and maximize our profit.

Have you done your bit to help this Club fundraiser?

We have lost some regular past sellers this year, so any help would be much appreciated.

If you are willing to help, but not sure where you could market them, just give Terry a call on 5442 6212. The task is not that demanding - at this time of year many people are getting into the Christmas spirit and so are mostly receptive. The issue is just being able to cover enough outlets with a small number of volunteers.

As usual, stock can be collected from Gary Pinner's garage in Milroy Street.

One new initiative this year is Maggie posting the attached photo on her Facebook page. Perhaps other members could copy the photo and do likewise. You would need to include some contact details. You could also add that delivery will be free in Bendigo (I will deliver if you can't!)

Finally, a big "Thank You" to those who have already been helping.

- Terry Dalwood



Rotary Club of Bendigo South, December Roster

Theme for month – Rotary Family

Dates	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
Guest speaker	Guest Speaker The Travelling Trio Board Meeting	Guest Speaker Jeanette O'Brien Bendigo Health Standby 24/7	Christmas Dinner Platinum Room	Christmas Break
Chair Person		David Lea	Wendy Learmount	NA
Cashiers		Bernie Young Ros Chenery	Rod Spitty	NA
Regalia and badges.	Andrew Palmer			NA
Raffle		Cora Fuentes-Mahnic	Ros Chenery	NA
Fellowship		Andrew Palmer	Elaine Harrington	NA
Sergeant	Mark Mott	Lindsay Jackson	Andrew Palmer	NA

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

Rotary Club of Bendigo South, January 2014 Roster

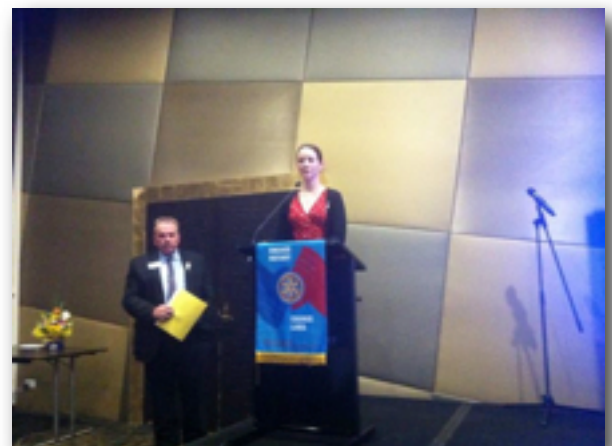
Theme for month – Rotary Awareness

Dates	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Guest speaker	Christmas Break	Fellowship and Family Night BBQ & Outdoor movie	Guest Speaker Friendship Exchange & Rotary Jeanette Lynch & Dr Leon Lew	No meeting due to Australia Day	Fellowship and Family Night
Chair Person	NA	NA	Anne Peace	NA	Wendy Learmount
Cashiers	NA	Matthew Scott Mark Mott	Matthew Scott	NA	Ros Chenery Matthew Scott
Regalia and badges.	NA		Andrew Palmer	NA	
Raffle	NA	Elaine Harrington	Rod Spitty	NA	
Fellowship	NA	Andrew Palmer		NA	Andrew Palmer
Sergeant	NA	NA	Tony Plant	NA	

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Left- President Helene thanks Ian Riseley OAM for his presentation at the Foundation dinner.



Right- Rotary Peace Fellow, Jessica Butcher, makes her presentation to those gathered on the night.

ROTARY CLUB

NOTICE BOARD



ABOVE: Happy 'Early' Birthday to Rotarian Elaine Harrington, who had a party over the weekend.

BIRTHDAYS:-

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South - December 2nd

Irene McKinna - December 3rd

Helene Brown - December 11th

Elaine Harrington - December 23rd

Bill Ashman - December 25th

Greg Noonan - December 28th

ANNIVERSARIES:-

Bill Ashman - December 2nd

Elaine Harrington - December 15th

Rod Spitty - December 18th

The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk presents its annual

CHRISTMAS MARKET



All proceeds raised will go towards the Eaglehawk Secondary College's VET (Vocational Education Training) program

Door & Raffle Prizes
Sausage Sizzle Available
Face Painting

Gold Coin Donation Entry



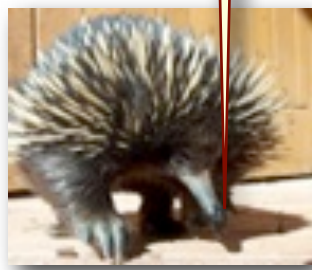
Come and get all your Christmas shopping done

December 5th 2013
4:30pm – 8:30pm
Mechanics Hall
School Street, Long Gully



Stallholders Wanted Phone 0421 936 241

*"HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH,
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY CLUB OF
BENDIGO SOUTH,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!
HIP, HIP, HOORAY!!"*



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

PROGRAM COORDINATOR- Anne Peace

DIRECTOR OF CLUB COMMUNICATIONS-

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

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?