

Welcome to this weeks edition of the SignPost...

Our meeting had a great start this week with Anna, our Youth exchange student, presenting to the club an account of her experience at the District 9800 conference on the Gold Coast. Anna spoke about the welcoming cocktail party, which was a Hawaiian themed evening, on the Friday, and the various other activities that took place over the weekend. Some of her highlights included the youth exchange presentation of the flags from all of the represented countries. It was humorously noted that on her flag, instead of Hungary being written, it was the word hungry, and she was quite astonished to think that Australians could be so ignorant and not know the difference between the correct spelling of the country Hungary, and the word hungry! She did, however, dismiss it as a joke, but did emphasise that it had occurred very recently in other circumstances!

Our guest speaker was Kieran Rogers from Affirm Press, a book publishing company that is relatively new in the publishing world, at around two years of establishment, that produces books of various types and genres. Kieran spoke about the several books that his organisation has produced to raise funds and awareness of notable social situations within our society. One book, titled 'From little things big things grow', being based on the words of the musician and vocal artist Paul Kelly's song. The story from the song focuses on the move towards, and establishment of, the recognition of Aboriginal Land Rights. The story highlights the strike by the Gurindji tribe stockmen, who in 1966 at Wave Hill cattle station in the Northern Territory, decided that their strike actions would enable recognition of their rights as workers, and their equal rights for a remuneration greater than board and rations, for the work they did as stockmen. The leader of the strike realised that Wave Hill cattle station was actually on their traditional aboriginal lands, and through their actions, finally in 1975, were able to bring about the recognition of the rights of Aboriginal people to declare the ownership of their land within Australia. Another great book produced by Affirm Press is, 'The boy and the Crocodile'. It is a book about the legend of East Timor. This book raised sufficient funds to be produced in Tetum, the language of East Timor, and is now used for young children in East Timor to learn to read in their own language. It was truly an amazing road that Kieran, and his company of six employees have taken to this point in their career, and they are to be commended for the work that they are doing to support various causes.

Saturday night saw one of our great Club projects come to fruition. The Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services and Rotary Club of Bendigo South, second in six months, 'Multicultural Dinner Dance' was held in the Platinum room, at the Foundry Hotel Complex. What a wonderful evening it was, with a large attendance of a far more diverse section and representation of our multicultural community here in Bendigo, with all enjoying a marvelous dinner and plenty of good music and dancing. And, an excellent display of cultural dancing and music was presented by the Philippine and African members of our community. The silent auction, comprising of 27 articles donated from various organisations and private individuals, to the total value in excess of \$3000, was a fun project that supported raising funds for the LCMS. There was continuous activity throughout the evening with attendees placing their bids to the lists in hope of gaining the highest value, and therefore securing their desired prizes. It was enormous fun, and at the end of the night everyone had had a very enjoyable evening of fellowship, and opportunity of meeting new people within our community.

Please remember to support the Relay for Life event to be held on Friday and Saturday, 4th and 5th April. Donations need to have been lodged by 31st March, so please get your donations to Elaine Harrington or make a direct deposit online to the Rotary club of Bendigo South team. I'll be absent from Rotary this coming Thursday, 27th March, as I have work commitments out of Bendigo. I hope you all have an enjoyable evening, and I'll see you the following week. For all board members, please remember it is a Board meeting on the 3rd of April, and your reports are requested to be distributed prior to the meeting.

Engage Rotary, Change Lives,
 Helene Brown - *PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH.*

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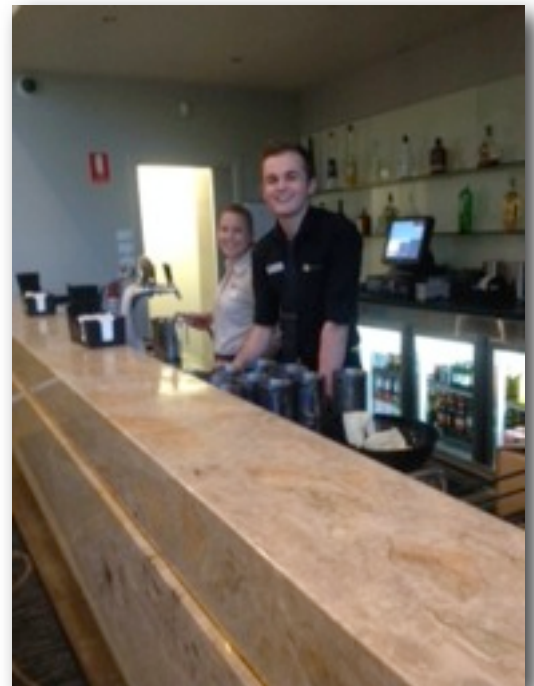
Calendar of Events

CALENDAR KEY:

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

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE? (Details & Contact Info)
March	World Literacy	
Thursday 27	"Guest Speaker" – Rotarian, Mark Mott	Foundry Complex
April	Magazine Month	
Thursday 3	Guest Speaker (Bev Hanson– Soldiers Memorials) & Board Meeting	Foundry Complex
Friday 4 & Saturday 5	Relay for Life	LUBAC – La Trobe Aths. Centre, SPRING GULLY
Thursday 10	Vocational Visit– New Bendigo Library	–Visit begins 6pm SHARP, – Dinner @ Golden Star Chinese
Thursday 17	AM Meeting – Easter	Details to Come
Thursday 24	Guest Speaker – RYPEN representatives	Foundry Complex
25 – 27 April	Working Bee @ Camp Getaway	In Partnership with RC Keilor East
May	Rotary Health	
Thursday 1	Board Meeting/ Club Forum	Foundry Complex
Thursday 8	Guest Speakers– Kevin & Marion Hadingham (Education in the slums of Bhopal)	Foundry Complex
Thursday 15	Vocational Visit	TBC
Thursday 22	Scholarship Night	Foundry Complex
Thursday 29	Guest Speaker – Evan Davies from Organics Bendigo (Health benefits of naturally grown food)	Foundry Complex

MULTICULTURAL DINNER DANCE



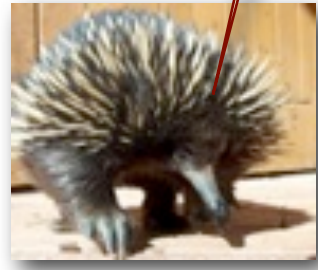
ABOVE: An assortment of photos from our recent Multicultural Dinner Dance held over the weekend. More photos to come!!

CLUB DUTY ROSTER - March (World Literacy Month)

DATE	27th March
ACTIVITY	New Member Talk- Mark Mott
CHAIRMAN	Jim Boyer
CASHIERS	Peter Ryall & Bernie Young
REGALIA	Geoff McKinna
FELLOWSHIP	Graeme Neivandt
RAFFLE	Elaine Harrington
SERGEANT	Gary Pinner

"Oh my goodness, what's happened to our next roster?"

Maybe it'll be in our next bulletin!"



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Easter Friday-Sunday 9am - 5pm
Easter Monday 9am - 1pm
 1000's of books, magazines, records, CDs and DVDs.
 To suit all tastes.

ABSOLUTE BARGAIN PRICES.
 YMCA - Tom Tweed Stadium,
 Mundy Street, Bendigo

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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)- Tony Plant

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-

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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?