

Welcome to this weeks edition of the SignPost...

It seemed last week as though PP Geoff McKinna just couldn't give up the prized position of Chairman for our meeting. Having previously held the office of President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South twice, Geoff was our most senior Rotarian at the meeting last week; dutifully fulfilling the role with plenty of energy and excitement.

We were joined by several visitors last week; potential members, as well as our inbound exchange student, Anna Kollar and Bendigo Strathdale Rotarian, Greg Penno.

However, the emphasis of our last meeting was on getting to know the relatively new Rotarian amongst us, Mark Mott. Mark gave us an excellent overview of his exciting and well travelled life thus far, having visited and spent time in just about every corner of the globe. Mark's journey began in Southampton, England, where at 18 days old, he and his parents flew out to live in Darwin. At just 21 days old, Mark and his parents arrived in Darwin after a long haul flight on a very ancient looking BAOC jet, which by all accounts had to stop every couple of hours to refuel. A journey which took much longer than a similar flight now-a-days. In 1974 at the age of eight, Mark and his family experienced the tragedy of Cyclone Tracey. It was at this point that they travelled some 3,752 km over four days in a small Austin to relocate their lives to Melbourne. After some years the Mott's also moved around to St Kilda, Southampton (again) and then Papua New Guinea. Mark then moved back to Australia to attend senior secondary school at Brisbane Boys College. When it came to a career, Mark began work as an accountant, working for several organisations across the globe. He then became involved in the financial services sector at Westpac, before starting up his own business. After some setbacks, Mark was introduced to BarterCard as a member in 2003. This was where Mark's association with BarterCard originally began, and has now lead to the successful career which he enjoys with them today in their Bendigo office.

Overall, Mark had club members thoroughly intrigued in his presentation, which was carefully crafted so that we didn't know what to expect next. Mark has certainly lead an interesting life, but after all his travels, we are certainly glad that his path lead him to the Rotary Club of Bendigo South. I'm in no doubt that Mark will continue to be a much valued member and asset to the Rotary Club of Bendigo South, as he settles into his membership of the club.

Thanks again for sharing your life story with us Mark. It certainly was a good presentation from someone (who rumour has it) said that they had nothing to tell!

Also at last weeks meeting, exchange student, Anna Kollar shared with us a small video of her presentation at the recent D9800 conference on the Gold Coast. It good to know that Anna has embraced all things Australia, such as eating Vegemite on toast and keeping away from all of the dangerous critters in the backyard.

Looking forward to seeing you all again this week. Please also remember that Ros is taking a few weeks off to visit Turkey, so Ruth O'Connell is the interim Attendance Officer.

Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

Matthew Scott

Director of Club Communications
Rotary Club of Bendigo South

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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)
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

CONGRATULATIONS

- BIRTHDAYS:-**
- 12th April - FRAN DALWOOD
 - 29th April - JIM BOYER
- ANNIVERSARIES:-**
- 6th April - PETER RYALL
 - 23rd April - HELENE BROWN
 - 29th April - RUTH O'CONNELL



"I hope that Anna didn't count me, the Echidna, as one of the scary Australian creatures which she has had to contend with during her stay in Australia!"

Upcoming Rotary BBQ's

- Relay for Life - April 5th
- Bendigo Easter Festival (Good Friday) - April 18th

Contact Bernie Young to volunteer.

CLUB DUTY ROSTER - April (Magazine Month)

DATE	3rd April	10th April	17th April	24th April
ACTIVITY	Soldiers Memorial Talk/ Board Meeting	Library Visit	AM Meeting- Easter Cafe Twenty2	Guest Speaker- RYPEN
CHAIRMAN	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	Tony Plant
CASHIERS	Peter Ryall & Mark Mott	Geoff McKinna & Mark Mott	Peter Ryall & Mark Mott	Mark Mott & Matthew Scott
REGALIA	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
FELLOWSHIP	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	Ros Chenery
RAFFLE	George Ellis	VACANT	George Ellis	VACANT
SERGEANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	Terry Dalwood

CLUB DUTY ROSTER - May (Rotary Health Month)

DATE	1st May	8th May	15th May	22nd May
ACTIVITY	Club Forum	Guest Speaker- Education in the slums of Bhopal	Vocational Visit- TBC	Scholarship Night
CHAIRMAN	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	Tony Plant
CASHIERS	Mark Mott & VACANT	Mark Mott & VACANT	Mark Mott & VACANT	Mark Mott & VACANT
REGALIA	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
FELLOWSHIP	VACANT	Ros Chenery	VACANT	VACANT
RAFFLE	Ros Chenery	VACANT	VACANT	Geoff McKinna
SERGEANT	Tony Plant	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT

ANNA'S REPORT (Inbound Exchange Student from Hungary)

Dear members of Rotary,

I was really busy this month! I took part in our District Conference. I feel very lucky because we had it on the beautiful Gold Coast. On the first night we went to a Hawaiian party, which was really entertaining. The second day we had the flag presentation and handed out some presents to the guest speakers.

At night we had the club dinner, so I joined the Rotary Club of Bendigo. On the last day of the conference we did our 30-second long speeches. In the afternoon I met my Australian host sister. She stayed at my house in Hungary for 8 months and we spent a good afternoon on the beach. The water and the weather is so much warmer up there. I liked it very much!

After this amazing experience it was hard to come back to school on Tuesday, but preparing for athletics kept me excited. I won the shot put and came 3rd in discus on athletics. I had the chance to go to a conference of another district in Bendigo and met six exchange students from all over the world.

I also went to a Rotary lunch in Daylesford and spent a nice day around with my host family. I tried two totally new sports for me this month: cricket and netball. I don't think cricket is my game, but I really enjoyed playing netball and I joined the netball team in my school.

I was catching up with my second host family and my next one as well. I am moving after Safari which is going to be sad because I feel very settled at my current place, but I understand the importance of different experiences.

My Polish friend came down for a weekend and we took part in the Multicultural Dinner Dance. We really liked the African music performance and it was good to see that the dance floor was packed. President Helene, my host mum, took us to Hanging Rock, Sea Life and we visited a Hungarian restaurant. It was amazing to eat food that reminds me of home. I strongly recommend to try this restaurant if you want to know what langos, sztrapacska or porkolt is. (The Hungarian, 362 Bridge Rd, Richmond).

I am not going to attend the meetings the next month because I am going to outdoor camp with my school in Torquay, to Tasmania with my host family and Safari with my district and 2 other ones.

I wish everyone a lovely April. See you all in May.



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

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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.

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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?