

# SignPost

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

Well, we are in the peak of Winter and the week is extremely cold. A number of members were away this week in warmer climates.

The Board had a good planning session with ADG Grant. Thank you for attending and the input into the discussion from Board Members.

Our weekly meeting seemed a little different with no exchange student Anna present. She was given a great farewell by the Club and has since arrived home in Hungary to resume her previous life.

It was good to see the new laptop in use this week, with the presentation and discussion of the 2014/15 Business Plan. Two weeks in a row without a technical hitch! As Maxwell Smart used to say, "Amazing."

Thank you to Club members for their contributions and comments concerning the draft Business Plan. The Board discussed all this further, and adopted the draft Business Plan as a Working Document, with some minor modifications for the next 12 months.

The Club will be using the Business Plan throughout the year and reporting against the Plan at the Quarterly Forums.

It was great to see Graham back for his trip to America and Maine.

This week our Guest Speaker will be Cr Peter Cox speaking about Heritage in the City of Greater Bendigo, and the role and functions of the Heritage Advisory Committee where Peter is the Chair. Think about heritage, what it means and what we might be able to do to assist the community with heritage appreciation.

Thank you to Matthew for his work on updates and maintenance of the club's web page. It is steadily improving!

See you on the 24th July.

### **LIGHT UP ROTARY!**

Regards,  
Rod Spitty

### ***President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South***



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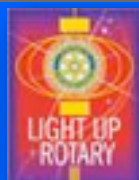
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# ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH -

## Calendar of Events

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE? (Details & Contact Info)
<b>July</b>	<b>NEW ROTARY YEAR</b>	<b>"Light Up Rotary"</b>
Thursday 24	Guest Speaker: Cr Peter Cox "Heritage In Bendigo"	Foundry Complex
Monday 28	RC Next Gen Table Tennis Comp	7pm in Eaglehawk
Thursday 31	Guest Speaker: Kaye Graves Refugee Health in Bendigo	Foundry Complex
<b>August</b>	<b>Membership Month</b>	
Thursday 7	Guest Speaker: Jeremy Forbes HALT- Tradies Suicide Support BOARD MEETING	Foundry Complex
Thursday 14	Guest Speaker: Sharni McKenzie Youth Exchange Student is Home	Foundry Complex
Thursday 21	Vocational Visit- Keech Castings	Powell St, Bendigo
Thursday 28	Bill Ashman Testimonial Dinner	Foundry Complex/ Family Night
<b>September</b>	<b>New Generations Month</b>	<b>"Youth Services"</b>
Thursday 4	DG Murray Verso Visits, Board Meeting	Foundry Complex

## CLUB DUTY ROSTER- July 2014

DATE	24 <sup>th</sup> July	31 <sup>st</sup> July
ACTIVITY	Cr Peter Cox- Bendigo Heritage	Kaye Graves- Refugee Health
CHAIRMAN	Rod Spitty	Vacant
CASHIERS	Jim Boyer & Matthew Scott	Bernie Young & Ros Chenery
REGALIA	Ros Chenery	Andrew Palmer
FELLOWSHIP	Anne Peace	Tony Plant
SERGEANT	Andrew Palmer	Gary Pinner

*"I was hoping to see myself in the draft business plan last week..."*

*Seems I've already been forgotten about now that I no longer sit atop the cashier's table!"*



## Rotary Club of Bendigo South, August 2014 Roster

Theme for month – Membership

Dates	7th	14th	21st	28th
Guest speaker	Jeremy Forbes	Shani McKenzie	Vocational visit Keech Castings	Bill Ashman Testimonial
Chair Person	Steven Lee	Ros Chenery	Geoff McKinna	Terry Dalwood
Cashiers		Matthew Scott		Matthew Scott
Regalia and badges.	Ian Ellis		N/A	Emily Mudge
Fellowship				
Sergeant	Lindsay Jackson	Terry Dalwood	N/A	Wendy Learmount

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

## ROTARY & THE KAREN COMMUNITY

Recently Bendigo South Rotarian, Tony Plant visited Bendigo Senior Secondary College, where several local Karen students discussed their RYPEN and youth sailing experiences.

According to Tony, this was a most worthwhile experience and accompanying him on the day were several Rotarians from other local clubs.



### Other Notices:

- Club Anniversary for Jim Boyer - July 26th.
- Club Dues are now due! See Treasurer Greg Noonan to pay by monthly installments.
- Thanks to the Addy for publishing an article about Anna (our former exchange student) in last Wednesday's paper.



# ANNA'S FINAL REPORT

Dear Rotarians,

I am writing my last monthly report and maybe when you will read it, I won't even be on the same continent with you. June and July were very busy for me. I travelled quite a bit. My current host family took me to Gold Coast for a week where I improved my surfing, not so much my fishing skills because I got seasick. We went to Seaworld and Dreamworld. Both of the theme parks were really fun! I even saw some dolphins and whales.

I went to Bendigo Senior Secondary College for 2 days and I loved how that school differs from Girton. It was more like my school back home.

On my last day at Girton I had to do a speech in front of the whole school on assembly which was a bit scary for me but I was proud of myself when I did it.

I went to Philip Island to see the penguins and to the chocolate factory and I spent a day in Gippsland on a farm.

But the most important event was my 18th birthday! I was lucky enough to organise a small party with my school friends. It was a going away party as well. Everybody had a lot of fun and my host mum made me a TimTam cake. I can't be grateful enough to everyone who made this special day extra special. I will never forget about it.

I had only one more thing on my wish list and with the help of my first host family I could tick all of them. Gary and Sharon took me to Canberra which I found really interesting. In Europe capital cities are the biggest in a country and people have more opportunities there than everywhere else. Well Canberra is a bit different from this but that's why I loved it. I got a private tour around the Parliament and even got the chance to talk to a politician. We visited the War Monument as well.

As I said I was really busy but not just with travelling, I had to say goodbyes a lot. Saying goodbyes to my best friend and my host families was extremely hard and hurtful. But I am happy we had something that made saying goodbye so hard.

I hope you all enjoyed my presentation last week, if you missed it I will link it at the bottom so you can read through it.

I can't believe it has been a year since you took me under your wings. I can't believe how much I have changed since then. I grow up and became the person I always wanted to be.

I won't disappear, I promise. I will keep you updated. Thank you for everything! You all will always have a special place in my heart.

– Anna Kollar

(Former Inbound Exchange Student to the Rotary Club of Bendigo South)



ABOVE: Anna is greeted by family at the airport in Hungary upon arrival home.

RIGHT: Anna's birthday cake from friends back home in Hungary and departure from Melbourne Airport.

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**NEWS**

## Hungary for a taste of Oz

### Exchange student visits Bendigo

BY GRACE SERPELL

ANNA Kollar arrived on Bendigo soil in August of 2013 and hails from Dabas in Hungary.

After a whirlwind three-week tour of tourist icons she settled into a "real" Australian lifestyle as part of the Rotary Student Exchange program.

Firstly, the 40 students toured Adelaide, Cooper Pedy, Uluru, Kings Canyon, Gold Coast, Sydney and, Ms Kollar's favourite, Great Keppel Island.

Although she enjoyed spending time "snorkeling, swimming with turtles and picking coconuts from the tree" she said it was nice to settle into a community like Bendigo.

The students then

**SADGE:** Anna Kollar wearing her Rotary blazer covered in badges from all over Australia. She has recently visited Bendigo along the way, which she loved.

discovered it is just that "everyone is so friendly". "It is just so honey and I love that I can just walk to school," she said.

"Everyone knows each other here, even when you are just walking down the street."

Ms Kollar decided she

wanted to come to Australia for a challenge.

Getting to Australia was always something Ms Kollar wanted to do.

After her brother went on exchange she decided travel was on her to-do list.

In line with Rotary Exchange criteria, students

move between a number of families during their stay.

Ms Kollar had six host families, five in the Bendigo region and one in Echunga.

"It was good because I got to travel with each of them," she said.

"They took me to Tasmania, the Gold Coast,

Great Ocean Road and Canberra."

Ms Kollar left Australia today.

She said after this trip she planned to come back to Australia though she was not sure when.

She said she hoped to study tourism at university.

**LAUGH:** Anna with her Bendigo friends.

**TOURIST:** Anna is loving Australia.

Pictures: JIM ALDERSEY

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## MEET OUR NEW RI PRESIDENT

### Meet Rotary's New President: Gary C.K. Huang

Rotary's new president, Gary C.K. Huang, shows us the meaning behind the family of Rotary.



Gary Huang played a lot of sports when he was younger, but basketball was his favorite. He was captain and point guard of his high school team. "I'm not tall, but I was quick." He flashes a grin. "I knew how to move the ball and set my team up to win." That was decades ago, but whether in basketball, business, or Rotary, moving the ball continues to be Huang's game. He likes action and progress. He relishes a challenge. When the Rotary Club of Taipei told him he was too young to be a member, he persisted, attending every meeting for nine months until he hooked an invitation at age 30. Since then, he has not stopped moving forward. Five years after joining Rotary, Huang became club president. Then he became Taiwan's youngest district governor, first RI director, and first Rotary Foundation trustee. This month, he becomes the first Chinese president of Rotary International.



# 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- Gary C.K. Huang

RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR- Murray Verso

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS (GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER)-

Grant Hocking (Goldfields South) & Greg Noonan (Goldfields North)

PRESIDENT- Rod Spitty

PRESIDENT ELECT (Club Protection Officer)- Tony Plant

HON. SECRETARY - Mark G. Mott

HON. TREASURER- Greg Noonan

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/ P.R- Bernie Young

COMMUNITY SERVICE- Ian Ellis

ROTARY FOUNDATION & FELLOWSHIP- Helene Brown

VOCATION- Gary Pinner

YOUTH SERVICES- Ros Chenery

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE- Lindsay Jackson

PROGRAM COORDINATOR- Anne Peace & Helene Brown

DIRECTOR OF CLUB COMMUNICATIONS &

ASSISTANT SECRETARY-

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 6:15pm, Nancy Long Dining Room, La Trobe Uni.

**BENDIGO NEXT GENERATION-** Wednesday 6:30pm, 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, The Wine Tavern, Moore Street.

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3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?