

Rotary

SignPost

Bendigo South



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MEETS THURSDAYS

6pm for 6:30pm

@ THE FOUNDRY HOTEL

"Connect to the Community"

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Welcome to this week's edition of the Signpost

I would like to firstly once again make recognition on behalf of our club the contribution Erma Hoare made in her very full life to the wider community. Those members, past and present, who attended the funeral service last week heard wonderful testimony from a range of speakers of all the various groups and organisations Erma contributed to. The decision our club made to honour Erma with a Paul Harris Fellow was indeed a wise and well justified. Erma from what was stated by a number of speakers, held this award in very high regard. Once again our thoughts and best wishes are extended to Bill and family members.

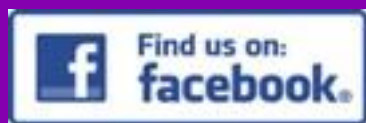
At the meeting held on Thursday Feb 11 our membership committee, headed by Rod Spitty, made a presentation outlining three possible innovations for future trialling. Firstly that the club develops a corporate membership model and then places it in the lap of up to seven possible local organisations and companies to gauge interest or otherwise. Secondly, that an attendance percentage to measure membership engagement is perhaps not as relevant as it once was in the past and should not hinder future recruitment of new members. As has been the actual practice of our recent club boards- leniency has been granted to those members who have experienced difficulty coming to meetings as perhaps contrary to current Rotary International rules would require. Is it possible to see what we are actually doing becoming accepted rotary rules in the near future? Following on from this we are challenged to be more innovative as to how those members who may find regular meeting attendance difficult to still engage and contribute to the club and the rotary cause in other ways. Ideas such as using technology via Skype, face book and probably other ways I know nothing about. My view would be that by possibly embracing any of these new ideas we would still maintain many of the current ways our club successfully functions but may be able to further enhance our ranges and styles of rotary membership to offer greater opportunities to some members of the public to become Rotarians who may not do so under the current structures.

I would strongly recommend that all members read the latest *Rotary Down Under* as it has a plethora of interesting articles, especially from younger Rotarians as to the ways they are wrestling with many of the same challenges that we have identified in making rotary membership more attractive to a younger audience. We can be like some clubs and *play ostriches* and stay in denial believing that the status quo suits us fine. After all it has been good enough in the past so there is no need to explore change. Since returning to Bendigo South three years ago I have observed that this has not been this club's style. It is now a club of innovation and prepared to take some risks. Risks can mean failure and from time to time somethings will not work out. However if there is nothing ventured there is nothing gained.

Finally, as your club President, I implore all members to please maintain the respect for all other member's views no matter how contrary to what you as an individual may think to be right. We will enter periods of quite robust debate during this review process I have no doubt. I will be encouraging new suggestions and ideas and those members who take the time to put these forward deserve our encouragement and only constructive and reasoned comments. I look forward to working with all members to make this review process during the next 18 months a challenging but most beneficial exercise for not only the benefit of our club moving forward but for the future of Rotary as an ongoing service organisation.

Tony Plant

President – Bendigo South Rotary Club



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ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE?
February	Rotary Theme: World Understanding	
18 th	Brian Thomas Recreation Vehicle fellowship	Foundry Hotel
21 st	BBQ 6pm	Golden Nugget Park - Epsom Recreational Vehicle fellowship
23 rd	BBQ 11 am – 2pm Latrobe Uni “O” week	Latrobe Uni Edwards Rd, Kennington
25 th	Sports Dinner Carolyn Wilson & Graeme Smokey Dawson	Ullumburra Theatre
28 th	BBQ Lunch District 9790 Conference	Roslyn Park
March	Rotary Theme: Literacy	
3 rd	Guest speaker – Jacinta Allen Member for Bendigo East Board Meeting	Foundry Hotel
3 rd	Innovation Membership Committee Meeting	Foundry Hotel
6 th	Adopt a Highway cleanup 8.30am start	
10 th	No meeting due to District Conference	
11 th – 13 th	District Conference	Bendigo
14 th	District 9800 BBQ Lunch	Roslyn Park
17 th	Social St. Patrick’s Day Green Theme including green cake Limerick /joke session with red/white wine	Foundry Hotel
19 th	LCMS Family Day BBQ 10am – 4pm	Hargreaves Mall
24 th	Father Rod Easter Breakfast meeting	
25 th , 26 th , 27 th & 28 th	BBQ’s – TBC	



Rod Spitty & Brenton Johnson at Foundry Hotel on February 11th



Donations being made to various organisations from the Bendigo Swap meet

February CLUB DUTY ROSTER

Date			18	25
Topic			Recreation Vehicle F'ship	No meeting - Sports Dinner Ulumburra
Guest Speaker			Dr Leon & Jeanette Lynch	
Chair			Anne Peace	
Cashiers			George Ellis Bernie Young	
Regalia/Fellowship			Ros Chenery	
Sergeant			Gary Pinner	

All Rotarians on duty must arrive before 6pm on the night.
If you are unable to complete your duty please arrange a substitute.

Attendance Officer: Ros Chenery 0407 802 801 ros.chenery@visionaustralia.org

Birthdays and Induction Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to the following Members

Terry Dalwood	23 February
Ken Briggs	25 February

Happy Induction Anniversary to the following Members

Eddie Beer	15 February
Lindsay Jackson	23 February

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

WHO'S WHO?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT: K.R. "RAVI" Ravindran

RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR: Julie Mason

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS (GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER):

Gary McClure (Goldfields South) & Greg Noonan (Goldfields North)

PRESIDENT: Tony Plant

SECRETARY / CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER: Bernie Young

TREASURER: Greg Noonan

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/ P.R: Rod Spitty

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Gary Pinner

CLUB SERVICE: Ros Chenery

ROTARY FOUNDATION: Anne Peace

VOCATION: Ruth O'Connell

YOUTH SERVICES: Matthew Scott

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: Steven Lee

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Rod Spitty / Anne Peace

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS: Matthew Scott

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

BENDIGO NEXT GENERATION: Wednesday 6:30pm, Shamrock Hotel

ECHUCA MOAMA: Tuesday 6pm, Border Inn Moama

BENDIGO SANDHURST: Wednesday 7am, BRIT Restaurant

EAGLEHAWK: Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

ROCHESTER: Thursday 6pm, The Court House building, Moore Street (Opp. G. Nelson Motors).

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

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THE FOUR WAY TEST

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?