

Rotary Club of Bendigo South **SIGNPOST**

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Meets Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Lakeview Hotel (TBC weekly)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our last meeting was in two parts. Firstly Milton Long from Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Inc spoke to us about the Scholarship program for students in Maubisse, Timor Leste. As you are aware we currently sponsor four girls to complete their secondary education. Historically, in 2006, an initiative by the State Government saw Bendigo paired with Maubisse and a Friendship Group was formed. Ongoing projects include teacher training, art classes and community art activities as well as the education scholarships.

Being Remembrance Day, after we had dined, Heather Nixon gave an informative talk about how Armistice Day became Remembrance Day to embrace all wars that have involved Australian servicemen and women; the bombing of Darwin; the fact there is no War Cemetery in Darwin as the ground is too hard to dig, hence the Cemetery at Adelaide River. Adelaide River was the Headquarters of a large Military Base in WW2 and the Cemetery was created for the burial of servicemen who died in this part of Australia. There is interesting reading to be had by googling Adelaide River War Cemetery. Heather finished her presentation by asking us to join in a minute's silence.

Next week is our AGM. Heather will again be on call to demonstrate our fairly recently purchased defibrillator machine. The following week will be a tour of Langley Hall with the new owners, Thomas and Simone Heywood. Partners are welcome. After the 6.00 – 7.00 tour we will adjourn to the Lakeview for dinner and Fellowship.

FYI I am performing with the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra in the Ulumbarra Theatre on December 11 and 12. This should be a delightful concert for those of you hanging out for some live classical music!

Merlyn Quaife AM



Club meeting 11 November 2021



Guest Speaker Milton Long from Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Inc being thanked by meeting chair and International Service Director Heather Nixon for his presentation on Maubisse school scholarships.



President Merlyn presents Clive Hughes with the Max Ellis award for the 2020/21 Rotary year. This is the Presidential award 'For dedicated and selfless service by a Non-Board member'. Congratulations Clive!

Many thanks to those that supply articles and photos for the Signpost

Environment news

The club has responded to RI and D9800 embracing Protection of the Environment as a key Rotary cause by appointing an Environment Sub-committee under Community Service Director Zoe Pocock. The Environment Subcommittee comprises: Bernie Young (Convenor), Paul Gibbons, Lindsay Jolley. Other interested members of course are welcome to participate.

Club Environment goals 2021-22

GOAL	PROGRESS
Seedling project to revegetate farmland for East Gippsland fire aid	2,00 native seedlings (7 species) propagated and raised by members to planting size. Planting by club members in Gippsland not able to proceed. All seedlings sold or donated to groups for planting in central Victoria in spring 2021.
Support Ironbark Gully Friends to restore the natural values of Ironbark Gully	Participate on IGF committee. Assist planting and wedding 7, 14 & 21 August; and frog pond construction and planting 31 October.
Mclvor Highway clean up – protect roadside vegetation and recycle recyclables	Clean up dates:
Scope Disability Support Services - establish and maintain native vegetation plantings	X number working bees undertaken to plant native species, mulching and weeding.
Camp Getaway plantings and natural area maintenance (projects to be identified)	
Support Junortoun Honeyeater Nature Reserve revegetation project	Members assisted at 1 native tree planting working bee.
Support Foodshare (keep surplus food out of landfill/green recycle composting)	
Supply trees and assist Strathallan Family Landcare Group with planting on Campaspe River frontage, Rochester, for Squirrel Glider habitat	Members attended 2 day working bee planting our donated native seedlings.
Guest speakers on environment themes.	Andrew Maclean, Landcare Victoria
Club member guided inspection tour – eg O’Keeffe Rail Trail gully wetlands project with responsible CGB Ranger Mark Touhey, in conjunction with Ironbark Gully Friends	

Climate change

Sub-committee member Lindsay is interested to hear from any members who have thoughts about things that the club may wish to participate in or promote on the topical theme of climate change. Please contact Lindsay if you have any passionate ideas that you would like to champion.

D9800 Environment and Sustainability Committee

D9800 has formed an Environment and Sustainability Committee, which produces a monthly newsletter titled ESential News (capitalization intended). The latest copy is attached to this Signpost. Interested members may request to be added to the email distribution list.

Local natural environment Facebook page

Members who wish to share and/or increase their knowledge about the local natural environment may wish to join a Facebook group hosted by local naturalist Felicity Johnson. Search for Northern and North Central Victorian Biodiversity, request to join, and enjoy the regular postings from keen naturalists across our region.

You will see many images like these plants seen flowering around Bendigo recently:



Pink Fingers orchid



Flying Duck-orchid



Purplish Beard Orchid



Common Everlasting



Cat's Claws Grevillea



Magenta Stork's-bill

Happy successful auction bidders enjoying their investment!



Rose and Glenn Madden having way too much fun taking turns at the wheel on their Warrnambool trip in Emily's classic and beautifully presented Ford Mustang.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER PROGRAM

(NOTE - The program for November & December is dependent on the COVID situation).

November	Venue	Program
Thurs Nov 18 th	Lake View Hotel	Annual General Meeting, defibrillator demonstration, & Social night. Chair - Paul Gibbons *** Board meeting to follow ***
Thurs Nov 25 th	Langley Hall 484 Napier Street White Hills	Inspect Langley Hall, 6-7pm. Chair Merlyn Quaife Meal to follow at Lakeview Hotel
Thurs Dec 2 nd	Lakeview Hotel	Guest Speaker- Matt Maudlin, Rotary Outreach Myeloma Program Chair - Merlyn Quaife
Thurs Dec 9 th	Lakeview Hotel	Guest Speaker - Toni West CEO Impact Recovery followed by Board Meeting Chair - Rod Spitty
Thurs Dec 16	Mechanics Institute California Gully	Inspection of club storage facility, and Christmas dinner
Thurs 13 January	Tony and Betty Plant's home	Social night to resume Rotary year

Rotary

District 9800



THE FOUR WAY TEST

- Is it the TRUTH
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned

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



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WHO'S WHO?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT: Shekhar Mehti
RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR: Dale Hoy

CLUB PRESIDENT	Merlyn Quaife AM
SECRETARY	Paul Gibbons
TREASURER	Greg Noonan
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR	Mark Tracy
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR	Heather Nixon
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR	Zoe Pocock
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	Tony Plant
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR	Rod Spitty
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER	Geoff McKinna
ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR	Peter Kilpatrick
FUND-RAISING and FINANCE	Gary Pinner
CLUB COMMUNICATIONS	Matthew Scott
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Sue Duncan

CLUSTER CLUB MEETING TIMES

DISTRICT 9800 GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER ROTARY CLUBS

RC KANGAROO FLAT: Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park

Secretary - Geoff Wakefield 0408510218

RC BENDIGO: Tuesday 12:45pm, Bendigo Club, Park Street, Kennington.

Secretary: Danielle Ioniescu – 5444 0190 secretary@rotarybendigo.org.au

RC ECHUCA MOAMA: Tuesday 6pm, Moama Bowling Club, Shaw Street, Moama.

RC BENDIGO SANDHURST: Wednesday 7.30am, New Meeting Venue to be advised.

Secretary: John Harkin – 0409957000

RC EAGLEHAWK: Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

Contact on 0428468298 eaglehawkrotary@gmail.com

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

Contact - Heather Watson on 0439842177

RC CASTLEMAINE: Wednesday 6:30pm, The Cumberland Hotel

Secretary - Lyndal McClure 044339116