

Rotary Club of Bendigo South SIGNPOST



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*Meets Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Foundry Hotel
High Street Golden Square.*

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President's report

Club meeting 14 June

Our guest speaker this week was Tashara Roberts, Indigenous Engagement and Capacity Building Officer at Bendigo TAFE, and artist, among other things. I offered Tashara an open brief for her talk, as I knew she was well placed to speak on all aspects of Indigenous community life in Bendigo, and not just her role supporting Indigenous students at Bendigo TAFE. Tashara eloquently covered a lot of ground, and showed she is a passionate advocate for her community, and is very active on a range of community groups.

We learnt about some of the challenges facing Indigenous students in Bendigo, and the reasons why closing the gap is still a priority. Fortunately, education is the one 'closing the gap' measure that is improving. Tashara was willing to share some of her own life story to demonstrate how a help-along can make a significant difference in someone's life trajectory. Tashara recognises the importance of building cultural awareness to help to break down barriers and promote reconciliation, and can further assist our club and others in developing this knowledge and understanding.

Our partners at RC Kangaroo Flat are assisting with catering for a careers expo convened by Bendigo Senior Secondary School and Bendigo TAFE for Indigenous students in Bendigo next week. Tashara was busy with Reconciliation Week in early June, and Bendigo will launch about two weeks of activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week in early July. Look out for activities of interest to you.

Tashara identified a range of areas where service clubs and individuals can make a difference, and Rod and I will investigate some ideas with Tashara and the incoming Board.

Gary provided an update on the two recent BBQs that provided a significant boost to our coffers. Thanks to those members who volunteered for these final couple of wintry club activities for the year. We had an update on Bill Ashman who is battling a few medical challenges at present. And I was asked to promote a presentation hosted by Rural Australians for Refugees Bendigo on Friday 22 June at 7.30pm at the Engine Room, View Street Bendigo. Contact me if you are interested.

This week our guest speaker is the inimitable Victor Saelens, raconteur extraordinaire. Don't miss this once in a lifetime presentation on Victor's achievements and fun and games as a young man in Oz as he makes his final farewell. See you then.

Cheers

Bernie Young

PHOTO GALLERY



Our guest speaker this week spoke broadly on the theme of Indigenous engagement and awareness.



Guest speaker Tashara Roberts Chair being thanked by chair for the evening Bernie Young.

Annie North project update



I delivered 17 bags filled by Ruth and myself last Sunday to Annie North, along with some tea towels and a Coles gift card donated by Maureen Plant. Much appreciated and thanks to all who donated bags, toiletries, perfumes etc. A volunteer pack is being developed and Rotarians who have put up their hands to assist will be contacted in the not too distant future.

Merlyn Quaife

Editor's note

Thanks to Maureen Plant who requested her employer to convert her long service recognition into a voucher that could be utilized by a charity, a new innovation for that business.

CLUB PROGRAM

June 2018 theme: Rotary Fellowships

Thurs 7 June	Kylee McCalman new member talk. Board meeting.	Foundry
Thurs 14 June	Tashara Roberts, TAFE Indigenous Engagement Officer	Foundry
Thurs 21 June	Victor Saelens farewell YE presentation	Foundry
Thurs 28 June	Club changeover dinner	Shamrock Hotel

CLUB DUTY ROSTER

Date	Thurs 7 June	Thurs 14 June	Thurs 21 June	Thurs 28 June
Topic	Member talk	TAFE Indigenous programs	Final YE student presentation	Changeover dinner
Guest Speaker	Kylee McCalman	Tashara Roberts	Victor Saelens	
Chair	Gary Pinner	Trevor Hawking	Peter Simmons	Tom Campbell
Cashiers	Trevor Hawking Maureen Plant	Merlyn Quaife Clive Hughes	Tom Campbell Trevor Phillips	
Room set up		Rod Spitty	Bernie Young	
Welcome		Graham Neivandt	Geoff McKinna	Rod and Bernie
Technology	Bernie Young	Tony Plant	Elizabeth Bell	
Photography	Clive Hughes	Bernie Young	Clive Hughes	Clive Hughes

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Thursday 28 June	Changeover Dinner	Shamrock Hotel	Rod Spitty
Wednesday 20 July	Science & Eng Challenge	Girton Grammar	Rod Spitty
Sunday 12 August	Strengthen Clubs workshop	Gateway Park Kang Flat	Rod Spitty

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.

CLUSTER CLUB MEETING TIMES

DISTRICT 9800 GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER ROTARY CLUBS

RC KANGAROO FLAT: Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park

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

RC BENDIGO STRATHDALE: Tuesday 6:15pm, Bendigo Club, Park Street, Kennington.

RC ECHUCA MOAMA: Tuesday 6pm, The Mercure, High Street, Echuca.

RC BENDIGO SANDHURST: Wednesday 7.30am, Bridge Hotel, Water Street.

RC EAGLEHAWK: Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

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

WHO'S WHO?

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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