

Rotary Club of Bendigo South

SIGNPOST

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Meets Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Bendigo Tennis Centre (TBC)

Rotary Opens Opportunities



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR SIGNPOST DECEMBER 19th 2020

Greetings all!

This week we enjoyed our annual Christmas Party, with the highlight of the meeting being the performance by the AGAPANTHUS quartet who led us in Carol Singing. We thank them sincerely for their efforts which were greatly appreciated by all present.

I also wish to thank Jenni Hughes for table decorations and Bernie for his great work on the Cashiers desk. Their efforts all contributed to an excellent end to 2020.

Thanks again to all members and families that gave support to our Christmas Toy Appeal through the Uniting Church. We gave them a \$600 voucher for TOYWORLD.

The Board Members recommend completion of the meeting survey that Secretary Tony has sent out to all members and a reminder that all replies need to be completed by the end of the year please.

Results will be displayed at our first meeting back in 2021, the traditional BBQ Gala at ALLIES ROAD on January 7 the More details to follow next year on that event.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and look forward to catching up in the New Year!

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The Rotary Club of Bendigo South-
"Connect to the Community"



District Governor's Message:

Season's Greetings

We will hear the same sentiment expressed many times over coming weeks, as we speed toward 2021...what a year 2020 has been!

Whilst no one has been spared the impact of COVID-19 and the economic decline, I feel so proud of the way Rotarians have supported one another and our communities despite the difficulties. We have been reminded that Rotarians are one family; we have seen the resilience of clubs; and, we have embraced new ways of staying connected. Even though many projects have had to be postponed, especially youth and international, many others at a local level have come into sharp focus, particularly in the areas of mental health, homelessness and the environment. Rotarians have shown amazing creativity in seeking safe ways of addressing these issues, providing the support to those in need, or undertaking home-based projects such as creating bee-friendly gardens. It is only when you reflect on these things in the context of a pandemic, that you realise the special nature of Rotarians.

Some of the highlights over the last six months for me have been the wonderful participation in the Morning Teas, the Rotary in Harmony Concerts and the Business Leaders Breakfasts. Our District has continued to grow; we have chartered new satellite clubs; and, launched new projects and events. I have had the privilege of working alongside an incredibly dedicated District Leadership Team and Board, not to mention many individuals who have upheld the values and spirit of Rotary's Four-Way Test during challenging times. Through club Zoom meetings and *Networker* articles, I have met and read about so many remarkable Rotarians, whose dedication to service above self is humbling. How lucky we are to be part of such a wonderful and inspiring organisation that introduces us to extraordinary individuals! We are ladies and gentlemen serving ladies and gentlemen.

As we head into the Festive Season, I want to thank each of you for all that you have done, and continue to do for Rotary and your communities. Both Tricia and I extend our very best wishes to you for a peaceful and happy holiday, and a fantastic year ahead that will be safe for everyone.

Merry Christmas!

Philip Archer

Rotary District 9800 Governor



Bendigo South Rotary Club Christmas Party



The Agapanthus Quartet welcomed everyone to the Christmas Party then proceeded to entertain us, inviting us to join in, with Christmas Carols – wonderful!



President Paul



Our Assistant Governor, Graeme Lynas



Secretary Tony, with our Instructions!



Christmas Tree Humour.....

- What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy? Orna-mints!
- Why are Christmas trees so fond of the past? Because the present's beneath them.
- What do you call cutting down a Christmas tree? Christmas chopping!
- Why are Christmas trees so bad at knitting? They have too many needles.
- What happens if you eat Christmas decorations? You get tinsel-it is.
- Who is a Christmas tree's favorite singer? Spruce Springsteen.
- What do you get when you mix a Christmas tree and an iPad? A pineapple!
- What did one Christmas tree say to another? Lighten up!
- What month does a Christmas tree hate the most? Sep-timber!



Christmas Greetings from Germany!



Lovely Luisa!



Well well his name is Mathis, he is veery very polite and as nice and clever as me 😊😊



G'day from not so cold but rainy Germany!!

I send Sue some photos the other day and she said I should transfer them so that the club can see them... Here we go :)

I've been doing okay over the past weeks, not much of Christmas markets and singing carols this year...at the moment we are finding ourselves in lockdown, just started a second one now and I didn't have to go to school the week before Christmas holidays started - exams weren't cancelled though... I hope you're all doing amazing down in Bendigo - miss you all and hope to get to see you next year!

Best wishes from Essen!!

Ps: our tree is no plastic tree ;)

Luisa



Thursday January 7th, 2021 - Allies Road Welcome Back Function

Details to follow



Please contact Rod with your ideas for our meetings on 0402883747 or rspitty@gmail.com

Please Don't Forget:

- Complete the attached survey – we want to hear your thoughts
- The Lord Tavernor's Raffle details are attached

The Sporting Chance Raffle

(In conjunction with the Taverner's Australia)

Taverners Australia has been present for over 36 years.
Giving a sporting chance.

LUCKY LOTTO

Lucky Lotto Winner for 19/12/20 is number #13 – Maureen Plant

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



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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:	Mark Maloney
RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR:	Philip Archer
ASS'T GOVERNOR (Goldfields South):	Graeme Lynas

CLUB PRESIDENT:	Paul Gibbons
SECRETARY:	Tony Plant
TREASURER:	Greg Noonan
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR:	Kay McLaughlin
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:	Heather Nixon
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR:	Merlyn Quaife
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:	Sue Duncan
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR:	Rod Spitty
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER:	Geoff McKinna
ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR:	Glenn Madden
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

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

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

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

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