

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

At our first Meeting for 2022, it was a great honour for Past President Paul Gibbons to finally be able to present Julie Oberin, CEO of Annie North Women's Refuge and Domestic Violence Service (Bendigo), with her Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for exceptional Services to the Community. Prior to the presentation Julie spoke to the small gathering of Club Members on Zoom about the achievements and plans for Annie North Women's Refuge. Our Club has an on-going relationship with Annie North which started with the donation of the BBQ and outdoor furniture and continues with gardening on a weekly basis – we have four teams of two Club Members who rotate. Our Club has also donated Share the Dignity handbags, children's clothing, art equipment, toys and books over the past few years.

Family violence has unfortunately increased during Covid Lockdowns. Annie North provides shelter, safety and support for affected families, counselling and fast-tracking services. Julie talked about the added difficulties Covid has created, for example 'Conversations over Cooking' could not really be implemented. They also plan to introduce the Stephanie Alexander Education Program based on food – growing, cooking etc. The feedback from women who have needed to use their services is glowing. Annie North provides care and is non-judgemental, creating trust and healing for their clients enabling them to move forward. Our hearty congratulations go to Julie and her team for the work they do.

There are no Australia Day activities for us to be involved in this year so **we will have a Zoom Meeting at 7.00 on Thursday night**. Emily Mudge will be doing a Member's Talk for us about the company she works for which should be very interesting. Emily, who is our Community Service Committee Chair is brimming with passion and ideas!!

If you wish to participate in an Australia Day on-line event there is a Dawn First Nations event as advertised on SBS and NITV and a Rotary event at lunchtime. All members should have received an email about this – a free event but requires making a booking.

See you on-line Thursday night!!

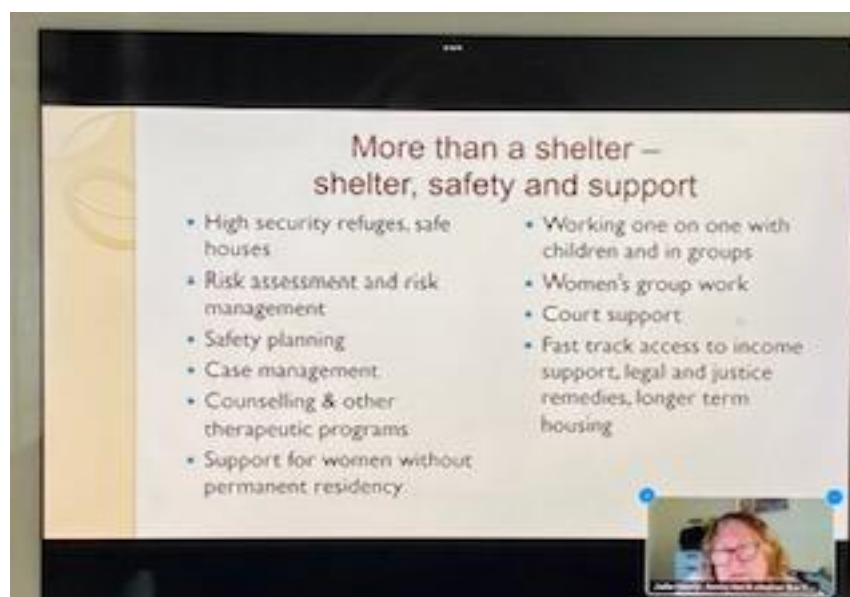
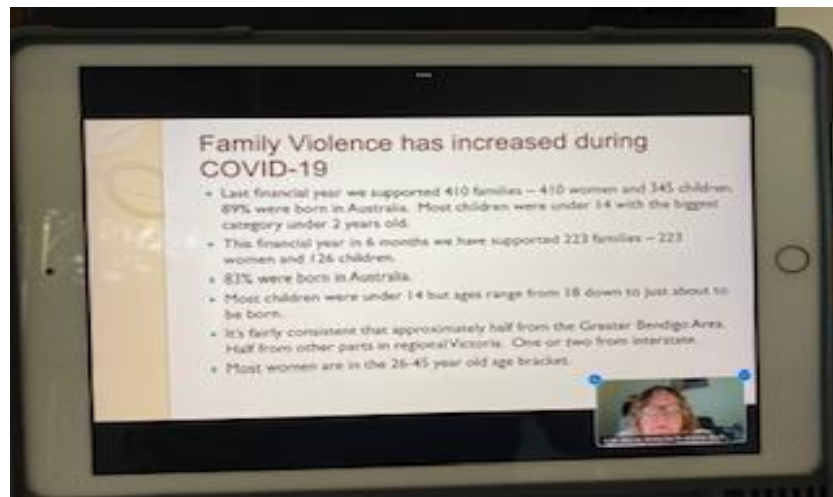
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Our Zoom Meeting with Julie Oberin & Helen Horgan, Guest Speakers – Annie North Women's Refuge

Please see link for more information:

<https://championsofchangecoalition.org/resource/playing-our-part-a-framework-for-workplace-action-on-domestic-and-family-violence/>



Out attentive members!



NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION



Dear Rotary member,

You're invited to an action-packed hour of online entertainment as we "Reflect, Respect & Celebrate" our wonderful nation on Australia Day!

Join Master of Ceremonies Amanda Wendt, Governor-elect District 9800, as we hear from our Zone 8 Director, Dr Jessie Harman, who will update us with valuable and exciting information on Rotary's current and future directions.

A line-up of inspirational speakers will talk about Environment Sustainability, the Rotary Foundation, and news about some amazing training in trauma life support being given to Palestinian doctors.

You will also be entertained by top-class performances from Australian musical artists Josh Piterman, Alison Jones and Lisa Edwards.

Don't miss this wonderful event.

Australia Day, Wednesday, 26th January

12 noon to 1.00p.m. AEST

Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/national-australia-day-broadcast>

Kind Regards,

Grace Ramirez

Manager, International Office and Financial Services

JANUARY & FEBRUARY PROGRAM

(NOTE - The program for January & February is dependent on the COVID situation).

JANUARY	VENUE	PROGRAM
Wed Jan 26th		Australia Day
Thurs Jan 27 th	ZOOM 7pm start	Membership Talk - Emily Mudge Chair - Tony Plant.
Thurs 3 rd Feb	Lakeview Hotel (covid permitting) 6-6:30 start	Directors Reports/Club Forum - October to December Chair - Merlyn
Thurs 10 th Feb	Camp Getaway	Inspection, meal, fellowship. TBC from Paul based on COVID conditions - suggest members only, no partners. Chair - Paul/Graham
Thurs 17 th Feb	TBA	Guest speaker from Tibet (arranged by Greg Noonan) - confirmed Chair - Greg Noonan
Sun 20 th Feb	TBA	Disc Golf - Social - organised by Greg Penno
Thurs 24 th Feb	TBA	Guest speaker - Michael Deschepper - Wintringham - Homeless Women Chair - Jan Pagliaro

Note:

1. Zoom meetings are set for the next two meetings.
2. The club maintains a weekly meeting commitment.
3. Review program from a COVID perspective after 3rd February.

January 27th Meeting 7.00 pm via ZOOM



ROTARY 9800 CONFERENCE! LETS GO!!!

A poster for the Rotary District 9800 Conference 2022, set against a background of a large tree and a body of water. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent dark rectangle.

Rotary District 9800  **Conference 2022** 22nd to 24th April
Let's Get Together in Albury

Rotarian, Partners & Friends Early Bird (until 23rd February):	\$395
Rotarian, Partners & Friends (after 23rd February):	\$430
First-time attendee:	\$330
Rotaractor:	\$330
Foundation Breakfast:	\$30
Gala Dinner:	\$90 (for those not attending the full Conference)

Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWKQC>

Meditation Garden for Students at Buddhist School



Thanks to the support of a District Grant and Rotary Daylesford, the students of the Daylesford Dharma School now have a "Meditation Garden" consisting of herb and tea plantings: a garden that engenders a calm and peaceful environment and quiet contemplation.

Under the direction of a professional stone wall builder, eight Rotarians and one Friend of Rotary were involved in a project constructing two stone walls.

Despite the interruptions of the many COVID lockdowns and restrictions, the project was completed successfully. Those Rotarians who participated in the project developed an understanding of the skills and techniques required in building a stone wall, including the selection of the correct shape and size of rocks and boulders and placing them in place.

As part of the approximately 60 hours' work creating the Meditation Garden, Rotarians weeded and mulched the tea garden area. Past President David Stagg provided his tractor to assist in carting stones and mulch.

The Daylesford Dharma School is based on Buddhist philosophy. Thanks to the efforts of a small group of dedicated Rotarians, the children of this small local school now have a pleasant and beautiful space to mediate and connect spiritually.

Rotary Clubs in Fiji and New Zealand partner to provide face masks for Fijians



In Fiji, the daily numbers of Covid-19 are rising exponentially, and Rotary Fiji is extremely active on a daily basis helping those in dire need. One incredible initiative has seen collaboration between Lanaco Company in NZ and Rotary in New Zealand and Fiji that is the donation and distribution of N95 face masks to the underprivileged in Fiji.

Women in Rotary 

SAVE THE DATE

International Women's Day Breakfast

Wednesday, March 9th
7:30 - 9:00 AM
Sofitel Melbourne + Online



Women Thriving in Stem:
Our future is in innovation and advancing technology

Hear from international and national experts as they explore both the advantages and possible ethical issues of technology while discussing the challenges of creating a healthy work-life balance for women.

This event is brought to you by Rotary Brighton North & Rotary Melbourne

www.lwd.org.au

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:
RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR:

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Dale Hoy

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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