

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 21 June

Bonjour! The last regular club meeting for the 2017/18 Rotary year was a significant and moving occasion as we farewelled popular French youth exchange student Victor Saelens. As a budding broadcast journalist, Victor was well prepared and spoke eloquently and off the cuff to an artfully crafted selection of photos of his many and varied experiences in Bendigo and across Australia. Chairperson for the evening was Youth Exchange Counsellor Peter Simmons, armed with the 2017/18 item of regalia du jour, the baguette.

Exposure to AFL football was one of the cultural experiences for Victor, both playing (with some comical results) and watching at the local and highest level, so Youth Service Director Glenn presented Victor with a Geelong themed football as a memento. Club visitor and French born Bendigonian Patrice Ringuede said a few encouraging words of farewell in French, as well as in English for the rest of us. Gary, first home host with Sharon and anchor point for the exchange, spoke in glowing terms about Victor's attitude and application throughout the year, and presented him with a celebratory cake. Tony and Clive produced a book of photos for Victor to take as a permanent record of his Aussie experiences. We also conducted the traditional exchange of club banners.

Victor spoke of his deep appreciation for the friendship and support he received during his Rotary youth exchange experience, especially from his host families and counsellors. He returns to Lille, northern France with mixed emotions, and a great awareness of the value of Rotary and a desire to continue his Rotary engagement back home. We have greatly enjoyed being part of Victor's life this year and have gained as much from our participation as he has. Au revoir Victor. [Clive video-recorded Victor's farewell presentation. Thanks Clive. Contact me if you would like to view it.]

We welcomed to our meeting returning visitor, friend of Merlyn and prospective member Katy King and her daughter Rachel, and Anthony Sheean, Ron Mason and Patrice Ringuede with whom I recently cycled from Castlemaine to Bendigo on the Leanganook Track section of the Goldfields Trail. I told them on the ride about the club's flamboyant exchange student. At the end of the meeting after watching Victor's presentation, Patrice said "Victor is not flamboyant, he is just a typical Frenchman!"

Another highlight for the evening was inducting former Rotarian and Past President (and last home host for Victor) Richard Epskamp. Richard and Kylie Epskamp have been strong supporters of the youth exchange program through RC Eaglehawk in recent years, hosting some incoming students and providing outdoor experiences for others. Their daughter Ada is currently outbound on a Rotary Youth exchange in Lille, France, Victor's home town! Welcome to the club Richard and Kylie.

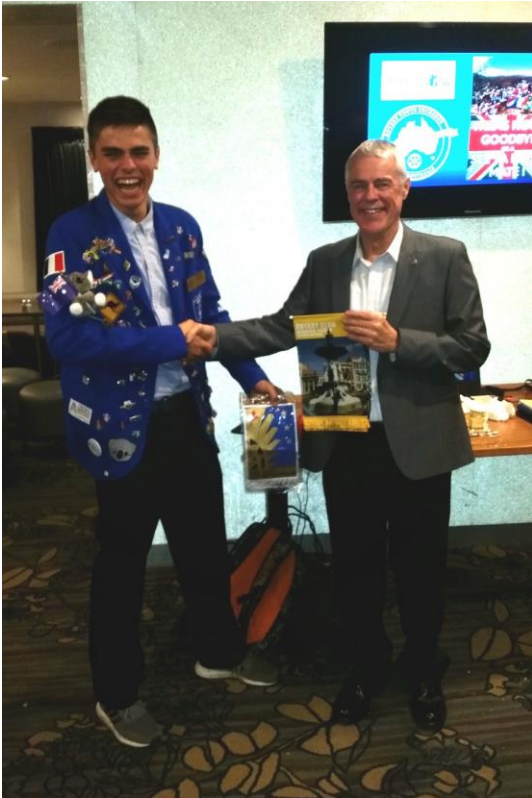
Graham Neivandt kindly took the opportunity on the last club meeting for the Rotary year to say a few generous words of acknowledgement for the outgoing President. Thank you Graham. I was also pleased to report that charter member Bill Ashman is home from hospital and recovering from his recent ill health.

This week of course is the important ceremonial celebration of the induction of 2018/19 President PP Rod Spitty and his new Board. The planning team has a great night in store for you in the Federation Room at the Shamrock Hotel, 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Rod has information about alternative access for those with restricted mobility if required. See you then.

Cheers
Bernie Young

PHOTO GALLERY





CLUB PROGRAM		
June 2018 theme: Rotary Fellowships		
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
Friday 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?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:

Ian Riseley

RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR:

Peter Frueh

ASS'T GOVERNOR (Goldfields South):

Cliff Downey

CLUB PRESIDENT:

Bernie Young

SECRETARY:

Elizabeth Bell

TREASURER:

Greg Noonan

YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR:

Glenn Madden

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Lindsay Jolley

COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Gary Pinner

MEMBERSHIP /P.R. DIRECTOR:

Tony Plant

CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Rod Spitty

CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER:

Geoff McKinna

ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR:

Merlyn Quaife

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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