

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

After a beautifully sunny day Members enjoyed a visit to Valentines where Peter Valentine told us the history of the building, talked about his business and showed us some of his many very special pieces. I love Peter's passion for his work – it is truly a vocation and the joy he gets from everything he has established at the View St premises is palpable. Valentines houses a world class collection (all for sale) in a beautifully refurbished environment. If you missed the event and have never been, just pop in – it's open to the public Tuesday to Sunday. There's also the amazing artist studios where you can meet the artists, see them work, have lessons and purchase items. I'm a regular visitor and am always surprised by new things to see and enjoy. I also take friends when they visit and everyone raves!

After a look around at Valentines, we adjourned to 'Alium' owned and run by Mark Brennan and if you think you know that name, he is the Chief Engineer at Thales and hosted our Vocational Visit a few years back. Mark will also be key-note speaker at the Science and Engineering Challenge and have a Hawkei on display, so a man of many talents. We all enjoyed a pretty amazing meal in an elegant environment. Many thanks to Rod Spitty who liaised with Mark to get the meal organised. The evening was capped off with everyone singing me 'happy birthday' as I had attained my three-score-ten on the 19th and I cut a cake supplied by the Club for the occasion from Country Cakes. Thank you all for the lovely extension of my Birthday!

I'm off to Perth for a few days R & R with a dear friend, back for our next Meeting when we will hear all about electric vehicles.

Merlyn Quaife AM



JULY/AUGUST PROGRAM

Thurs 28th July

Lakeview Hotel
Guest Speaker – Mary Hendricks
Rotary Club of Sydney Cove – Zoom Presentation
The Why, Where & What of Electric Vehicles
Chair – Gary Pinner
Followed by July Board meeting

Thurs 4th August

Lakeview Hotel
Guest speaker – John Quaife AM
Author of “Viking Boys”
Presentation of his book “The loss of pilot/plane during
WW2 in Norway – Zoom presentation
Chair – Merlyn Quaife

Thurs 11th August

Lake View Hotel
Guest Speaker – Chris Rowlands
Community Engagement Manager NBN
Chair - TBA

Thurs 18th August

Lake View Hotel
Guest Speaker – Cathie Miller
Presentation of Zone 8 Regionalisation Project
Chair – Merlyn Quaife
Followed by August Board Meeting



"The Why, Where and What of Electric Vehicles"

Mary Hendriks is a Battery Storage Consultant & Electric Vehicle Advocate. Mary has over twelve years' experience in the renewable and clean energy industries. Until 2020, she held the role of Industry Executive of the Australian Energy Storage Alliance, and her previous roles include working with Renewable Cities Australia, the Australian Solar Council and All-Energy Australia. Mary holds a Science degree from the ANU and has extensive business experience in her own ventures. She currently volunteers as committee member of the AIE Sydney Branch and co-chairs the Rotary Sydney Cove Climate & Peace committee.

James Morrison & the City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band Tickets are available for club members, partners and friends at a discounted price if purchased directly from the club. There are 50 reserved seats all in prime positions and they will be sold on a first in best dressed arrangement. They are available at \$50 per person, as compared to \$59 if purchased from Gotix. Should you wish to reserve yours early please let Tony Plant know and he will put you on the list. We should have the actual tickets to distribute in the next couple of weeks. Payment will need to be made into the Projects account and please make sure you include your name and the word "CONCERT" with your online payment.

Please see attachment for more information.



Charity Auction Night

You and your family and friends are invited to attend the charity Rotary action to support the valuable work that Rotary Foundation undertakes to help those who are less privileged. It will be a fun evening where you can bid on desirable items that have been generously donated for this purpose. There will be plenty of time to socialise.

Please find attached the flyer for the event together with the format of the evening and an item list of great items and services that have been made available.
Please RSVP Adrian Schoo (schoo.amm@gmail.com).

Meet our new DC

Amanda Wendt (D9800)



Amanda runs communications agency, Matter Group, working with visionary leaders to turn their ideas into reality, creating transformative change.

She has over 15 years' experience working with global clients in diverse industries, including financial and professional services, health, environment, and the not-for-profit and public sectors.

Amanda is thrilled to be working with a talented team to grow our clubs to make a bigger difference for our community by connecting with more volunteers, converting participants into members, and developing community leaders.

Amanda is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Vic, and is cheered on by her partner Greg.



CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Australian Connection ★★★★★

Songmakers Australia, Melbourne Recital Centre, July 19

At an age when most singers have well and truly retired, Merlyn Quaife has lived up to her aim of being a “fearless soprano” by celebrating a significant birthday with a demanding but astutely constructed program of art song reflecting her career-long advocacy of Australian music. Quaife’s fearlessness was demonstrated from the outset in Johanna Selleck’s *The Prospect and Bower of Bliss*, settings of texts by the Restoration poet and proto-feminist Aphra Behn, where she unwaveringly traversed the highly strung, sinuously chromatic vocal lines, while not losing sight of the score’s celebration of “sweet and ravishing” things.



A deep engagement with poems by Judith Wright was evident in the passionate and assured delivery of *Here Where Death and Life are Met* by Richard Mills; Quaife expertly and empathetically revealing Mills’ richly textured lyrical and harmonic outpourings. Here, as elsewhere in the program, Quaife’s longstanding accompanist Andrea Katz provided insightful support through her colourful but finely calibrated pianism.

Suffused with the heady sensibility of late German romanticism, Melbourne composer Luke Severn’s sumptuous *Wandrer’s Nachtlied I* and *Wandrer’s Nachtlied II* received highly atmospheric premieres.

Severn’s effective harnessing of Goethe’s images of nocturnal peace to provide an oasis of calm proved the perfect foil to the hugely enjoyable finale which came in the form of Keith Humble’s *Eight Cabaret Songs*. Quaife revelled in this opportunity to show off her lighter side. Whether as a streetwise cockney in *Girl’s Song*, a tipsy socialite in *Drinking Song*, or a lovelorn suitor in *O tell me the truth about love*, her considerable ability as a singer-actor and a seller of songs was never in doubt.

This fearless exploration of challenging repertoire together with her rare blend of high intelligence, polished technique and unaffected humanity would suggest that Quaife still has many intrepid musical adventures in store. *Reviewed by Tony Way*









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



WHO'S WHO?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:	Jennifer Jones
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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: Last Tuesday of month - 6 for 6:30pm, Rotary Community Park, Rose Street, Echuca.

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

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