

# *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.

**Rotary – Be the Inspiration**



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## **President report**

### Changeover dinner meeting 28 June

What a wonderful night we had at the Federation Room in the historic Shamrock Hotel to celebrate the transition from the 'Making a Difference' team to Rod's new 'Be the Inspiration' team. It was an inspired choice by heritage buildings and arts and culture buff Rod to choose the beautiful venue for our 2018 changeover dinner.

Tom Campbell did a superb job as our MC for the evening, and thanks also to Kylee for managing the audio-visuals, Merlyn for managing our fundraising raffle, Clive and Rod for their audio-visual presentations, Clive for photography duties, Tony, Jennie and Clive for managing logistics, and Ian for displaying our important history items. Bendigo Senior Secondary College 2017 musician of the year and club scholarship recipient Sean Nudl, and current student Erin Mannix, demonstrated their excellent performance skills, supported by music coordinator Emily Bibby, who sang the National Anthem.

Our official guests for the evening were DGE Grant Hocking and Melissa representing incoming DG Bronwyn Stephens, City of Greater Bendigo Mayor Cr Margaret O'Rourke, and AG Cliff Downey and Maree. Grant spoke on the 'whys' of being a Rotarian, Cr O'Rourke spoke on her Rotary background and the community benefits from volunteering in service organisations, and Cliff acknowledged the contributions of partners. We also enjoyed the company of representatives of all our cluster club partners, Honorary member Tom Glazebrook, former member Steven Lee, and our Victoria Police partner Inspector Leesa Johnson.

We acknowledged the apologies of members who were unable to attend, and in particular Bill and Verna Ashman who were unable to attend due to Bill's frail health. We noted charter member Bill's impeccable attendance record, and that we missed his presence and he was in our thoughts.

It was a privilege to provide an overview of some of the highlights of our 2017/18 Rotary year, and to knowledge the people who made it happen. And I was very pleased to announce in absentia Heather Nixon as the 2017/18 winner of the Max Ellis award for 'best and fairest' non-Board member of the club for her commitment, development, leadership and contributions. Congratulations Heather. We will present Heather with the award on her return.

Cheerio to all our regular Signpost readers. Now it is over to Rod to get the new Rotary year rolling.

Congratulations to Bernie on a very successful year as President. The Handover went well and thank you to members for their team contribution in ensuring a successful event.

This week we will be reviewing the Draft Goals and Objectives that the incoming Board has prepared as a result of the Planning Day conducted in May (refer attachment).

See you next Thursday.

**Regards**

**Rod Spitty - President, and Bernie Young - Past President/Support**

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### **Vale Bill Ashman**



It is with sincere regret to announce that on Friday evening Bill Ashman passed away. Bill was the last active charter member for the Rotary Club of Bendigo South. His standing and commitment to the club over 59 years has been outstanding. On behalf of the club sincere condolences to Verna, Sandra, Ian and Bryan and the extended family. Our thoughts are with you on this very sad occasion.

The funeral will be held at the William Farmer Eaglehawk chapel at 2pm Thursday 5 July.

**Rod Spitty, President**

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### **NEW DISTRICT WEBSITE**

From July 1<sup>st</sup> the District 9800 website will be hosted by ClubRunner. The website address will be [www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au) In the transition period the website can also be accessed at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50232>.

During the first two weeks of July all member data will be downloaded from RI to the new website. Members will be issued with a login name and password to allow secure access to District, Club and member information.

Members of Clubs currently using ClubRunner will be able to continue using their Club logon credentials.

#### **DISTRICT DIRECTORY**

A pdf version of the front section of the Directory will be available for download and printing from the website and towards the end of July District and Club Executive information will be available as a pdf.

#### **SMARTPHONE APP**

A smartphone App is also available for both iOS and Android phones (search for ClubRunner) that allows easy access to information.

All of these changes are being introduced after careful and detailed consideration by the DGEN Team and will allow access of up to date information by all District 9800 members and save a considerable amount of money.

***Bronwyn Stephens DG 2018-19***

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## PHOTO GALLERY

### 2018 Changeover dinner













## CLUB PROGRAM

### July 2018 theme: Setting the Scene

Thurs 5 July	The Year Ahead – Goals and Objectives.	Foundry Hotel
Thurs 12 July	Mental Health. Farewell to Terry Dalwood. Board meeting.	Foundry Hotel
Thurs 19 July	Science and Engineering Challenge, University of Newcastle	Foundry Hotel
Thurs 26 July	Member talks. Social drinks at Mr Bob's.	Foundry Hotel

## CLUB DUTY ROSTER

Date	Thurs 5 July	Thurs 12 July	Thurs 19 July	Thurs 26 July
Topic	The Year Ahead	Mental Health	Science & Eng Challenge	Member talks
Guest Speaker	President Rod and Board	Dr Phillip Tune	Dr Terry Burns, Newcastle Uni	Elizabeth Bell Sue Duncan
Chair	Rod Spitty	Greg Noonan	Rod Spitty	Tom Campbell
Cashiers	Paul Gibbons George Ellis	Trevor Hawking Maureen Plant	Jennie Hughes Andrew Palmer	Kylee McCalman Trevor Phillips
Room set up	Rod Spitty	Paul Gibbons	Rod Spitty	Tom Campbell
Welcome	Rod Spitty	Graham Neivandt	Rod Spitty	Paul Gibbons
Technology	Bernie Young	Tony Plant	Elizabeth Bell	Bernie Young
Photography	Bernie Young	Clive Hughes	Clive Hughes	Clive Hughes

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Contact
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:

Barry Rassin

RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR:

Bronwyn Stephens

ASS'T GOVERNOR (Goldfields South):

Cliff Downey

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CLUB PRESIDENT:

Rod Spitty

SECRETARY:

Elizabeth Bell

TREASURER:

Greg Noonan

YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR:

Glenn Madden

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Heather Nixon

COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Ian Ellis

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:

Tom Campbell

CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Gary Pinner

CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER:

Geoff McKinna

ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR:

Merlyn Quaife

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS:

Matthew Scott

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Paul Gibbons

VOCATIONS CHAIR:

Gary Pinner

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## THE FOUR WAY TEST

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