

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 update

Club meeting 7 December 2017

It was another busy and fun meeting this week as we start to wind down the first half of the Rotary year. We were joined by nine visiting Rotarians from the RC Eaglehawk on an inter-club visit; former Indian Youth Exchange student Sachin Shah and his wife and son who are visiting Australia from India; former club members Rob Aitken, and George and Jeanette Dawson who hosted Sachin when he came to our club in 1979/80; friend of Elizabeth and prospective member Linda Parker; and our guest speaker Bill Oakley.

Rob Aitken introduced Sachin, who spoke briefly on his experiences, and reported his unique family experience of the whole family (Sachin, wife and two children) having enjoyed the benefits of being Rotary Youth Exchange students. Club historian Bill told some stories about Sachin from the archives, including a poem Sachin wrote about the Australian cricket team. Laurie and Kath O'Farrell who also hosted Sachin were unable to attend, but will catch up with him during his visit. Always rewarding to see those Rotary relationships flourish.

Visiting Eaglehawk Rotarian John Jones took the opportunity to promote his club's Grange raffle in support of their service projects, and found plenty of willing candidates. John is the Youth Exchange Counsellor who will assume responsibilities for YE student Victor from Peter Simmons when RC Eaglehawk hosts Victor in the new year. In addition to welcoming RC Eaglehawk President Alison Bacon, I was pleased to be able to acknowledge Eaglehawk Rotarian Leon Scott for his amazing leadership in constructing the new kitchen facility at Rotary D9800's Camp Getaway at Axedale. A number of our members have worked with Leon on this important project.

Terry announced that \$12,500 Welsh Choir concert profits will be presented to the Ulumbarra Theatre Foundation Chairman (and RC Eaglehawk Rotarian and PDG) Gordon McKern at the theatre season launch event on the evening of Tuesday 12 December. Contact Terry if you would like to attend.

Ruth reported on the many donations of handbags stocked with handy women's items for the Echuca rape crisis centre. This project initiated by Anne struck a chord with many people connected with our club. Thanks Ruth for taking on the coordination of this hands-on project.

Guest speaker Bill Oakley from the Rotary Club of North Balwyn is the D9800 contact for Rotarians against Malaria (RAM). Bill explained the complicated life cycle of Plasmodium and its hosts – humans, and various species of Anophiles mosquitos. The tools to fight malaria are prevention of mosquito bites, and rapid treatment and isolation of infected humans. There is now some promising, but expensive and time-

consuming work underway to develop a vaccine. Unfortunately, the steady decline in infections world-wide over recent decades has now reversed.

In our region, D9800 has contributed to a D9830 (Tasmania) led initiative supported by a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to deliver mosquito bite prevention tools in Timor Leste, with the objective of being able to declare that country malaria free by 2021. RAM supports similar projects in PNG and Solomon Islands. Chairman Lindsay Jolley presented to Bill a club donation of \$500 towards the valuable work of RAM.

Our tall poppy this week, taking home the Foundry voucher, was Merlyn Quaife for her work as club Foundation Chair, in particular for leading a small team of cluster representatives to deliver the well-attended and successful Foundation Dinner. Great work Merlyn.

December Board meeting update

Business addressed at a busy Board meeting this month included:

- Progress report on the donation of medical goods to the Solomon Islands
- WWCC arrangements for the Science and Engineering Challenge
- Progress with transfer of RC Kangaroo Flat half share of the BBQ trailer to our club
- A decision to support the establishment of the Dream Cricket program at the Bendigo Special Development School in Kangaroo Flat
- Endorsement of the proposal of prospective club member Kylee McCalman and circulation of 7 day slip
- Agreement to invite donation of children's gifts at the club Christmas party for charity distribution
- Agreement to survey members in the second half of the year on the new flexible club initiatives
- Investigation of D9800 Foundation scholarship grants for secondary students
- Options to reschedule Board meetings to be less onerous for Board members
- A decision to utilise recording and live streaming mainly for selected events
- A decision to donate \$500 as part of cluster club donations to Bendigo Foodshare to support their purchase of a food delivery vehicle
- Enhancements to the reporting of finances for Board meetings
- Agreement to accept a visiting Polish Rotary Friendship Exchange team in April 2018 after the incoming Scottish visit had to be deferred

WWCC and Child Safe Declaration Forms

Thanks to those members who have already returned their Child Safe Declaration Forms, and those who have indicated that they intend to get their Working with Children Cards so that they can fully participate in our club's projects. Please get your Declaration forms back to me as soon as possible as this is an important club priority to meet our legislative obligations

Cheers

Bernie Young

Rotary Friendship Exchange

Exchange with Scotland: The D9800 outgoing RFE team to Scotland is scheduled for 11-25 August 2018, flying into and out of Edinburgh. Jeanette Lynch is still seeking participants for this.

Exchange with Poland: The Board has agreed that we will host an incoming Polish RFE team in April 2018 in lieu of the intended incoming Scottish RFE team; the latter has postponed their visit. If you are interested in being part of the D9800 outgoing RFE team to Poland in 2019 please let Jeanette know.

If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Jolley on 0416 192 032.

RC Bendigo Strathdale Raffle

Please return your raffle tickets and money to Heather Nixon as soon as possible.

Christmas Dinner Meeting

Next week we have an action packed evening planned to celebrate together the coming of Christmas. Guest speaker will be Mr Norm Roberts who has some great experiences to share with us relating to his time working in a pastoral role at the indigenous community known a Yuendumu in Central Australia. Norm will tell us about how Christmas celebrations were conducted at Yuendumu and will display some relevant art work done by the local people.

Also we will hear from Victor the radio star about his time with us up until now. Victor will soon be shifting allegiances - as from January he will become a *Borough Boy*. Once again Victor will provide us with many great visuals along with plenty of other animation in an action packed address.

Congratulations go to Anne and Ruth in organising the great hand bag *heist*. A presentation will be made on the night to Alannah from the Rape Crisis Centre to officially hand over our club's collection of over 30 well stocked items to assist those women who have been hurriedly relocated from violent situations.

In all probability a new member in Kylee Mc Calman will be inducted into our club completing our 2017 Rotary year of events. Kylee will attend, along with husband Greg and daughter Tarleya. Some will remember Tarleya as our outbound exchange student to Poland about three years ago. The McCalman family also hosted both incoming students in Anna and Gus in recent times.

Finally, in the spirit of Christmas, we ask all members to consider supporting Uniting Care Bendigo in providing toys for needy children. Please consider buying and bringing along a gift that we can pass onto the volunteers at Uniting Care and we will deliver them on your behalf to Target where this appeal is being supported. (Refer to the Bendigo Advertiser December 6 for details about this project.) Gifts should not be Christmas wrapped but just brought along in their commercial packaging. We will have a box ready to place them in.

Most importantly:

- Please make payments of \$38 p.p. to the treasurer prior to this event.
- Venue is Mechanics Institute School Street California Gully-home of Rotary Club Eaglehawk.
- **Please note later starting times- 6.30 pm for 7 pm** 🎄
- All put on your happy faces, come relaxed and enjoy a fun filled action packed night.

Tony Plant, Anne Peace, Jennie Hughes (organising committee)

Save the Dates

Women in Rotary – 2018 International Women's Day Breakfast

Wednesday 7th March 2018

Rotary Convention, 23-27 June 2018, Toronto Canada

Early Bird Registrations close on 15th December

You can save US\$150 per couple by registering before the early bird closes. Further details and registrations are available via www.riconvention.org or if you would like to have our District On-To-Conference Coordinator Kevin Beagle present to your Club, please contact him on kambeagle@gmail.com



Guest speaker Bill Oakley



Bill Oakley, Leon Scott, Anne Peace, and Leon McGlashan behind.



Former host parents George and Jeanette Dawson, and Rob Aitken, with Sachin Shah, his wife Summatrn and son Anihura.



A fun social evening with our colleagues from RC Eaglehawk.

CLUB PROGRAM.

DECEMBER [Disease Treatment and Prevention]		
7 December	Rotary Against Malaria, & past YE student Sachin Shah. Board meeting.	Foundry
14 December	Christmas party. 6.30pm for 7pm.	RC Eaglehawk rooms, School St, Cal Gully
21 December	No meeting	
28 December	No meeting	

CLUB DUTY ROSTER

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

Date	7 December	14 December	21 Dec	28 Dec
Topic	Rotary against Malaria	Christmas Party	No meeting	No meeting
Guest Speaker	Bill Oakley	Norm Roberts, former chaplain Yuendumu Mission, NT. Victor Saelens		
Chair	Lindsay Jolley	Father Christmas		
Cashiers	Jennie, Trevor Hawking, Greg	Trevor Hawking and Glenn		
Room set up	Cora and Geoff	Anne and Jennie		
Welcome	Anne Peace	Anne and Father Christmas		
Technology	Elizabeth Bell	Clive		

All Rotarians on duty must arrive before 6pm on the night.

If you are unable to complete your duty please arrange a substitute.

Attendance Officer: Paul Gibbons pgibbons1964@gmail.com or 0429 091 802

Birthdays - December

7 Dec: Jim Rinaldi
25 Dec: Bill Ashman
28 Dec: Greg Noonan

Rotary Club of Bendigo South- Future Dates of Major Events

Date 2018	Event	Location	Contact
Thurs 11 Jan at 7pm	Return to Rotary	121 Allies Road	Tony Plant
Fri 26 January	Australia Day BBQ	Lake Weeroona	George Ellis
Sat 24 Feb	DIK Open Day	West Footscray	TBC
16-18 March	District Conference	Warrnambool	Tony Plant
Sunday 20 May	District Assembly	Melton	Rod Spitty
Wed 20 June	Sci Eng Challenge	Girton Grammar	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.

ATTENDANCE & MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

DISTRICT 9800 GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

KANGAROO FLAT: Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park

BENDIGO: Tuesday 12:45pm, Bendigo Club

BENDIGO STRATHDALE: Tuesday 6:15pm, Nancy Long Dining Room, La Trobe Uni.

BENDIGO NEXT GENERATION: Wednesday 6:30pm, Shamrock Hotel

ECHUCA MOAMA: Tuesday 6pm, Border Inn, Moama

BENDIGO SANDHURST: Wednesday 7.30am, Bridge Hotel, Water Street.

EAGLEHAWK: Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

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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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