

# *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 last meeting which was held via Zoom, we had a Member Talk by Emily Mudge. Emily spoke passionately about how important and influential Rotary has been in her life. Emily has recently taken a new direction in her working life and has started a Consultancy Business called 'Investing in People' combined with her business partner SOS – Social Outcomes Solutions. It's all about social enterprise in the construction industry. Areas of focus include disability enterprises, youth at risk, disengaged youth, aboriginals, asylum seekers, migrants and refugees. Emily does business modelling around corporate social responsibility and 50% of the profits go back into the cause. Emily sees so many resonances with Rotary in what she is doing so let the ideas percolate!!

The District Conference is not far off and the Early-bird saver is still available.

Our next meeting will be at the Lakeview as we look at what might be possible in the next few months, Covid willing. It will be great to meet together again.

Merlyn Quaife AM



## Our Zoom Meeting this week

**Emily Mudge**  
**Investing in People**  
**SOCIAL OUTCOME SOLUTIONS**



Social Outcome Solutions (SOS) is a specialist Construction & Infrastructure Procurement consultancy, which is also a certified Social Enterprise. We provide Organisational and Project based advice for improving participation and engagement of Social Providers and Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) across the Construction industry. This includes assisting with meaningful and sustainable engagement of: First Nations/Indigenous, Gender diverse, All Abilities /Disability and Local Enterprises; along with incorporating training, upskilling, environmentally sustainable and innovative initiatives into projects. SOS provide advice and support in project implementation, procurement strategies, business plan proposals, tender proposals and supply chain training and support. Our support to Social Providers is on a Pro Bono basis, in line with our Social Enterprise charter

## **FEBRUARY PROGRAM**

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

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	<b>Lakeview Hotel 6-6:30 start</b>	Directors Reports/Club Forum - October to December Chair - Merlyn
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Camp Getaway	Inspection, meal, fellowship. TBC from Paul based on COVID conditions - suggest members only, no partners. Chair - Paul/Graham
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBA	Guest speaker from Tibet (arranged by Greg Noonan) - confirmed Chair - Greg Noonan
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBA	Disc Golf - Social - organised by Greg Penno
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBA	Guest speaker - Michael Deschepper - Wintringham - Homeless Women Chair - Jan Pagliaro

### **This weeks meeting:**

#### **To all members.**

It is our intention to hold our meeting this Thursday night at the Lakeview Hotel. It would be very helpful if I could get an early indication as to what our approx. numbers attending may be to assist with the room layout. If you could give me an indication by no later than Wednesday morning as to whether you are hoping to attend or alternatively, know now that you will be definitely absent it would be greatly appreciated if you can let me know. If your circumstances suddenly change during Thursday and you end up not being able to come- no harm done.

Tony

### ***[Urgent Food Relief for Cambodians](#)***

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South established the RAWCS Project 'Urgent Food Relief for Cambodians' in August 2020 to support a number of rural villages where people were at risk of starvation due to the economic conditions that they faced with Covid 19. Working with members of the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh since that time and with the wonderful support of communities, we have been able to provide 555 families with 78,000 meals. By working with the Commune chiefs in the various villages, the food being distributed is what Cambodians asked for, rather than Rotary telling them what they should, or should not eat. This equates to being able to purchase and distribute 14 tons of rice, 3,300 bottles of soy, 3,300 bottles of fish sauce, 6,600 packets of noodles, 6,600 bottles of soy drinks, 3,300 cans of fish and distribute \$5,500 in cash to villagers to enable them to purchase fresh vegetables, fish and meats.

Donations are still being sought to support the project and tax deductible donations can be made at <https://donations.rawcs.org.au/27-2020-2021>

Greg Penno Deputy Project Manager. Rotary Club of Bendigo South Inc.

## ROTARY 9800 CONFERENCE! LETS GO!!!

A promotional poster for the Rotary District 9800 Conference 2022. The background is a scenic image of a river flowing through a lush green park with large trees. Overlaid on this is a semi-transparent grey box containing the event details. The text includes the Rotary logo, the conference title, dates, and a list of ticket prices for various attendee categories.

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

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

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

### Program

The Conference will commence with a Welcome Function on the Friday after which you have the opportunity to dine with your fellow Rotarians in one of the many restaurants showcasing the wonderful food, wine and hospitality that Albury has to offer.

Saturday is your chance to Engage and Connect with your fellow Rotarians, hear from our wonderful guest speakers, plan for our Rotary future, and join together in celebration at our gala dinner.

The Conference will conclude with a casual lunch on the Sunday.

### Venue

**Albury Entertainment Centre**, 525 Swift Street, Albury

# 100 Acts of Kindness in Bendigo



In 2021, when Rotary Clubs around Australia celebrated 100 years of Rotary in Australia, the Rotary Club of Bendigo celebrated this milestone with a grand gesture within their local community. Whilst many fundraising options were closed during the COVID pandemic the decision was made to continue with the planned 100 Acts of Kindness, an initiative first raised within Rotary District 9800, and enacted in 2021.

***Photo:*** Tom Dobeli and Dale Hardy of Bendigo Community Health

Club President Tom Dobeli agreed to continue the program and the Rotary Club of Bendigo purchased Gift Cards from two great local organisations, IGA Strathfieldsaye and Mitre 10 Golden Square both of whom matched the club's contribution, effectively doubling the impact of the program.

President Tom presented 100 envelopes containing the Gift Cards to representatives of two community organisations: Angela Draper of Uniting Care and Dale Hardy from Bendigo Community Health Services. We are confident that their experience within the community will ensure that these donations are targeted to those in most need.

Rotary Bendigo acknowledges the great contribution by IGA Strathfieldsaye and Mitre 10 Golden Square in making this 100 Acts of Kindness initiative a great success and we sincerely thank them for their generosity.

It is this kind of community cooperation and inter-connection that makes the efforts of Rotary members most rewarding and as we celebrate the recent success of our Carols by Candlelight in Rosalind Park, we again appreciate and acknowledge the great support of the Bendigo Community.

***Photo:*** Club President, Tom Dobeli, handing over gift card envelopes to Angela Draper from Uniting Care



By Noel Hopley, Rotary Bendigo

## Out tripping down memory lane this week takes us to Vision Australia – Jan 2019



**The Internatinal Committee, invite you to Save the Date, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March for wine tasting and cheese fund raiser.**



**The Wine & Cheese event is to raise funds to buy bikes for school children to pedal to school plus a school library, both for the poor in Cambodia**

**Details to follows**

# 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:

Shekhar Mehti  
Dale Hoy

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CLUB PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY  
TREASURER  
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR  
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR  
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR  
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR  
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR  
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER  
ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR  
FUND-RAISING and FINANCE  
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Geoff McKinna  
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Gary Pinner  
Matthew Scott  
Sue Duncan

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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