

Rotary Club of Bendigo South **SIGNPOST**

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Meets Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Bendigo Tennis Centre (TBC)

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President's Report 14, 2021.

Welcome once again to all members and families of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

I wish to start my report this week by thanking, on behalf of all that participated, TONY and GLENN on the interesting and active weekend held at Barham/ Koondrook over the past few days. From Saw Mills to Aboriginal fish farms and interesting hotels it had it all. Hopefully this can remain a part of the future programs of this Rotary Club.

The Seedlings Crew would also would like to thank those club members who took seedlings. Please let me or Tony know if you are still keen to take part as there are still a few more boxes available for caring. We are awaiting confirmation of a planting weekend in late July in Bairnsdale.

In more positive news the Club is going ahead with our regular concert on August 15th in conjunction with the Ulumbarra Foundation. The Concert will feature the Welsh Choir and a supporting artist you all know really well - our incoming president Merlyn.

The Christmas Trailer Raffle Committee is set to start meeting again, in order to begin preparations for conducting this Bendigo Festive Season staple this year. This is a combined project with the Eaglehawk Rotary Club and a range of local community groups in Bendigo.

The Club Handover Date will be on Thursday JUNE 24th at a venue to be announced.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the Tennis Centre on Thursday Evening. We have the first of several meetings to welcome formally the new members that have joined us in the past few months from Strathdale. A large attendance of current members would be a great way to welcome them warmly to our Rotary Club.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CUTOFF FOR DINNER MEETING ATTENDANCE CONFIRMATION IS THIS WEDNESDAY AT HIGH NOON. CONTACT ROD SPITTY BY E MAIL OR PHONE.

PAUL GIBBONS

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South -

"Connect to the Community"

PAUL GIBBONS PRESIDENT 20/21



Koondrook /Barham & Beyond!

First Stop Arbuthnot Saw Mill:



"Oh dear, not another photo shoot" – George Ellis

Arbuthnot Sawmills Pty Ltd have supplied Red Gum sawn timber since 1889. Red Gum is a Sustainably Managed, Renewable Resource and an Environmentally friendly building product.

Lunch on Saturday out at Restdown Wines

Encompassing Restdown Wines and Jungle Lane Beef Co, Restdown is a multi-award winning agricultural haven working with nature, guided by strong principles of sustainability, with organic and biodynamic practices to produce the tastiest, most nutritious beef and finest, handcrafted boutique wines, we possibly can. Minimising our carbon footprint through the use of solar power, providing the best of care and animal welfare practices for our animals, embracing organic and bio-dynamic practices and recycling our resources to create a healthy ecosystem full of bio-diversity, results in deliciously healthy, clean green products. All in a day's work at Restdown.



APRIL & MAY PROGRAM

April- Maternal/Child Health		
	Tennis Club Thurs April 22 Dinner Meeting	Meet our new Members. Chair: Peter Kilpatrick supported by Helen Steele and John Stewart Cashiers – Merlyn Quaife & Elizabeth Bell
	Tennis Club Thurs April 29 Dinner Meeting	Meet our new Members-continued. Chair: Greg Penno supported by Lyn Comer. Cashiers - TBA

May-Youth	Sat May 1/Sun May 2- Multi District Conference	<i>Would think this will be a Virtual event</i>
	Thurs May 6 Dinner Meeting	Tennis Centre- speaker re youth work. Jan to resource.
	Thurs May 13 Zoom meeting-	Secondary school scholarship winners followed by board meeting
	Thurs May 20 Dinner Meeting	Tennis Club venue- TBA

RSVP to Rod Spitty – 0402883747 or rspitty@gmail.com by **Midday Wednesday please**



This week marks a special time in Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands Rotary history when we celebrate the establishment of Rotary in our region a century ago with the chartering of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, followed very shortly after by

Rotary Sydney, then Auckland and Wellington. I am sure all Rotarians in District 9800 join me in congratulating Rotary Melbourne in our District 9800 and acknowledge its incredible contribution. There is no doubt the Club will continue to be a beacon of giving over the next 100 years.



Don't forget:

Upcoming District 9800 Events:

The first is our **District 9800 Conference breakout session** that will be an in-person event on the **Saturday (1st May)**, showcasing our signature projects across all Avenues of Service. The event will be held at Hyatt Place, Essendon Fields and attached is a flyer providing the full details of what is going to be an amazing day! We encourage you to bring your daughters, sons, grandchildren to experience the difference that Rotary makes.

Step 1. Book for the District 9800 Break Out and Showcase
(www.trybooking.com/BQHZQ)

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQHZQ>

The second is our unique and inspiring **Multi District Conference, Virtual Victoria**. Held over two days, **Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd May** from 11am to 1pm, the conference will be a celebration of Rotary's achievements over the last 100 years, as well as a forum for new ideas and opportunities that will foster enthusiasm at club level to continue the amazing impact Rotary has within our communities.

Step 2. Book for the Online Virtual Victoria Conference
(www.rotaryconference.org.au)

<https://rotaryconference.org.au/>

The third is our **Peace Symposium** where Rotary has invited leaders in peace and conflict resolution to provide perspectives on challenging global and domestic issues and how we can all contribute towards building a more peaceful world over the next 100 years. This is a virtual conference on **21st and 22nd April**, featuring two Nobel Peace Laureates amongst other notable speakers and breakout sessions where you will have the opportunity to learn more about topics you are interested in. See flyer attached.

Step 3. Book for "The Future of Peace Leadership" Symposium
(www.peaceleadership.org.au)

<https://peaceleadership.org.au/register/>

* 100 GOOD TURNS FOR THIS ROTARY YEAR

Don't forget to send in your good turns to Glenn, or by return email to me, if you wish. Would love to publish some good deeds each week

Cruising around Gunbower Island on the Wetlander



With the COVID 19 intervention during the past year trying to keep the enthusiasm levels up on things Rotary have been indeed most challenging and I think this was evident when Paul and I saw fit to cancel a scheduled dinner meeting last Thursday due to lack of potential numbers prepared to attend. If the weekend away together (although representing about half of our membership) helps to rekindle a bit of spirit back into the club then that alone has made it all worthwhile.

Luisa's Latest Love – a Malamute!



**Winner of the Lucky Lotto for 16th April is Emily Mudge #22
– CONGRATULATIONS!**

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER – DINNER PAYMENT OPTIONS

"In keeping with modern business practices and technological advances the Board is requesting the co-operation of members by not paying for the Club Dinner cost with cash as from **1 July, 21**. The reasons for this decision are to protect members and cashiers from contracting Covid 19 from paper notes and coins. Secondly, to reduce the pressure on cashiers reconciling the meeting receipts and thirdly, having to make special trips to the bank to deposit the cash received. Thirdly, the potential loss of paper money is always a concern. Given that an overwhelming proportion of the population have a plastic card of some type either credit or debit card this change will not be a huge impact on members"

The Duke of Edinburgh and his association with Rotary



As we farewelled Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, whose funeral was held on 16 April, in Rotary we acknowledge his service to the community.

Prince Philip was an Honorary Member for four Rotary clubs: the Rotary Club of London; the Rotary Club of Edinburgh, Scotland, since 1952; and, the Rotary Clubs of Kings Lynn and Windsor & Eaton, in England.

Rotary has also been a long supporter of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, created by His Royal Highness to give young people the opportunity to learn, grow and engage in voluntary action.

Marius Hopley, District Governor 1090 (Thames Valley), said: "Many will be unaware that the Duke was a member of Rotary, and in particular, was a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor and Eton in this district. Until about five years ago, the Duke would attend meetings in 'his' club and refused to be treated differently to other Rotarians, including sitting at the President's table.

"I was fortunate to meet Prince Philip when I was invited to the Rotary Club of London, where he was a guest speaker on the topic of conservation. He was witty, charming and reminded us all that he was a member, so he was effectively just a visiting Rotarian who happened to be the speaker.

"I am sure that I can express our sadness as a district at the loss of one of our members and, for those who like me hold Her Majesty The Queen in the highest regard, would add that our gratitude for his service to our country and support of Her Majesty will long be remembered."

In 1984, the Duke of Edinburgh wrote a foreword to David Shelley Nicholl's book "The Golden Wheel". The following is a small extract:

"The sheer size of Rotary International in 1984 is impressive.

"Almost one million members in 158 countries are awesome statistics, but they really mean nothing at all unless the members are inspired by Rotary's challenging philosophy, expressed by its splendidly simple motto 'Service Above Self'.

(Acknowledgment of content goes to: <https://www.rotarygbi.org/rotary-pays-tribute-to-the-duke-of-edinburgh/>)

A Reminder that - HELP IS NEEDED!
Maybe you know someone who can help.....

Hello members of the Goldfields Cluster

As you are aware, the RC Rochester has fundraised to have the windmill in Rotary Park refurbished to meet the structural requirements of the Campaspe Shire

The structural engineer who was engaged to do the works has withdrawn his services at the last minute. The works were to be completed in April.

I am asking you if you would know of a structural engineer who might be interested in completing the work on the windmill. I have attached the structural engineers report on the windmill.

The job is urgent, as the windmill has to be finished before the work on the Playspace in Rotary Park can be started. The Playspace works need to be underway before July or funding is lost, similarly, by end of June or Rotary's funding for the Windmill is lost.

Sorry if this sounds mumbled and jumbled. Please call me if you'd like more information.

Kind regards

Heather

Rochester Rotary Club

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Timor Leste Knitting Program

I would like to bring to the attention of all members some information about the Timor Leste Knitting Program.

This has been an ongoing project for several years established by the Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst and coordinated by Patricia Cotton. For some time Pat has expressed her desire to step down from this role but to date no volunteer/s have come forward. Should a coordinator not be able to be appointed in the not too distant future the Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst has indicated to me that they will wind up this project. As a member of the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee I recently asked the question as to whether the products produced from this project are still sought after and still needed in Maubisse. The answer was in the affirmative although perhaps the volume may be able to be scaled down a little. Also this project has around 600 volunteer knitters from throughout Victoria who greatly appreciate the opportunity to participate in this project. These volunteers in many cases are elderly ladies living alone. Items produced are mainly baby clothes and small blankets. The coordinator's role has been included as an attachment and as you can see having to knit items is not one of the duties. Essentially the role is mostly administrative plus keeping up good positive communication. Should you be interested in learning more about this role let me know and I can put you in touch with Pat. Also Pat has offered to mentor the new coordinator into this role for up to one year. Also our club would negotiate with Sandhurst to transfer this project to our club should we be able to identify a prospective new coordinator and would provide all necessary back up where and when required.

Tony Plant

Representative-Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee.

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



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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:	Mark Maloney
RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR:	Philip Archer
ASS'T GOVERNOR (Goldfields South):	Graeme Lynas
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CLUB PRESIDENT:	Paul Gibbons
SECRETARY:	Tony Plant
TREASURER:	Greg Noonan
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR:	Kay McLaughlin
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:	Heather Nixon
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR:	Merlyn Quaife
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CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER:	Geoff McKinna
ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR:	Glenn Madden
CLUB COMMUNICATIONS:	Matthew Scott
NEWSLETTER EDITOR:	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

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

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 Mc Clure 044339116

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