

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 12, 2021.

Welcome to all member and families of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

This month is all about getting the seedlings out to club members for care and nurturing. We anticipate giving these boxes out for care on Friday night and I will attempt to keep track of who has what, where?? Then they are off to East Gippsland for planting at some stage this year.

The Club program for APRIL has once again something for everyone and I highly commend it to all members for their engagement in all events. We are starting with our third attempt at a dinner at TONY and BETTY'S house and a great way to commence this next part of the rotary year

On behalf of Rae and myself I trust all Club members had a restful Easter break and look forward to seeing everybody at ALLIES ROAD on Friday April 9th.



Yours in Rotary,

PAUL GIBBONS

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South -

"Connect to the Community"

PAUL GIBBONS PRESIDENT 20/21.

Virtual Victoria Multi District Conference

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May 2021 - 11am to 1pm

This Rotary year is unique in so many ways. Whilst we have experienced significant challenges with the pandemic, we have also much to celebrate. After all, it is the Centenary of Rotary in Australia, and our achievements continue, despite COVID restrictions.

Rotarians are extraordinary. We achieve amazing things. Our strength is our unity and our passion for making the world a better place for all. It is also our ability to adapt to a world that is unpredictable and create opportunity from adversity.

This year we celebrate 100 years of Rotary Australia delivering projects that have made and continue to make a very real difference, locally and globally. We are also about to celebrate our 89th Annual Conference. And, just as this year has been unique in our need to practice social distancing, so too will be the Conference.

For the first time, all five Victorian Districts will be involved in an incredible online event – Virtual Victoria – to be held on 1st and 2nd May from 11am to 1pm.

You are guaranteed to be inspired by the outstanding guest speakers who will share the extraordinary stories that have made Rotary a force for doing good in the world. They will include some of Australia's most prominent public figures, community strategic planners, leaders of business and academia, and our own Rotary leaders, all of whom have inspirational tales to tell in regard to how we can each make a difference in the lives of others.

We invite you as Rotarians, along with all in your networks, to join this free online event...to celebrate what you have achieved and be inspired to go on and do more.



GUEST SPEAKERS

 <p>Ian Riseley 2017-218 Rotary International President</p>	 <p>Sharon & David Hamilton CEO and Director Fella Hamilton Fashion Group</p>	 <p>Sally Capp Lord Mayor Melbourne</p>
 <p>Jessie Harman Zone 8 Rotary International Director 2021-23</p>	 <p>Robert Pradolin Director Housing All Australians</p>	
 <p>Katey Halliday Founding Member Adelaide City Rotaract Club</p>	 <p>David Laity Founder Goodwill Wine</p>	 <p>Vic Grosjean Past President Melbourne City Rotaract Club</p>



Club Program – April 2021

April- Maternal/Child Health		
Please note change of date*	Friday April 8 Social Meeting	Club Members and Partners Night-121 Allies Road- Also a review of the Tree Growing Project. Chair Tony Plant Cashiers – Trevor Hawking & Clive Hughes
	Thurs April 15 Tennis Club.	All sub committees meet prior to 7pm. Followed by dinner at 7. Each director to provide 5 min report to follow. Chair Paul Gibbons. Cashiers - TBA
	Friday April 16,17.18	Koondrook/Bahram weekend (attached information)
	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

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

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"

**Some more photos from the
High Tea and Memorial service for our past member, KEN
BRIGGS.**



Graham Neivandt, Cellist Rachel Soo & AG & DG nominee Ron Payne with his straight 8, 1930 Dodge after a joy ride around Axedale!



15 March 2021

Rod Spitty
1024 McIvor Highway
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To whom it may concern,

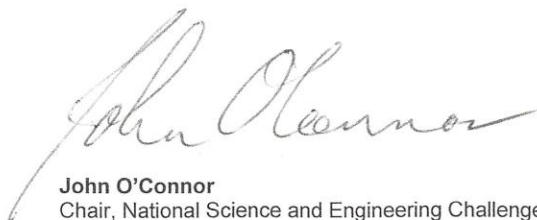
The Science and Engineering Challenge was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of one of our most influential Regional Chairs, Ken Briggs.

Ken was a member of the Bendigo Science and Engineering Challenge project committee for 14 years. During this period, Ken served a term as Regional Chair of the committee and under his leadership, the committee successfully ran a three-day National Final in 2009. Ken also served a term on the governing body for the Science and Engineering Challenge, The National Science and Engineering Challenge Council, from 2008-10. His expert leadership and guidance at this highest level was testament to his passion for Science and Engineering.

Ken loved Engineering, especially Water Engineering and was concerned about the future of Engineering and Science in Regional Victoria. This was part of his driving force and was a very active member of the Bendigo community. Ken was a committed member of Rotary International for more than 40 years served a term as the President within the Rotary Club of Bendigo South from 2003-04. Ken also received a Paul Harris Sapphire in 2006 as acknowledgement of his dedicated service to the community.

Ken's place within the Science and Engineering Challenge will last forever and will always be remembered as a key player in the establishment of the program, in not only Victoria but Australia wide.

Regards,



John O'Connor
Chair, National Science and Engineering Challenge Council

Don't forget to:



*** Dinner at 121 Allies Rd – see attachment – Friday April 9th!

Due to a family event that Betty and I only learnt about yesterday (i.e. a visit from Betty's soon to be seventy year old year sister who lives in Darwin, with a celebratory birthday dinner at Lake View Hotel planned this Thursday night), we are asking you all to come on the **next night-Friday April 9.**

We hope this does not mess up too many previous plans you may have made.

Please RSVP TO Rod by midday Wednesday -sooner if you can so we can get an idea how many chairs and tables to set up.

Also if numbers happen to be below 20 due to the sudden change in date etc I would possibly consider not going ahead. Stress the earlier you can let us know one way or the other will help us greatly.

*** BARHAM /KOONDROOK WEEKEND – 16th, 17th & 18th April ***

We have had quite a positive response from members re this weekend.

Those attending if you give me a final confirmation containing the required info ASAP would assist me greatly in tidying up loose ends. Apologies to those who have regularly provided me with ongoing info but I do have several bits of paper floating about and quite a few verbal messages. There are some set activities I will need specific numbers for so if all those going can reconfirm the following in a return email I will do my final summary sheet and then know exact numbers for each event.

Organised Activity One: Arbuthnot Sawmill tour. Koondrook Victoria -is well signed and easy to find.

Meet there at 3 pm Friday April 16 Attending Yes/No

Activity Two. Dinner Bahram Services Club. 6.30 pm Friday night. Yes/No

Activity Three : BBQ Lunch Floating/Motorized Barge on Murray river. Saturday 12 noon depart from Paul and Lyn Maddens house in Bahram NSW. Address supplied later. Yes/No

Activity Four: Gunbower Island Wetlander Cruise. Mooring is on Gunbower Creek Victoria. Saturday April 17- 6pm approx. but time to be confirmed. Yes/No

Saturday morning 7am- there is a group of three or four going fishing and if you wanted to join in you need to let me know as we will need to arrange a second boat.

Other- Saturday morning activities, the couple of hours on Sat afternoon plus Sunday are free for each member to occupy themselves as they so choose. Some suggested places of interest were listed in the original material sent out.

Also when you send back your responses could you also include where you are staying in case I need to track anyone down

* 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



Ironbark Gully Friends Inc update

I am continuing to attend the monthly meetings of the Ironbark Gully Friends group to both provide support (especially in regard to public land, environmental planning, native title, and governance matters), and also to identify further opportunities for our club to support the group in its endeavours.

Members will recall that a couple of years ago the City of Greater Bendigo allocated \$500, 000 to construct stage 1 of the shared pathway along Ironbark Creek south from Nolan Street behind Kalianna School. (Ultimately, the path will link to Eaglehawk Road near the Garden Gully hockey centre.)

Construction work was delayed initially because Council identified (unsurprisingly) the presence of contaminated soil, which delayed and modified the proposed footprint of land that Council would take management responsibility for from DEWLP. Instead of taking control of the full width of the creek corridor, Council will now only manage the narrow strip within which the track will be constructed. (This then has flow on implications for revegetation opportunities on the gully as DEWLP will not permit IGF to undertake any works on the Crown land unless it takes on management responsibility as a committee of management – for land that Council will not take responsibility for because of the contaminated land risks!)

Path construction works remain in abeyance while Council negotiates a Land Use Activity Agreement under its native title obligations for this and other Crown land occupation projects as a bundle with the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation. It is hoped that this may be finalised within the next few months. Understandably, the group is very frustrated with the extended delays. And Covid19 restrictions prevented the holding of the annual Community Shindig, and the National Tree Day planting event, which our club has supported in previous years.

Still the group remains committed and busy. IGF became an incorporated body under the Landcare umbrella; it arranged for a La Trobe University student to undertake a community survey on future community use options for the underdeveloped and underutilised Prouses Road council recreation reserve adjacent to Kalianna School; it has spread mulch to enhance native plants established over recent years; it obtained council funding to develop a frog pond on Council managed land; it had a stall at the recent Bendigo Sustainability Festival; it ran a mini covid-compliant clean up on Clean Up Australia Day; it provided comment on a child care centre planning application that could affect the connectivity of the proposed path with Eaglehawk Road; and community engagement activities include regular Facebook posts, community newsletters, and engagement with the newly elected ward councillors.

Hopefully there will be further opportunities for our club to support this small but dedicated community group to achieve their community use and environmental goals in 2021 in an area of Bendigo that deserves increased investment.

Bernie Young
IGF liaison office

Re-Engaging Members Post COVID-19

By Rowan McClean



Following are some tips to consider when re-engaging your Club's members post lockdown:

- Allocate missing members to individuals for contact
- Hold a special club dinner or event outside the normal venue to celebrate the Centenary of Rotary in Australia (21st April)
- Offer a free "return dinner/lunch/breakfast"
- Set up a special club review event to plan the way ahead
- Arrange blockbuster speakers and invite partners
- Set up special sub groups for coffee, golf, bowls, days for girls sewing, or book reading
- Conduct excursions (e.g. winery or nursery visits, a Maribyrnong or Yarra boat trip, dinner at the Parliament dining room, State Library visit, a film night)
- Negotiate better arrangements with your venue and seek their ideas for jazzing up meetings
- Offer attendance cost relief in some form
- Run a trivia night
- Hold a club dinner at Donations In Kind
- Organise a debate with a local high school
- Conduct a consultation night to plan improvements
- Conduct some "sign-up Fridays" - perhaps coffee with prospective members and two existing members.



Winner of the Lucky Lotto is ??? TBA

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

CLUB PRESIDENT:	Paul Gibbons
SECRETARY:	Tony Plant
TREASURER:	Greg Noonan
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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

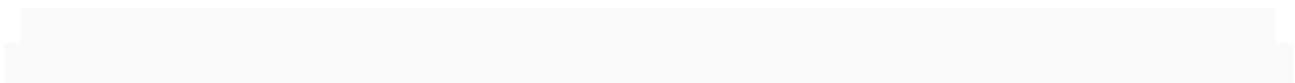
Contact on 0428468298 eaglehawkrotary@gmail.com

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 0443391160 secretary@rotarycastlemaine.org.au



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