

Rotary Club of Bendigo South **SIGNPOST**

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

Rotary Opens Opportunities



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President's Report 13, 2021.

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

I wish to thank hosts and chefs, Tony and Betty Plant, for their great hospitality last Friday evening. On a calm, if cool, evening the meal was magnificent, as was the outside fire heater which was greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

We, the Seedlings Crew, would also like to thank those 10 club members who took seedlings boxes out of the Nursery for care and nurturing. We anticipate putting them in the ground at East Gippsland around July/August. Should any members still wish to be part of this, please let me know there are still a few more boxes available.

The Goldfields Cluster Group of Presidents met on Sunday morning at the Kangaroo Flat rooms and it was interesting to hear what other clubs are up to as well as all the district happenings. It was mentioned that next year's Easter Festival will be a large event for the 150th year and that all the different Rotary Clubs and their respective events will be a big part of those celebrations.

The FORAMEAL weekend will be on **FRIDAY JUNE 4 in Bendigo and SATURDAY JUNE 5 in Echuca**, with approximately 12 helpers per club needed. You may remember this program from the Rotary Club of Canterbury as a feature of past district conferences. It is a cluster wide project hence the two locations. More details as they become available.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the Tennis Centre on Thursday Evening in what will be a slightly different format with sub committees' meetings being a part of this gathering.

Yours in Rotary,

PAUL GIBBONS

**The Rotary Club of Bendigo South -
"Connect to the Community"**

PAUL GIBBONS PRESIDENT 20/21.



Club Meeting Agenda- Thursday April 15

Venue: Fosterville Gold Tennis Centre:

Overview.

At the meeting this week the intention is to conduct sub committee meetings from 6.15 to 7 pm. We will then all come together at 7pm for the meal followed by each director providing a brief report. We would encourage all members if able to attend this meeting and support their directors. As we are nearing the end of this Rotary year it will be an opportunity to appraise what has been accomplished to date in a most challenging year and consider what activities may still be possible in what time we still have before June 30. Any members who may have involvement in more than one sub committee perhaps will choose to attend one committee that they may be more actively involved in and perhaps provide the other committee chair with something in writing. Also the new members who may not have yet decided on which committee they would like to belong to may take this opportunity to attend an area of interest with a view of joining this committee in the next Rotary year.

Agenda.

- 6-6.15 pm Meal payment time (please pay online prior if possible, especially if you are unable to arrive prior to 6.15 pm.
- 6.15 pm Directors identify meeting area and meet with their members.
- 7:00 pm Return to dining area meal and meeting commences.
- 7.15 pm Directors reports commence.
- 8:00 pm Members Meeting concludes -Board meeting to follow

For the fortnightly meetings scheduled at the Bendigo Fosterville Gold Tennis Centre members intending to attend a dinner meeting and have a meal provided are required to notify Rod Spitty by no later than midday on the Wednesday prior to the scheduled meeting.

Rod can be sent a text message on 0402883747 or emailed to rspitty@gmail.com.

Club Program – April 2021

April- Maternal/Child Health		
	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**

Koondrook Bahram Squad.

The following members are attending the weekend club trip to Koondrook/ Bahram April 16,17 & 18. All four planned activities starting with the Arbuthnot Sawmill tour at 3pm Friday.

Roxanne & George Ellis, Richard & Kylie Epskamp, Paul & Rae Gibbons, Clive & Jennie Hughes, Lindsay Jolley & Nena Herrera, Philip & Jenny Lethbridge, Glenn & Rosemary Madden, Tony & Betty Plant, Ian & Marija Claridge, Merlyn Quaife.

Joining the group at Midday Saturday: Trevor Hawking and Sue Duncan,
Matthew Scott- Wetlander Cruise on Saturday night.

PS. I hope I have not left anyone out but if I have perhaps they will let me know.



Don't forget to:



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

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



Memory Lane Pictures this week date back to January 2018 Women in Policing!



A Big Thank You For Attending the RCBS High Tea



Thank you to everyone who bought food to contribute to our High Tea, plus a huge thank you to those who help set up and clean up after our fun event at Camp Getaway.

Your food contributions were greatly appreciated and well loved by all those who attended. Due to your generosity, we raised just over \$2,000.00 to support our International Projects for scholarships for high School girls in Timor Leste.

Thanks
Heather



**Winner of the Lucky Lotto for 3rd April is Glenn Madden #6
& for 10th April is Rae Gibbons #14 – 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"

HELP 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



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
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:	Sue Duncan
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR:	Rod Spitty
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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