

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

On Thursday August 25 we had a Zoom presentation by Russel Hayes (RC Wandin) and Grant Klaaysen (RC Berwick) about **Wheelchairs for Kids**. Wheelchairs for Kids was established in Perth in 1998 and sends wheelchairs to kids in 60 – 70 Developing Nations. 3000 orthopaedic wheelchairs are assembled per year. It costs \$250 per chair which pays for the parts and a team of volunteers build the chairs. Shipping costs are covered by other Rotary Clubs or Church groups. So far 53,000 kids lives have been changed for the positive. We saw a video featuring one such recipient – what a resilient young lad!

Funds and awareness are raised via Wheelathons conducted in schools. Russel and Grant, being the Victorian representatives and fund-raisers for the Project have a van full of wheelchairs which they drive to participating schools whose students then get to hands-on experience what it's like to be reliant on a wheelchair. Events usually run from 8.00 am – 3.00 pm and students do 15' each in chairs. Something for the Goldfields Region? An information flyer about making private donations is attached should any of you be moved to make a personal donation to this worthy cause.

We welcomed visitors Katy and Tony from RC Belconnen who had travelled to Victoria to pick up a caravan and were now on their way back to Canberra.

I'll be asking for a show of hands as to how you wish me to vote for the Regionalisation Project. If you missed the Meeting where this was discussed and haven't yet checked out the information here's the link again: <https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org>

Enjoy the little hint of Spring in the air!!

Merlyn Quaife AM



AUGUST PROGRAM

Thurs 1st September

Lake View Hotel
New member talk – Margaret Kelly
Chair – TBA

Thurs 8th September

NO MEETING in Lieu of Bairnsdale tree planting project

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- Tree planting in East Gippsland
Friday the 9th to Sunday the 11th of September.
- James Morrison with the City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band – Concert
Sunday 9th October 2pm Ulumbarra Theatre Bendigo
- Science & Engineering Challenge - National Final
Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October - Bendigo South East College Stadium
- Maubisse Film Night Thursday 27th October (details to follow)
- Swap Meet
Friday 11th, Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th November.



James Morrison & the City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band

Tickets are available for club members, partners and friends at a discounted price if purchased directly from the club. There are 50 reserved seats all in prime positions and they will be sold on a first in best dressed arrangement. They are available at \$50 per person, as compared to \$59 if purchased from Gotix. Should you wish to reserve yours early please let Tony Plant know and he will put you on the list. We should have the actual tickets to distribute in the next couple of weeks. Payment will need to be made into the Projects account and please make sure you include your name and the word "CONCERT" with your online payment.

Please see attachment for more information.

Tree planting in East Gippsland

Our seedlings are ready to plant. The plan is as follows:

- **Friday 9 September – travel to Bairnsdale**
- **10 September – tree planting day**
- **10 September (evening) a social dinner with some of the locals.**
- **Sunday 11 September – Return home.**

Please let Tony or Paul know whether you are a starter or not **ASAP**.

Swap meet - 11th, 12th and 13th of November

After 3 years the Swap Meet is BACK! We are seeking an indication of who will be available to assist over the weekend. Shifts are 4 hours. Partners and friends are welcome to join us. Please contact Maureen ph. 0438 468815 or goldview46@bigpond.com if you are available.



The Board has approved the formation of a sub-committee of the Club Service committee to implement systems to effectively and efficiently manage the storage and access to Club records including Board minutes, annual reports, financial records, correspondence etc. Steve Rogers, whose business is Bendigo onsite computers has offered his services, pro-bono, to provide technical advice in setting up this system.



Matthew Scott chairing the zoom presentation by Russel Hayes (RC Wandin) and Grant Klaaysen (RC Berwick) about **Wheelchairs for Kids**.



Wheelchairs for Kids zoom presentation. Please find attached a brochure about donating to this worthy cause.



Ian, Sue, Greg, Trevor, Gary and Clive working hard at Saturday's BBQ





President Merlyn, Maureen, Glenn and Gary cooking at the LaTrobe University Open day BBQ





Our amazing friends from Rotary Club of Bendigo South have again generously supported the RCPP efforts to help the poor and in need Cambodian people.

After 2 ½ days of preparation negotiating fair deals, then physically collecting, transporting and assembling individual packages, today, Sunday 21 August dawned. Thank goodness I was awake early and in the front yard, as my local Commune Leader, Om, arrived at 6am with 4 men and 2 tuk tuk trucks to transport the produce and bicycles to the delivery point. Honestly folks, it's so hard to express the emotion of helping people who really have so little in their lives. When you see the gratitude on the faces, trembling hands and tears in ir eyes, then the open joy of the kids about to receive their first bicycle, and the pride clear on the faces on Commune Leaders, School head and teachers...we know we are making a difference. My deep gratitude to all who helped this happen. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Don Rosenfeldt
President, 2021 - 2023
Rotary Club of Phnom Penh





These photos show the results of our fundraising effort to support the purchase of bikes and school library sets as a result of our Wine and Cheese fundraising event held at Lindsay Jolley home earlier this year. Having raised \$2000 our efforts were supported by an International District Grant of \$1,000.





The 2022 "Run for Dad" Fun Run Father's Day – Sunday 4th September 2022

Be a **superhero!**

Start Father's Day with the Bendigo's "Run For Dad" fun run at Bendigo Racecourse.

Run For Dad is designed to raise your heart rate and much-needed funds for the [Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia](https://www.prostatecancer.org.au). We're calling on families from across Bendigo and beyond to dress up as their favourite superhero to support the heroes fighting prostate cancer.

After your run, enjoy a free breakfast provided by some of the local Rotary clubs PLUS entertainment provided by the Eaglehawk Brass Band.

WHEN / WHERE / WHAT

Where? Bendigo Racecourse, Heinz St, White Hills ([Google Map](#))

When? Fathers Day – Sunday 4th September 2022

What time? 10am

How far? 7.5 km Run (Two Laps) or 3.75 km Run / Walk (One Lap)

Entry Fees: Open \$35, Under 18 \$5, Under 5 Free

On the Day Entry till 9:45: Open \$50, Under 18 \$10, Under 5 Free.

What should you wear? Your favourite superhero outfits (oh, and comfortable running clothes, too)

PLEASE Note: This is a NO DOG event

What do you get?

ALL participants will receive:

- A Finisher's Medal
- A FREE bacon & egg breakfast provided by some of the local Rotary Clubs.
- Coffee available to purchase.

Enter or more info www.runfordad.com.au



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Rotary members like you are taking action and creating meaningful change in communities worldwide.

At past conventions, you've seen what we can accomplish when we come together and share our passion for Doing Good in the World. We're excited to keep the momentum going in 2023. **Join us in the beautiful city of Melbourne, Australia, 27-31 May** to connect with other people of action. We'll hear from great speakers, enjoy fantastic entertainment, take part in inspirational breakout sessions, and so much more.

Register today to receive the reduced rate. Don't wait, because **this rate expires on 15 December.**

[Register Today](https://convention.rotary.org)

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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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CHANGE LIVES**

WHO'S WHO?

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| ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT: | Jennifer Jones |
| RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR: | Amanda Wendt |

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| CLUB PRESIDENT | Merlyn Quaife AM |
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| NEWSLETTER EDITOR | Zoe Pocock |

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: Last Tuesday of month - 6 for 6:30pm, Rotary Community Park, Rose Street, Echuca.

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

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