

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 FOR SIGNPOST - #6 for 2021

The Warmest of Welcomes to all club members and supporters!

Our meeting last week was of great interest on the topic of Rural Refugees. Perhaps it is something the club can be involved in the future in some way.

Most of the district clubs were represented at the Cluster Meeting held last SUNDAY morning at Eaglehawk Rotary Club rooms. As is always the case there are many and varied activities being undertaken by all clubs. Kangaroo Flat are running a "Hole in One" event, Castlemaine have joined in with a Scottish Club on Zoom and Eaglehawk are planning a renewal of Lightening Hill Lookout to name a few. It is always interesting to hear about other clubs programs and events and the challenges that they are having to work with currently.

As the Club's involvement and connections with community events continues, I hope to be able to announce soon works to be undertaken at Camp Getaway.

The numbers for our weekend in APRIL at Barham/ Koondrook look encouraging at this stage.

On the seedling front our work continues on with, it has to be said, interesting results. We are ever hopeful of having more show you soon on that front.

Enjoy the week ahead and I look forward to catching up with you in person for a Tomato History talk on Thursday at PRATTYS PATCH HOTEL.

Sincerely,
PAUL GIBBONS

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



The Illustrious Tomato Industry, as told by our next Guest Speaker – Mr James Lerk

In 2019, Mr Lerk received a Medal of the Order of Australia for his significant contribution to documenting and preserving the history of Bendigo.

A comment from a shopkeeper that he would never be a "true Bendigonian" has long motivated Golden Square's James Lerk to prove his worth as an Australian and a resident of the city.

Mr Lerk, who came as a child from the Netherlands to Australia in the 1950s, said the shopkeeper's comment when he was a recent arrival to Bendigo had always stuck with him, although he later realised she meant that his family had not been there from the gold rush days.

Mr Lerk has authored several books on Bendigo's history, helped republish two significant works about the city, and for 20 years wrote a column for the *Bendigo Weekly*.
He has also helped others publish work on Bendigo's history.

Arrive from 6 pm, order dinner from the menu by 6.30 pm:
Speaker introduced 7.30 approx.

Thursday 25 FEBRUARY

Pratty's Patch, Monsant's Road, Maiden Gully



Club Program – February & March 2021

	Date of Activity	Activity Details.
February-Peace & Conflict	Thurs Feb 25	James Lerk-history Bendigo's flourishing tomato industry- Venue Pratty's Patch. Guest Chair - TBA Cashiers Bernie Young & Mark Tracy
March- Water/Sanitation	Thurs March 4 Dinner Meeting	VENUE Tennis Club – Speaker Caleb Maxwell- Creative Emporium. Chair Jan Pagliaro Cashiers – Trevor Hawking & Paul Gibbons
	Thurs March 11- Zoom meeting	Rotary speaker re theme. Ruth Carlos Martinez Rotary Club of Melbourne. Topic: <i>Rotary on WASH projects opens opportunities for service.</i> Followed by board meeting
	Thursday March 18 Dinner Meeting	Venue: Tennis Club. Guest Speaker Emma ? Heathcote Dementia Village. Chair TBA. Cashiers George Ellis & Clive Hughes
	Sunday March 28	Venue Camp Getaway-Ken Briggs Memorial Service followed by high tea Cashiers – Jenny Hughes & Andrew Palmer

Please contact Rod with your ideas for our meetings on 0402883747 or rspitty@gmail.com



Frosty the Snowman making another appearance this week, with Signwriter Max in the back ground- great effort from these two!



Don't forget to:

*** BARHAM /KOONDROOK WEEKEND ** Numbers by end of month please!**

We are planning to conduct this club social function (Covid permitting) on the 16th, 17th and 18th of April. The trip will include a tour of Arbuthnot's Sawmill, a dinner in a fair dinkum Aussie Pub, a fishing cruise, golf and a Wetlands dinner cruise. Please check your calendars, expressions of interest will be called shortly.

*** Save the date for the High Tea & Ken Briggs Memorial – Sun Mar 28th**

*** 100 GOOD TURNS this Rotary Year.**

Merlyn is listed as doing Vision Aust radio fortnightly. Geoff McKinna and Mathew Scott both do the same voluntary program at Vision as well. So a great effort from BSRC.

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 !

Our Memory Lane Snap Shots! The Foundry - 2017



Camp Getaway – a unique District-wide asset



By Ken Maxfield (The Networker Feb 2021)

Opened in 1948, Camp Getaway was an initiative of Rotary Bendigo in response to the need for a youth camp in the region. Today, the camp is a wonderful respite that caters for people of all abilities and mobility. It is a meeting place for support groups, and offers those who need it most a sanctuary away from their daily struggles. Whilst disability and related support groups have priority for booking dates, Camp Getaway welcomes bookings for family groups, church groups, clubs, special functions, business meetings and recreational groups.

Situated at Axedale, twenty kilometres east of Bendigo, the camp has myriad activities available, as well as fantastic tourist attractions within close proximity. It can accommodate up to 72 campers in three cabins each containing two twin bedrooms with ensuite; and two dormitories, each with 28-30 beds. Other main buildings include recreation and dining halls/lounge catering for up to 80-90 diners.

Management of the camp is through a Board made up of 15 Rotarians from different clubs. An onsite resident caretaker family oversees the day-to-day activities and voluntary Board Members provide the vast majority of labour input.

Whilst the Camp's operating costs are met through site fees, the funding of capital improvements, major building maintenance and equipment is sought from Rotary club donations, local and regional businesses and individuals. And there are a number of projects that are needed, such as the rehabilitation of the double tennis/basketball court area, the refurbishment of the two toilet blocks and, an upgrade of the camp septic effluent disposal system. Over the next five years, mechanical and electrical equipment items, such as air conditioners will reach the end of their useful life and must be replaced.

Camp Getaway is a unique and important asset in District 9800 in which all Rotary clubs can be involved. You can assist the camp by:

- Including the camp in the distribution of your club's funds;
- Sponsoring under-privileged groups in your area to midweek camps. This will provide a much needed community service and help boost the camp's operating income;
- Visiting the camp, perhaps even partnering with another club, for a weekend away. The weekend could take the form of a working bee – there are lots of little jobs to do around the camp – or just a getaway for fun and fellowship in a COVID-safe way.

The camp's on-going viability and success is dependent upon the contribution and involvement of Rotarians and clubs across our District. For further information, email kmaxfiel@bigpond.net.au (no 'd') or telephone 0412 489 580. I am also available as a guest speaker.



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Quarry Hill GC Inc.

FRIDAY NIGHT DISC-O



26th Feb 2021
5.30pm
Quarry Hill Golf Course



- BBQ Dinner
- 9 Holes of Disc Golf
- Mini Games
- Starter Packs available to purchase

Cash Only



\$10 - BBQ + 9 Holes/Games

****\$5 BBQ only****

Hire discs on the night

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Bringing the World Closer

By Helena Wimpole (The Networker Feb, 2021)

The Rotary Doll Lovers Fellowship is a worldwide group of Rotarians who share a common interest in dolls as a symbol of international culture and friendship.

The Fellowship came about as a result of the establishment of a Doll Museum in the city of Rajkot, Gujarat State, India in 2004. The idea for this Museum started some three years earlier when a request was made from the Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown to Rotarians worldwide. The Museum required dolls from Rotarians that were handmade and symbolised the culture and traditions of the country in which they were made. The main purpose of the Doll Museum was to enable disadvantaged children and others to attend the Museum, enjoy the dolls and through them learn about other parts of the world, their people's culture and customs.

As a consequence of the outreach to Rotarians around the globe, the Museum received a very generous supply of ethnic dolls, indicating an ideal example of the true internationality of Rotary. Together with the Dolls, there were letters and notes explaining the culture, tradition, life styles, food recipes and prominent personalities, etc. of the relevant country. This proved a helpful addition to the understanding of each of the countries, their traditions and history.

Some Rotarians developed such a fondness for the dolls that they decided to make the extension to forming the Doll Lovers Fellowship, which commenced in 2005. The Fellowship maintained the program, known as "Gift a Smile," which continues to encourage Rotarians worldwide to send their ethnic dolls to the Doll Museum so that as many countries as possible are represented. In addition, Rotary clubs or individual Rotarian members of the Fellowship are requested to donate 50 toys for under privileged children.

Membership of this Fellowship is open to all Rotarians, their partners, Rotaractors, and others connected to Rotary. There is no joining fee. However, there is the requirement that an ethnic doll is made for the Rajkot Doll Museum.

Membership of the Rotary Doll Lovers Fellowship offers the possibility of international cultural sharing, lifelong friendships and sharing experiences with others around the world through newsletters and the website. Although not every country is represented in the Doll Lovers Fellowship, it is pleasing to note that Australia is represented through the Rotary Club of Albany Port, Western Australia.

For more information refer: <http://dolloversfellowship.org/>

My Rotary - Member Dashboard – have you joined?

Introducing - My Rotary, a place for members of Rotary to access tools and information to make your membership experience better.

If you are not a member of Rotary, please visit our home page at Rotary.org

What's new on the Dashboard:

- Throughout 2021, we will host a [webinar series](#) to explore diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). [Register now for the next webinar, "Exploring the Black Experience in Rotary,"](#) on Thursday, 25 February at 15:00 Chicago time (UTC-6).
- Rotary Voices: Talking the talk, walking the walk on disease prevention. [Read more.](#)
- Rotary will have a role in helping communities navigate the introduction and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines. [Read more.](#)
- The 2021 Rotary International Convention will be held virtually. [Learn more](#) about refunds and the upcoming virtual event.
- Why you should care about Rotary branding. [Read more.](#)
- Rotary Down Under: Bird paradise inspires environmental committee. [Read more.](#)

Go to My Rotary (Rotary.org) to read more about these articles



Winner of the Lucky Lotto is Anne Peace #45 Congratulations!

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

CLUB PRESIDENT:	Paul Gibbons
SECRETARY:	Tony Plant
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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

RC BENDIGO: Tuesday 12:45pm, Bendigo Club, Park Street, Kennington.

RC ECHUCA MOAMA: Tuesday 6pm, Moama Bowling Club, Shaw Street, Moama.

RC BENDIGO SANDHURST: Wednesday 7.30am, Bridge Hotel, Water Street.

RC EAGLEHAWK: Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

RC ROCHESTER: Thursday 6pm, The Court House building, Moore Street (Opp. G. Nelson Motors

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