

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 - #7 for 2021

Greetings once again to all members and families.

Last week an enjoyable evening was held at Pratty's Patch to hear about the History of Tomato Growing in the Bendigo District. The feedback that I've received has been very positive and it's clear that everyone enjoyed the night.

We have a great program in place for March and I encourage you to participate where possible.

I also commend the efforts of Barbara and Graham Neivandt for their re-discovery of a club memorial from the 1960'S (please see attached photo of the seat in question).

I ask all members to consider if they are aware of any other past projects the club has been involved with that may need a revisit or refurbishment as is the case with the seat at Lake Eppalock Foreshore. Please let me know and we can start a program to revisit projects that our great rotary club was undertaking for the community in years gone by. My research has revealed that the roadside clean-up was also going strong in the 1980's!

Have a great week ahead and I look forward to catching up with you in person at the TENNIS CENTRE on Thursday evening.

Yours in Rotary,
PAUL GIBBONS

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



Pratty's Patch – Guest Speaker, Mr James Lerk and Bendigo's story of the Tomato Industry.



Club Program – March & April 2021

	Date of Activity	Activity Details.
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

April-Maternal/Child Health	THURS April 1-	Easter commences-no meeting
	Thurs April 8 Dinner Meeting	Venue: Tennis Club- speaker TBA
	Thurs April 15 Zoom format	Sub -committee meetings followed by board meeting
	Friday April 16,17.18	Koondrook/Bahram weekend (see flyer)
	Thurs April 22 Dinner Meeting	Venue: Tennis Club: Local speaker related to theme
	Thurs April 29	<i>Possible rescheduling of Allies Road Dinner. Maubisse fundraiser perhaps?</i>

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



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**

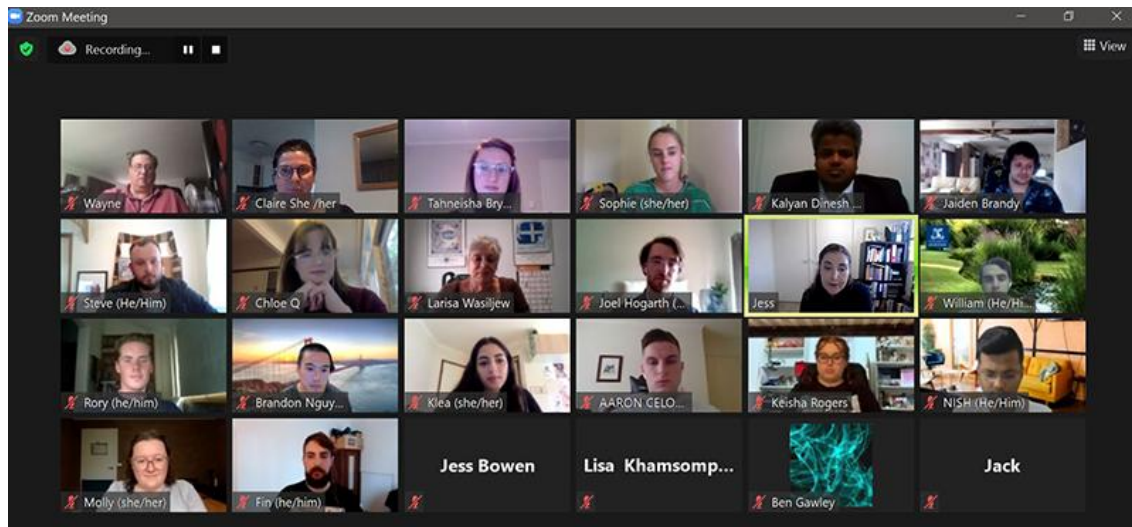
* **100 GOOD TURNS this Rotary Year.**



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! Allies Rd, January 2018





In District 9800, the [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards \(RYLA\)](#) is a leadership program focused on personal growth, leadership development and community for people aged 18 to 25 years. Over the course of seven days, participants are immersed in content designed to challenge, inspire and provide space to reflect.

RYLA 9800 is entirely designed and run by a team of volunteers who are recent alumni of the program. A committee that includes a mix of Rotarians and team members provides support, liaising with Rotary clubs, managing finances and ensuring that the program aligns with Rotary's values.

In March 2020, the RYLA committee realised that the usual program may not proceed as planned in December due to the pandemic. Given the enormous effort put in by the team in preceding months, we felt a duty to avoid a situation where our program may be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We were mindful of the impact that the pandemic was having on clubs' fundraising capabilities and sought to find a way to continue to keep costs low for clubs who wanted to support RYLA. We also saw an opportunity to add value to future in-person programs by allowing online engagement and contact before and after the retreat week.

The team, led by 2013 alumna Claire Bryan, showed remarkable innovation, adaptability, and resilience through the challenges of 2020 to create a program of which we are proud. The design process of the program was highly consultative, with input from alumni, past speakers and RYLA leaders from around Australia and New Zealand, who were also altering their programs in response to the pandemic.

Our online program will run over six weeks from 8 February 8 to 21 March and will comprise 4 modules: *Wellbeing and Values*, *Grit*, *Leadership Skills* and *Goal Setting*. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and the broader RYLA community, almost all of our speakers in this program have an affiliation with RYLA, including many alumni of our own program.

We thank those clubs who have sponsored candidates and encourage them to keep in regular contact with their candidates throughout their RYLA journeys.

Lake Eppalock Foreshore – Table & Chairs erected by BSRC 1960's



According to 96.5, KLFM, the name “Rotary” came from the first club in America, and they held their meetings in a different home each week!



Winner of the Lucky Lotto is George Ellis #38 Congratulations!

You are invited to the Rotary Club of Bendigo South
High Tea combined with a Memorial service for our
past member Ken Briggs



DATE: - Sunday 28th March 2021
TIME: - 2pm commencing with a Memorial service for Ken in the
outdoor Chapel followed by High Tea at 2.30pm
VENUE: - Camp Getaway
161 Axedale – Kimbolton Road
Axedale
COST:- \$25 per person
Please pay direct debit if possible & include your surname: -
BSB 633000 Account number 103497236
BYO DRINKS Wine tastings available from Mallee Edge Winery
RSVP Heather Nixon 0427 343320 or hnixo@yahoo.com
by March 21st
THEME – *Dress for a Royal High Tea and Hats encouraged*

**Funds raised go to support our Clubs scholarships for 4 High School girls in
Timor Leste**



The history of contact tracing

Contact tracing has been in the news lately because of the important role it can play in slowing the spread of the novel coronavirus, but it has been a cornerstone of public health for much of the past century. In 1937, [then-U.S. Surgeon General Thomas Parran](#) wrote a book about syphilis control (melodramatically titled *Shadow on the Land*), in which he described contact tracing in detail. The practice has been a [valuable tool ever since](#) — for combating the spread of sexually transmitted infections as well as vaccine-preventable diseases such as [measles](#) and [tuberculosis](#). Smallpox was defeated not by vaccinating entire populations, but by finding and vaccinating anyone who had been in contact with people who had the disease. Contact tracing has also played a part in the progress we’ve made [against polio](#).

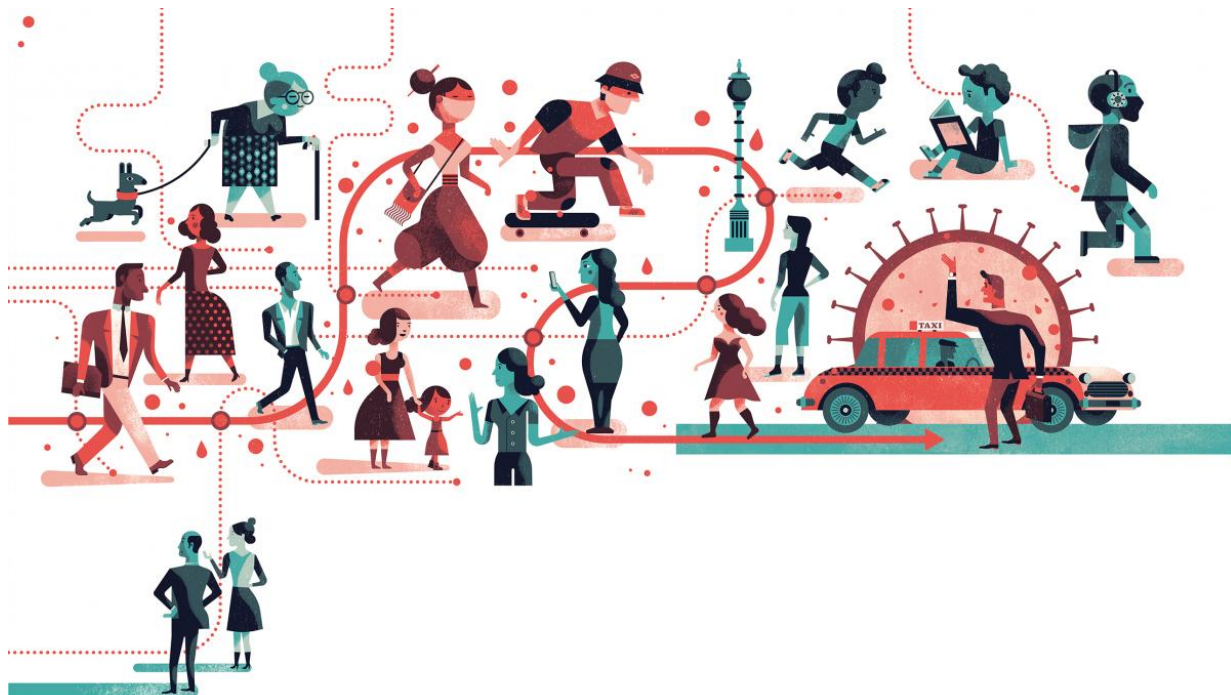
Regardless of the disease in question, [contact tracing](#) is based on the same premise: quickly identifying and monitoring people who have been in contact with an infected person in order to diagnose and treat them if they develop the disease — and to prevent it from spreading further, whether through vaccination or isolation. (The word “quarantine” dates back to the Middle Ages, when sailors had to remain aboard docked ships for a 40-day period — in Latin, a [quarentena](#) — to prevent the spread of bubonic plague.) [Contact tracing](#) allows health workers to find people who have been in contact with a carrier, to determine whether they are also infected, to offer support and treatment, and to build a list of that [person’s contacts](#) in case the tracing chain needs to expand.

What varies from disease to disease is who is considered a contact. Investigators look at the characteristics of the disease and how it spreads to determine who is at greatest risk of infection. [Ebola](#), for example, is contracted through exposure to bodily fluids, so contact tracers monitored people who had had direct physical contact with an infected person — who shared meals with them, cared for them, did their laundry, or prepared their body for burial. With COVID-19, a respiratory disease, U.S. health authorities have defined a [close contact](#) as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes.

Some diseases, such as influenza, spread so rapidly that it's difficult to keep up, says [William Schaffner](#), a professor of preventive medicine and infectious disease at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. "It's one of the difficulties we're having with COVID-19 today."

Another challenge in tracing the coronavirus, one that it shares with polio, is that [many infected people are asymptomatic](#). "That very characteristic of [polio](#) baffled public health people for ages," Schaffner says. "Before it was discovered to be an [intestinal virus](#), they couldn't figure out how it was spread. Some cases didn't have any contact with each other."

In the United States, health departments generally maintain a small staff of contact tracers; those teams are being expanded to trace the spread of COVID-19. San Francisco, for example, had only 10 people regularly working on contact tracing. The city [reassigned other public employees](#) whose workloads had lightened because of the pandemic to act as contact tracers — staff in "the city attorney's office, assessor's office, and, my favorite, all the city librarians," says George Rutherford, a professor of epidemiology at the University of California at San Francisco and principal investigator on California's contact tracing training program. Rutherford and his team were asked to train 10,000 civil servants online throughout the state. During a 20-minute interview with Rotary, he received 60 emails about it. "You can get an idea of the volume I'm dealing with," he remarked.



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
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COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR:	Merlyn Quaife
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:	Sue Duncan
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CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER:	Geoff McKinna
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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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