

# *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 FOR SIGNPOST - JANUARY 21st 2021**

Greetings all!

Welcome to the second half of the Rotary year 20/21.

The highlight of this Signpost, amongst many others, is the outline of a great program for the next six months going forward. It is based on club member's survey results. There is something for everyone as they say and the program continues the club tradition of following the Monthly Rotary International Themes. I encourage all members to read it closely and get all those dates locked in! You will note that Zoom meetings are still a part of the ongoing program, as well as some planned Social /Memorial events.

All members will have seen the e-mail from secretary Tony regarding our meeting this week, and I would encourage one and all to start our new Rotary year at Bendigo South in a pro-active and positive way. Please contact secretary Tony by **THIS TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> Jan AT 12 NOON.**

Due to the uncertainty surrounding Australia Day events the planned regular Australia Day celebrations in BENDIGO have been cancelled but there is an alternative event being run by the District on Australia Day details of which are below. From Goldfields Cluster Chair RON PAYNE

**Our Rotary District 9800 is leading on a National Australia Day celebration event on 26 January in which Rotary will showcase prominent speakers, performers and signature projects. There is some Bendigo content in this presentation.**

**This event will be live streamed to all on Tuesday 26th Jan 2021, from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm., then please at least encourage Rotarians, Friends, Community and Business Partners in your District/Club to book online below and join in this wonderful celebration:**

**[https://events.humanitix.com/rotarydownunder\\_100\\_national\\_australia\\_day\\_event](https://events.humanitix.com/rotarydownunder_100_national_australia_day_event)**

Have a great week ahead and I look forward to catching up with you all in person at the MARONG FAMILY HOTEL on Thursday evening.

**Yours in Rotary,**

**PAUL GIBBONS**

**The Rotary Club of Bendigo South-**

**"Connect to the Community"**



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FREE ONLINE  
EVENT!

# Join our Rotary Network in Celebration!

For 100 years Rotary in Australia has been  
bringing communities together through service, goodwill and friendship.  
Come and join us on Australia Day as we  
*Reflect, Respect, Celebrate*

Gather your family, friends and community partners for a live  
ZOOM event being streamed across Australia from 12.30 pm  
to 2.00 pm Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021



Messages from:  
Rotary International President Holger Knaack  
His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)  
Professor Patrick McGorry AM  
Past Rotary International President Ian Riseley  
Rotary Foundation Australia Chairman Maure Stack  
Rotary International Director-elect Dr Jessie Harman



MICs/  
PDG Greg Ross &  
David Mann AM

Performances from:  
Marina Prior ♦ Mike Brady ♦ Josh Piterman  
♦ John Foreman OAM



R100 Project Presentations:



EndTrachoma  
Building Healthy Communities



Rotary  
Zone 8

Blue Every Child & Future - Our Sustainable Community Project



Join in this jam-packed afternoon of free online festivities for the whole family by booking now at:  
[https://events.humanitix.com/rotarydownunder\\_100\\_national\\_australia\\_day\\_event](https://events.humanitix.com/rotarydownunder_100_national_australia_day_event)

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## VALE - David Lea – Past member of Bendigo South

During the week several members attended the Funeral Service of past member David Lea.

David, along with his deceased wife Tania, greatly contributed to the Club's Youth Exchange Program as supportive and caring hosts of a number on our incoming students. David had a very distinguished career as a technical education teacher spending some years at the White Hills Technical School and then returning to Melbourne to take up the position of School Principal at the Box Hill Technical School.

He also served as a Member of State Parliament as the member for Sandringham, completing two terms. David and Tania, in their early retirement period, also spent a number of years teaching English in China. David was a very accomplished soccer player during his years as a high achieving student attending the Melbourne High School.

Shortly after Tania passed away after a long illness, David decided to return to Melbourne to be near his son and daughter and their families, setting himself up in South Yarra.

Personally David shared my great passion for cricket and had been quite a good player in his younger years at the Bendigo United Cricket Club. The last time I saw David was about two years ago when he came along to our IFCR cricket festival to seek out his Indian friend, Sarithy, whom he had hosted here in Bendigo in 2015.

Both Sarithy and Ishtique (another IFCR friend from Bangladesh) were able to view David's funeral service from afar, due to modern technology. They expressed their gratitude in being able to hear the family eulogies telling David's interesting life story of his adventures and many achievements.

We all remember David for his eloquence in speech, his gentlemanly manners and just as a very fine fellow.

*From all members past and present -David now reunited with Tania –RIP.*

### A Personal Heartfelt Tribute – Matthew Scott

It was with sadness that I read Tony's recent email regarding the recent Passing of past member, David Lea. As a younger member when I joined the Rotary Club of Bendigo South, David, along with many other members, was an encouraging mentor on all things Rotary. I recall a meeting when David presented me with a signed copy of a long-since published book on Rotary entitled 'Adventure in Service'. As a young member, I appreciated learning more about Rotary, but moreover the gesture of David's in giving me his copy of this book and what it meant to be showing the next generation of young Rotarians about the spirit of service in our organisation.

The welcoming I received from members past and present of our Club, including from people such as David is what makes our club welcoming and special, yet also for me, a place where inter-generational interaction is acceptable and special.

I will always appreciate and remember people such as David, who whether you have known them for a short or long time have provided a meaningful and sincere gesture to my Rotary experience.

- Matthew Scott

## A little walk along Memory Lane..... Oct 2017



Our Chairperson for the night – Merlyn



Saying farewell to Terry Dalwood as he moves Interstate, by Bernie.



Graham & Clive hard at work at Camp Getaway



## Club Program – January & February 2021

Month and Rotary Theme	Date of Activity	Activity Details.
January-Vocations	Thurs Jan 28	Social gathering members and Partners. <b>Marong Family Hotel- Chair Paul</b>
February-Peace & Conflict	Thurs Feb 4 Dinner Meeting	Venue Tennis Centre- Speaker Lisa Hilson. Annie North Women's Refuge. Chair Merlyn
	Thurs Feb 11 Zoom meeting	6.15 pm open. Guest speaker from district re Peace/Conflict monthly theme. All members invited. Board meeting to follow.
	Thurs Feb 18 Dinner Meeting	Tennis Club. Guest speaker- Helen Musk Rural Australians for Refugees. Chair Tony
	Thurs Feb 25	-James Lerk-history Bendigo's flourishing tomato industry- Venue Pratty's Patch. Guest Chair ??

Please contact Rod with your ideas for our meetings on 0402883747 or [rspitty@gmail.com](mailto:rspitty@gmail.com)

**JANUARY IS**  
 Week 2  
 22 January 2021  
**VOCATIONAL  
 SERVICE  
 MONTH**




**Vocational Service calls every Rotarian to:**

- Aspire to high ethical standards in their occupation;
- Recognise worthiness of all useful occupations, and;
- Contribute their vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.



**Lucky Lotto Winner this week, with # 31 is Sharon Pfeiffer!**



## The joys of Zoom! A fun fundraising Idea from Vancouver and we are invited to join in!

A friend of mine, Neil Mort, a past Exchange Student to Numurkah Rotary Club sent this through to me, and I have googled the time, so 6:30pm Vancouver time is 1:30pm our time!

## Reminder: District Recognition Awards

Applications for this year's District Recognitions Awards must be submitted by close of business Friday 26 February 2021.

Project categories include the key service areas of **Community, International, Vocational, Youth, Public Image & Communications**, and **Membership**, to which has been added the new Rotary Area of Focus, **Supporting the Environment. Innovation During COVID**, a special category in this unusual pandemic-affected year, has also been added.



For further information, please visit the District website: <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/club-service/recognitions>

If you have any questions, please email the District 9800 Club Service Chair at [rowanmcclean@gmail.com](mailto:rowanmcclean@gmail.com)

# 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

**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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