

# *Rotary Club of Bendigo South* **SIGNPOST**

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Meets Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Lakeview Hotel (TBC weekly)

## **Rotary Opens Opportunities**



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### **President's Report 3, 2021/2022**

Greetings from Albury.

The mornings have been very cold making Bendigo seem almost mild!

My thanks to Paul Gibbons for his report on the last meeting. We had planned to present Julie Oberin, with her well deserved Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for her outstanding and longstanding work, in the Bendigo community with women who suffer domestic violence, but as she couldn't make it – this will be planned again for the future.

I do hope some of you can assist with the tree planting with Ironbark Gully Friends (see attached) and thanks to those that helped the JCAG tree planting last Friday, at the Honeyeater Reserve, almost my backyard. Consider it training for Gippsland!

My Townsville Vocal Competition adjudicating is off as there was a last minute venue issue and the event has been cancelled, so if my Covid result has come through ok I will join you at this week's meeting.

**Merlyn Quaife, AM**

**The Rotary Club of Bendigo South -**

**"Rotary Opens Opportunities"**



## ***Our New Rotary International President***

**President Shekhar Mehta & his wife, Rashi**

**Club of Calcutta – Mahanagar, West Bengal.**



Shekhar Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, has been a Rotarian since 1985. He trained as an accountant and founded a real estate development company, Skyline Group, which he also chairs.

But his professional title tells only a small part of the story of who he is. He is also a director of the India arm of Operation Eyesight Universal, a Canada-based nonprofit focused on preventing avoidable blindness. He helped establish more than 15 eye hospitals, in several Indian states, that together carry out nearly 50,000 surgeries each year. And he started Saving Little Hearts, a project that has facilitated more than 2,500 heart surgeries for children from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and some African countries and that is now an India-wide program.

# JULY PROGRAM

(NOTE - The program for June is dependant on the COVID situation).

JULY	Venue	Program
Thurs 15th July	The Lakeview Hotel	Guest Speaker - Katie Pagliaro - Chaplaincy Program in Primary Schools Chair – Jan Pagliaro ** Followed by a Board Meeting**
Sat July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Rochester	Pie & Port Evening (see attachment)
22nd – 24 <sup>th</sup> July		NO MEETING - Due to Tree Planting Project at Bairnsdale - East Gippsland
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Venue - Valentines Antiques	<b>Vocation Meeting:</b> Valentines Antique Centre View Street - 6pm sharp, followed by dinner in View Street Precinct (To be advised) Chair - Merlyn Quaife

RSVP to Rod Spitty – 0402883747 or [rspitty@gmail.com](mailto:rspitty@gmail.com) by Midday Wednesday please

**\*\* Lakeview Hotel will be a select & pay for your own meal \*\***  
**But we will still need to advise of numbers.**



**Don't forget:**

**Sunday August 15. @ 2pm Matinee Concert**

**Victorian Male Welsh Choir with Merlyn Quaife AM. - Ulumburra Theatre**

**Cost is \$48pp for members and their friends – please deposit into the BSRC account**

**Monday 23rd August - Science & Engineering Challenge- Central Victoria**

**Venue - Girton Grammar Stadium**

**28/29th October - Science & Engineering Challenge National Final**

**Venue - Bendigo South East College Stadium**

## Musings from the Secretary's Desk:

I wish to start my notes this week by thanking all members and visiting Rotarians who attended and participated in the Meeting last week at the LAKE VIEW HOTEL.

A great evening was enjoyed by all.

Guest Speaker Matthew Leeder the incoming President at Kangaroo Flat Rotary club gave a presentation on NAIDOC week on the central theme of 'Healing Country'. He also spoke of his personal experiences and was able to answer a wide and diverse range of questions from club members present.

- Among other items mentioned at the meeting
- Were Tony Plant on behalf of the Concert subcommittee was seeking support by club members and their friends/ family to our Merlyn/ Welsh Choir event on **SUNDAY AUGUST 15, 2021.**
- A sign-up sheet for club members has been circulating at club meetings.
- Tree Seedling carers were reminded to make plans to return their trays to Tony's place for a final stock take before travelling to Bairnsdale later in the month.
- If the trays need collecting, please give past Pres Paul a ring and he will collect them.
- Final details as we as departure point and other information will be sent out to all participants next week hopefully.
- A reminder about the PIE/ PORT Night at Rochester on July 17 th next Saturday night.
- I will be driving so have a couple of spare seats if any members are interested. THE RSVP DEADLINE IS THIS MONDAY so please let me know and Rochester club that you are attending this event.

**PLEASE RSVP - ROD SPITTY FOR NEXT WEEKS MEETING IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.**

Yours in Rotary,

PAUL GIBBON



**Last meetings Guest Speak – Matthew Leeder – President of Kangaroo Flat**

## ***Barbecues are back on and we are looking for Volunteers!***



We have the following coming up, pending any Covid restrictions that might pop up.

### **Thursday August 12th**

BSSC VICE Indigenous Carers Expo Ulumburra Theatre  
11am - 1 pm 3 Volunteers required.

### **Sunday August 15**

Latrobe Uni Flight Centre Open Day BBQ  
10 am – 2 pm 3 Volunteers required.

### **Saturday 28th August**

Relay For Life Dinner  
5 pm – 7 pm 4 Volunteers required.

### **Sunday 29th August**

Latrobe Uni Open Day  
9am – 1 pm 6 Volunteers Required.

**Please get back to me if you can help.**

**George – 0438 353 414**





The Rotary Club of Bendigo South  
and the Ulumbarra Foundation  
presents a concert fundraiser featuring

# Merlyn Quaife

with the  
Victoria  
Welsh Choir



**Sunday August 15, 2pm**  
**Ulumbarra Theatre Bendigo**

Book now at [gotix.com.au](http://gotix.com.au)  
or phone 5434 6100



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### **Attention of all club members -Rotary Clubs of Eaglehawk and Bendigo South.**

The combined committee of the two clubs are busily preparing the first trailer raffle after inheriting this Community Funding Event from the Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale. The selling of tickets will commence on September 13 and be completed by December 20.

**Prizes:** The committee will purchase the majority of the prizes including a 6' x 4' registered trailer. The trailer is then filled with a variety of items such as power tools, small kitchen appliances and numerous children's toys. Once again these items will be purchased from local businesses.

Before the committee makes these purchases it was thought it would be reasonable to appeal to all members seeking any donations of small items that may be at home surplus to requirements that could be deemed suitable as a prize. Sometimes we are given something that would be useful to someone else but it never gets unwrapped or we purchase something and it turns out we have no use for it. We do stress that any item put forward as a donation must be unused and look like new. As the raffle is geared towards families no donations of wine or any alcohol will be accepted.

We stress that we are not asking members to annoy businesses for donations of goods in these tough economic times. However sometimes we do get offers from people we may know in business who are prepared to support a Rotary Project in some small way.

As the saying goes-*Let's not look a gift horse in the mouth.* Anything you think may be suitable will be gratefully received by the committee if we deem it to be an acceptable item.

Tony Plant  
Raffle Committee Member.

THE ANNUAL

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*Australian*  
**SHEEP & WOOL**  
SHOW

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS WEEKEND!**

**The Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst are seeking volunteers to perform COVID Marshall duties at the Bendigo Sheep & Wool show this coming weekend.**

The role will be to advise people of social distancing and face coverings if applicable.

The shifts are 4.5 hours morning and or afternoons.

Times and days listed in the rosters attached.

For your time the club will receive \$20.00 P/ Hr per person.

This opportunity is only being offered to Rotary Volunteers

Please email Gary Pinner [gary@gejayautomotive.com.au](mailto:gary@gejayautomotive.com.au) as early as possible if you are interested.

You will have the opportunity to view the show before or after your shift.

Please advise at your earliest convenience.

Gary Pinner







Dear Friends and Supporters

It's planting time again. We've got a few hundred low height plants to fill in the spaces at 38 Victoria Street. The holes are being dug before Saturday. The Parks people have supplied us with quite a bit of mulch which needs spreading along some of the rows to keep the weeds down this Spring. And... there are always the weeds that have escaped from people's gardens into the gully, to deal with.

It would be great to see you there for some or all of the time. If you're not up to planting, we'll need a couple of people to oversee the volunteer registrations, take arrivals to a planting or mulching area and give them their safety instructions.

If you're busy on Saturday, between 10- 1pm, could you send this email to someone who might be able to come instead?

**What equipment to bring:** if you have any of these things - gloves, a trowel, buckets for carrying mulch, mallet to knock-in stakes, wheel barrow (if you don't have these we will have some spares).

**Dress for the weather:** bring a hat, and a water bottle and check the forecast. If we're cancelling, it will be on the Event page of Facebook and directly to anyone who has RSVP'd.

**RSVP:** reply to this email with your contact details, expected arrival date and the numbers if you're coming in a group.

**Location:** 38 Victoria Street near the Peppercorn tree

**Queries:** Contact Marie 0438889834

Looking forward to seeing you there

Regards  
Mari

# 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:	Dale Hoy
ASS'T GOVERNOR (Goldfields South):	Graeme Lynas

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CLUB PRESIDENT	Merlyn Quaife AM
SECRETARY	Paul Gibbons
TREASURER	Greg Noonan
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR	Kay McLaughlin
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR	Heather Nixon
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR	Zoe Pocock
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	Tony Plant
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR	Rod Spitty
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER	Geoff McKinna
ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR	Peter Kilpatrick
FUND-RAISING and FINANCE	Gary Pinner
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](mailto: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](mailto: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

