

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 17, 2021.

Welcome once again to all members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

I wish to start my report this week by thanking all for their support of our very interesting speaker last week. James was able to give us great insight into his role and duties at the Local ABC Radio. Thanks must also go to the Programs Director Rod for his great sourcing of interesting presentations and Secretary Tony for all his work in the background to ensure the smooth running of the same.

In case you missed it last week, we have been successful in being awarded from the District 9800 the **'Sustainability in Environment'**. Please find attached a copy in this Signpost.

It's that time of the year again and it is with great anticipation I wish to announce that the Club Changeover Dinner will be held on **Thursday June 24 at Pratty's Patch, Monsants Road, Maiden Gully, 6 for 6.30 pm**. The cost of the celebration will be \$45.00 per person.

This week I look forward to seeing everybody at the **Lake View Hotel McRae Street** in their meeting room known as The Boat Shed. Parking at the Lake View can be found by entering Holt Street, off Baxter Street. There is also some limited parking on McCrae Street on Thursday Evening.

We have a great local speaker to highlight Rotary Youth month as well as a new club member talk.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CUTOFF FOR DINNER MEETING ATTENDANCE CONFIRMATION IS THIS WEDNESDAY AT 5pm. CONTACT ROD SPITTY BY EMAIL OR PHONE.

PAUL GIBBONS PRESIDENT 20/21

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



Our Guest Speaker – James Findlay – Producer – ABC Breakfast Radio



MAY PROGRAM

May-Youth		
Thurs May 13 Dinner Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Guest Speaker – Mark Tracy & possibly one Latrobe Uni Scholarship winner No cashiers required.
Thurs May 20 Dinner Meeting	Tennis Club venue-	Secondary School winners invited to speak Cashiers - Bernie Young & Andrew Palmer followed by board meeting
Sat 22 nd May	Zoom	District Assembly (see attachment)
Thurs 27 th	Tennis Venue	Cashiers - Geoff McKinna & Katie Kim
Sun 30th	Axedale	Adopt-A Highway – Clean up

RSVP to Rod Spitty – 0402883747 or rspitty@gmail.com by **Noon Wednesday please**



Don't forget:

Upcoming District 9800 Events:

- Change Over Dinner – Prattys Patch – June 24th
- Moonee Valley Art Show is happening on Fri 14th May 2021 (see attachment).
- July 23-25 Weekend Seed Planting to Gippsland (see attachment)

*** 100 GOOD TURNS FOR 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



From the Secretary's Desk

The club meeting next week on Thursday May 13 will be held at the Lake View Hotel McCrae Street in their meeting room, known as The Boat Shed. Parking at the Lake View can be found by entering Holt Street, off Baxter Street. There is also some limited parking on Mc Rae Street.

Meal arrangements as follows-

Arrive between 6 and 6.30pm and place your order from the regular menu and pay for it at the bar. No cashiers from the club required.

Guest speaker will be the other Mildura Marvel in Mark Tracy and maybe one of our Latrobe Uni scholarship winners if we can track them down. Also a short forum time will be made available where any members who would like to put forward suggestions or ideas or even have a grizzle about something.

Meeting will commence at 6.30 pm with our speakers being front and centre first up. It is anticipated the meals previously ordered will be served at 7.15 pm.

There was a board meeting scheduled but given the venue change we will hold this over to the following week when we return to the Tennis Centre Venue on MAY 20.

Partners are welcome as always and numbers attending should still be forwarded to Rod by noon on Wednesday. I have indicated to the owner of the Lake View to anticipate numbers around 25 so lets see a good role up as there is room to go up from there.

Regards,

Tony Plant
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Our New Board Members for the 21/22 Rotary Year

President - Merlyn Quaife AM
Secretary - Paul Gibbons
Treasurer - Greg Noonan
Club Service - Rod Spitty
Community Service - Zoe Pocock
International - Heather Nixon
Youth - Kaye McLaughlin
Membership - Tony Plant
Fundraising/Finance - Garry Pinner
Foundation - Peter Kilpatrick

FORaMEAL KITS

We are keen for our Cluster Event – Friday June 4th and Saturday June 5th.

All of the eight clubs within the Goldfields Clusters have agreed to come together and combine our efforts to bolster the supplies of FORaMEAL kits for the Rotary Club of Canterbury. Each club will be responsible for gathering a contingent of about 12 people aiming to cover the two venues over the two days.

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the work of Rotary and all clubs are encouraged to promote this activity throughout their communities.

Additional information can be found on the Rotary Club of Canterbury's FORaMEAL website but in the meantime here is some information for those who are looking to participate in our forthcoming Cluster Event – these are the packs we will be preparing

Check out the website: <https://forameal.org.au>

The Castlemaine Story



By John Granger

This august publication and humble writer would never stoop to crass commercial promotion, but a recent trip to Castlemaine started a process.

Travelling from Melbourne CBD to Castlemaine by train takes less than two hours. And, seriously, Castlemaine is a delight! The 'Goldfields' area bespeaks the vibrant history of Victoria's early development. There are nearby townships such as Chewton and its miners' cottages, sometimes with wisps of chimney smoke. Also, there are many artefacts from that fabulous era that made Victoria and Melbourne a financial powerhouse in the 1880s. Castlemaine embraces its past ... there's the Theatre Royal where the controversial dancer Lola Montez once appeared, the local railway station hosting steam train trips to historical Maldon and the historical shopfront buildings. Then there are the 19th century coffee houses, which have given way to boutique eating venues, artistic pursuits, weekend craft and produce markets – and yes, even freshly brewed coffee. Castlemaine is a daytrip, an indulgent weekend or even something more enduring.

So, back to the "crass" ... what a choice: a reserved train seat, time to read, email and prepare for the day ahead, instead of performing the urban ritual of 'white knuckling' up and down the Monash Freeway for an hour plus.

The Rotary Club of Castlemaine, sponsored by Rotary Bendigo, was chartered in 1935, making it one District 9800's oldest clubs. Like all country clubs, Castlemaine has been an active community participant at all levels. As well, the Club has been very conscious of a commitment to youth and continues to sponsor participants in RYLA, RYPEN and the Rotary National Youth Science Forum. Donations In Kind (DIK) has facilitated the transport of Castlemaine containers to Papua New Guinea. Larry O'Toole, a recent Paul Harris Fellow recipient, has combined with the Club, and through Autoplex, a mentorship in the hot-rodding community, which extends to developing areas of mechanics, artwork and history. Fortuitously, the June long weekend sees the Rotary Castlemaine Art Show and the Castlemaine Jazz Festival held together – a great fillip for the Club and the town. Beyond that, the Rotary Club of Castlemaine Truck Show – a must for the aficionados – will be held for the 33rd time.

President Christine Barkla has advised that the meeting venue has changed – it is now at the Castlemaine Bowling Club on nominated Wednesdays 6.00 for 6.30pm ([check the website](#)).

Beautiful, historical Castlemaine ... keep it on the 'to do' list!



**Winner of the Lucky Lotto for 8th April is Kay McLaughlan #18
– CONGRATULATIONS!**

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER – DINNER PAYMENT OPTIONS

"In keeping with modern business practices and technological advances the Board is requesting the co-operation of members by not paying for the Club Dinner cost with cash as from 1 July, 21. The reasons for this decision are to protect members and cashiers from contracting Covid 19 from paper notes and coins. Secondly, to reduce the pressure on cashiers reconciling the meeting receipts and thirdly, having to make special trips to the bank to deposit the cash received. Thirdly, the potential loss of paper money is always a concern. Given that an overwhelming proportion of the population have a plastic card of some type either credit or debit card this change will not be a huge impact on members"



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***Morning Tea
with the DG***

**10.00 am– 11.30 am
Saturday 15th May 2021**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BKXUJ>

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
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

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: 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

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

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