# Rotary Club of Bendigo South SIGNPOST

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Meets Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Foundry Hotel, High Street, Golden Square.

#### **Rotary Opens Opportunities**



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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR SIGNPOST OCTOBER 5th, 2020.

Greetings all once again, I begin this week with a word of thanks for all those involved with the "Rotary in Harmony" Concert to be held on **SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, AT 3 PM on ZOOM.** 

As with all great projects in Rotary it's come from a great idea by members, with fantastic extra support and behind the scenes hard work from many, and it promises to be a winner. So many thanks to all club members involved led by ANNE, MERLYN, MATHEW AND KATIE, and families, other members and the support crew, as well as the Ryall Trust for their wonderful support in making this great club presentation for all to enjoy. I look forward to seeing all members on the Zoom this week at the start of the month as the opportunity for outside activities in larger numbers becomes closer. It is always great to join the group chat at 6 pm to hear of members and their activities in the past week.

Elsewhere in this edition of the signpost you will find details of a walking event for End Polio so all those great walkers out there here is your chance to shine with a great lake walk planned and worthwhile cause to boot. Since our last meeting the club has been remembering the great contributions to the club and it's programs by KEN BRIGGS OAM. A legend of the club in over 40 years of membership, our thoughts are with Glenis and Ken's family at this sad time.

My involvement with KEN was being part of the Camp Getaway Board, as well as the Science/ Engineering Challenge Committee. KEN was the Chairman on the occasion of the club hosting the National Science and Engineering challenge held in Bendigo in 2008. This great event is still spoken of highly amongst those involved to this current day. In these roles he was always full of good ideas and sound advice, and keenly participated in all the activities these groups undertook. One of my first bbqs with the club was in the company of KEN and others at the Swap Meet catering tent. He was the real service above self-Rotarian as he was not only heavily involved in the planning committee for the Swap Meet for many years but was always hands on when needed.

As we have a new member, I would like to welcome Greg Penno to our club, bringing with him a wealth of Rotary Experience!

Catch all your smiling faces on our ZOOM meeting this week.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South-"Connect to the Community" PAUL GIBBONS PRESIDENT 20/21.





# Rotary Club of Bendigo South Inc. Date: Members Meeting Thursday October 8th

**Zoom format. Link:** <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99880057514">https://zoom.us/j/99880057514</a>
ID No. 99880057514

Opening Time: 6 pm to 6.30 pm -free time to openly chat with other members.

Official Meeting Time: 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Meeting Theme: Environment Policies-City of Greater Bendigo.

**Zoom Host:** Tony Plant **Meeting Chair:** Bernie Young

Guest Speaker: Anthony Sheahan, Senior Environmental Officer City of Greater Bendigo

Other invited Guests: non identified but open to guests.

**6.30 pm-Meeting Commences:** Zoom Host Tony to welcome all on line and welcome all in attendance.

- **1**. Tony to firstly introduce Gary Pinner who will provide a dedication to the late Ken Briggs OAM followed by a minutes silence.
- **2.**Tony will then hand over to Bernie who will formally introduce guest speaker Anthony Sheahan.
- **2b**. Questions to be submitted to Bernie via chat room.
- **3**. Bernie at conclusion of Anthony's segment to introduce President Paul to provide any updates.
- **4.** Any members are then invited to make any announcements.
- **5.** Paul to close meeting.

Anticipated meeting Conclusion: 7.30 pm.

# Vale - Ken Briggs OAM

It is with heavy hearts that last week we said goodbye to a wonderful, kind and happy man – Mr Ken Briggs – a much loved and valuable Rotarian from 1979





# **The Program for September**

- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Anthony Sheehan from City Of Greater Bendigo Environmental Projects. Chair – Bernie Young
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- Oct 22nd: DG Combined Cluster Meeting
- Oct 29th: Junortoun Fire Brigade/ Bendigo Fire Brigade. CFA Chair — Ian Ellis

Please contact Rod with your ideas for our meetings on 0402883747 or <a href="mailto:rspitty@gmail.com">rspitty@gmail.com</a>

# Things to keep in mind:

- Ian Ellis spoke at our meeting asking for input as to whether we continue with the Christmas Cakes & Puddings -
- I am still after some recipes and pics from members to add to the Signpost
- Don't Forget to complete your Form 3 and return to us asap.
- The Lord Taverner's Raffle Info (Attached)
- Attached Rotary in Harmony concert details.

Feel free to send anything through to me on <a href="mailto:krissureg@hotmail.com">krissureg@hotmail.com</a> or 0417321033



#### **LUCKY LOTTO**

Lucky Lotto will be conducted differently this year due to the lower number of participants.

We have 17 paid up participants. Each person will be allocated two numbers between zero and forty-five. There will be eleven unallocated numbers which can be purchased by anyone else who would like to play.

The winning number each week will be the first supplementary number from the Saturday night Tattslotto draw.

If this number is one of the unallocated numbers then the weekly \$20 prize will jackpot.

Participants will receive their two lucky numbers by text or email this week and the first draw will be on this Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

The Lotto will run for twenty weeks.

#### THREE BAGS FULL



Very experienced weedologist Merlyn and apprentice Glenn removing weeds from our tree planting area at the Scope Centre last Friday.

Unfortunately we didn't finish the job and a second working bee will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am. All weeders welcome.

## **Rotary In Harmony Zoom Concert**

We are very excited to share with you another fun virtual campaign, *Rotary in Harmony*—a series of four (so far) musical events, featuring our talented Rotarians and Friends of Rotary. Whilst we already have a great line up of musical talent, we are reaching out to all of you to let us know about those who are musically gifted and would like to perform in any of the events scheduled from 11<sup>th</sup> October through to 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The musical genres will include Classical, Rock 'n Roll, Jazz and Celtic.

Bookings (for all four events) can be made through https://www.trybooking.com/BLRVQ

#### **Four Musical Events on Zoom:**

- Classical 3.00 pm Sunday 11th October 2020
- Rock 'n Roll 3.00 pm Sunday 25th October 2020
- Jazz 3.00 pm Sunday 8th November 2020
- Celtic 3.00 pm Sunday 22nd November 2020



# **End Polio Walk**

We are challenging you to walk, run or roll 10, 20 or 50km throughout the month and raise vital funds that will help eradicate and prepare us for a Polio free world.

A polio-free world does not mean it's over either. It requires updated vaccination policies, including the phased withdrawal of oral polio vaccines (OPV), appropriate containment of the poliovirus in facilities, certification that polio has been eradicated, and planning for the transition of knowledge and infrastructure to serve other health goals.

You can do them wherever you like, whenever you like and all while maintaining your social distance. For every kilometre you walk over the month you'll be improving your overall health and wellbeing. Research shows that getting at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical exercise a day is ideal to help reduce your risk of developing breast cancer.

Be part of the end game strategy and raise funds to help make Polio history so that no child ever again suffers paralytic poliomyelitis

#### I have registered myself and our Club for this year's End Polio Walk.

My aim is to raise \$500, and to do this, I am hoping to have at least 10 walkers who will complete 5 laps of Lake Neangar (a total of 5 kilometres) and gather \$50 in sponsorship each. I am planning to conduct the walk on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of October from 9.30 to 11.00 am at Lake Neangar in Eaglehawk.

You can register yourself and connect to our club's team through this website: https://www.rotarywalkwithus.org/fundraisers/bendogosouthrotaryclub

Last year we had about 8 walkers. You can leisurely stroll around the lake chatting and know that you have done your exercise for the day and can let yourself go later while watching the AFL Grand Final.



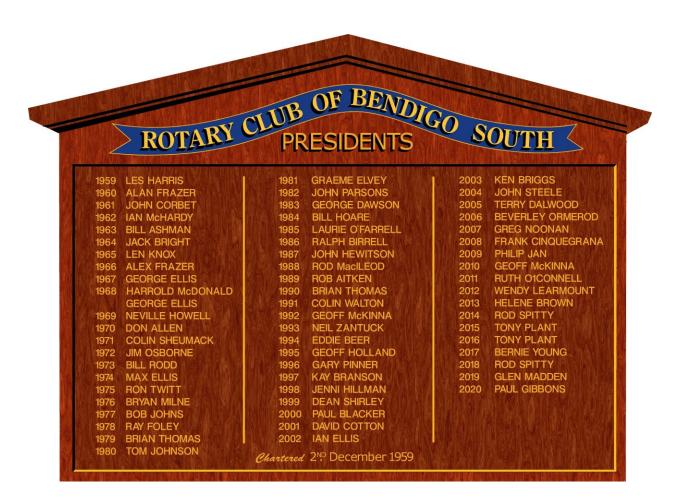








Glenn Madden



#### **Virtual Honour Boards - BSRC Presidents**

Please find below information for your perusal and action if appropriate:-

The Honour Board was Designed by Max Ellis and Bill Hoare around 1984 - Bill Hoare got the board made and Max Ellis stained and completed the signwriting by hand in gold leaf for the heading, names and dates.

Max completed all of the signwriting up to the year 1999, after which his son, lan, took over the task of traditionally signwriting by hand until the board was completed and up to date. (President Rod Spitty 2014).

Do we get another board is a decision that now hangs in the balance?

Ian has brought forward the Rotary Club of Bendigo South into the future by designing this new computerized Honour Board, one of which is now up to date for Rotarians to look at.

Ian Ellis President in 2002

A wonderful, thoughtful contribution to our Club – thank you to Max & Ian Ellis – Max Ellis Signs.

#### An Artist, a Rotary Club and over \$80,000 in Drought Aid



By Noel Hobley

Terry Jarvis, one of Australia's most exceptional watercolour artists, and his partner Michelle Kent, wondered how they could help during one of the toughest droughts in Australia's history. So, in November 2019, they stuck to what they knew and generated the 'Life on the Land – Our Farming Heroes' painting exhibition at the Bendigo Town Hall. Over \$40,000 was raised, including a major donations from Gulf Horizons Foundation, Flashmarket and EyeCandy Motorsports, as well as support from other local donors such as Fosterville Gold Mine and the City of Greater Bendigo.

Strathfieldsaye Primary School students also held a fund-raising event, donating all funds to the 'Life on the Land - Drought Relief Appeal'.

In order to stage the exhibition and organise the distribution of funds, Terry enlisted the help of Bendigo Rotarian, Brian Figg, who had been involved with the Easter Art Exhibition over many years. Opening on a Friday night and exhibiting through Saturday and Sunday, the 'Life on the Land – Drought Relief Appeal' was an instant success and its committee immediately kicked into action to organise the distribution of available funds.

Rotarians with varying experiences within farming communities and financial management set about identifying opportunities where there would be the most impact for rural areas 'doing it tough'. Leveraging existing drought programs through Community/Rotary groups at the coalface remained a preference for distribution of funds.

The largest distribution to date of \$20,000 went to the Rotary Club of Cobar that organised a B-double truckload of hay to be distributed to farmers in the Central NSW area. With this funding Rotary Cobar was also able to secure further funds from Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) and a second truckload of hay was organised.

Funds also went to Rotary Mildura who provided food vouchers for farming families in the Millewa region, and hygiene products for school children at Werrimul, including a voucher for new shoes. The East Loddon Foodshare program based at Dingee, produced grocery hampers, with groceries purchased locally from funds provided by the project. Importantly, the hampers were distributed to local CFA brigades and the Salvos for distribution to families they identified who were in need.

Following the success of these distributions, the Gulf Horizons Foundation donated a further \$30,000, and donations from individuals have also been gladly received.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo continues to review further distribution opportunities including funding to community groups like East Loddon Foodshare, Drought Angels, Star Thrower and Hive Aid. A pallet of cosmetics was made available and together with vouchers, cosmetics were included with hampers. A NSW artist colleague saw Terry's Facebook post about the Appeal and is donating a painting to Rotary for a raffle or auction to raise further funds.

Whilst the recent rains have relieved some rural communities, recovery is slow and drought conditions still exist across many areas. So, the work goes on, and funds raised will continue to be used to assist those in need.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo acknowledges the foresight of Terry Jarvis and Michelle Kent for initiating the 'Life on the Land – Drought Relief Appeal' exhibition, and thanks all those who have given donations for their generosity. Further donations to the appeal are still welcomed through



- 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 persons united in the ideal of service.

### 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 Tony Plant** SECRETARY: TREASURER: **Greg Noonan** YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR: Kay McLaughlin INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR: **Heather Nixon** COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Merlyn Quaife MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Sue Duncan **Rod Spitty CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR: CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER:** Geoff McKinna Glenn Madden **ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR: Matthew Scott CLUB COMMUNICATIONS: 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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