

Rotary Club of Bendigo South **SIGNPOST**

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

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President's Report

From the Arts to Science!! This week saw our Club hosting the Science and Engineering Challenge National Final. I would like to congratulate Rod and his Committee on the success of the event, held in the BSSC Gym. The students from around the country thoroughly enjoyed the event. Club Members rallied to do the set-up for the dinner, act as judges and clean-up at the end. We were ably assisted by Rotarians from other Clubs in the District too as well as a few friends of Rotary. All very much appreciated. At the dinner Zanthé Thorpe, a BSSC student, sang the National Anthem and we were entertained by the Bendigo Chinese Association Welcome Lions. During the dinner the BSSC Band played, conducted by Steve Briggs who we also saw on the piano at the James Morrison/ COGB Brass Band concert! Our very own Honorary Member Tom Glazebrook AM gave the students a few very wise words which received appropriate applause. Our Guest Speaker Mark Brennan inspired the students talking about the twists and turns in his illustrious career. Overall it was a really great event!!

Floods in Rochester – the Cluster Presidents have been meeting via Zoom with Heather Watson. Last week a few Rotarians travelled to Rochy to do a BBQ for volunteers which was greatly appreciated. In the coming weeks they might be looking for more support.

Coming up we have the Film Night raising funds for the Maubisse Friendship Committee at the Star Cinema. That's in place of our next Meeting. Also please note there will be a Combined Cluster Foundation Dinner on Wednesday November 23 at the Bendigo Club (Flyer attached). Murray Verso will be the Guest Speaker.

Merlyn Quaife AM



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Thurs 27 th October	NO MEETING in lieu of Bendigo Maubisse Film Night at Start Cinema.
Thurs 3 rd November	Lake View Hotel Report from James Morrison/Bendigo Brass Band Concert and presentation to Bendigo Brass Band and Ulumbarra Foundation. Chair – Tony Plant
Thurs 10 th November	Lake View Hotel Bring war memorabilia to recognize Remembrance Day Chair - TBA
Thurs 17 th November	Lake View Hotel Annual General Meeting followed by board meeting Chair – Merlyn Quaife.
Weds 23 rd November	Bendigo Club Foundation Dinner hosted by Bendigo and Sandhurst Rotary Clubs.
Thurs 24 th November	No meeting due to Foundation Dinner
Weds 30 th November	LaTrobe University Joint morning visit (7.45am) to Latrobe University With Rotary Club of Bendigo and Sandhurst Details to follow.



UPCOMING EVENTS

17th November - AGM

Venue - Lake View Hotel

20th November - Sunday - Social Event

Tibetan Dumpling making session

Venue - Camp Getaway Axedale

27th November - Sunday - Social Event

Visit to Echuca - Lunch in Port precinct

Followed by afternoon tea at Matthew Scott's house (Bring a plate).

MAKE TIBETAN DUMPLINGS WITH LHAMO & DORJE

Lhamo & Dorje will teach you how to make Tibetan Dumplings in a group of 20.

Where: Camp Getaway, Axedale

When: 2:15pm, Sunday 20 November

Cost: \$30 per person

All materials are supplied.

Funds received, after costs, will go towards international aid projects.

Book: Contact Lindsay Jolley on 0416 192 032 or lj@joll.net.

Pay: Transfer \$30 to the club account - BSB 633-000; Account 1034 97236. Please provide your name and 'dumplings'

Please see attachment.

SWAP MEET HAS BEEN CANCELLED

If you do not already know the 2022 Car Swap meet event has been cancelled due to the Showground facilities being needed as an Emergency Flood Relief Centre. While this is very unfortunate for all those swap meet enthusiasts who were looking forward to getting back together after a two year absence this decision is most necessary given the ongoing crisis that is happening and will continue within our region.

Thank you to all those members who had volunteered to help with the huge task of catering for this event.

Tony Plant



Report - Science and Engineering Challenge Program-2022 - Regional Event on 22nd August and National Final on 20th/21st October.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South has successfully conducted both events in the last two months with approx 150 participants from 7 schools attending the regional event and 250 students Australia wide attending the National Final.

Both of these events have been successful despite delays due to COVID. Set out below is a financial summary of both events.

		Income	Expenditure
National Final	20/21st Oct	\$ 13750	\$ 13990
Regional	22nd Aug	\$ 9400	\$ 9250
	TOTAL	\$ 23150	\$ 23240

Sincere appreciation to those members who stepped up and supported the program which in itself is challenging to execute. A big thank you to the project committee in particular Paul Gibbons for his stadium operations, Tony Plant for recruitment and management of activity supervisors, Bernie Young for scrutinizing all results and our President Merlyn Quaife for her hard work, skill and support for this event.

The Nation Final dinner was spectacular and something that this club has never done before in a youth program. 280 students and guests were in attendance for the entertainment and dinner.

Keynote speaker Mark Brennan from Thales Australia was first class in his presentation on the Bushmaster and Hawkie vehicle and how he pursued an Engineering career.

City of Greater Bendigo Mayor Cr Andrea Metcalf opened the challenge with a central message of the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to the development and advancement of society in the past, present and in particular the future. This was followed by a stunning performance of the "welcoming lions" by the Bendigo Chinese Association. The Dinner was entertained by the talented Bendigo South East College brass band. A sincere thankyou to the School for their support, IT Assistance and



Principal Glen Donald and Head of Mathematics Hamish Roberts for their valued contributions.

Also a big thankyou to the Activity Supervisors consisting of Club Members, other Rotary Members from the Cluster and Retired Teachers.

Thank you to our TAFE caterer Angelina, for her excellent work for both events. Feeding 300 over two days is a monumental challenge in itself.

The club has been conducting a regional event for 16 years (approx 4000 year 10 student participating) and has successfully completed two National Finals and should be proud of this contribution to youth and the community.

The National Final was won by Emmaus Christian School (ACT) representing New South Wales.

Once again thank you to the club for their support.

Yours in Rotary

Rod Spitty

Chair - Science and Engineering Challenge- Central Victoria

James Morrison Bendigo Brass Band Concert.

Bendigo Venues & Events after paying all the outgoings for our recent Concert Fundraiser have advised us that a nett profit of \$16500 is the outcome of this venture.

This amount will be transferred into our club account this week. As was the arrangement, we will retain a third of this dividend and both the Bendigo Brass Band and the Ulumburra Foundation will also receive a third share each. Our funds will be added to our scholarship fund to ensure we are able to continue to pay for the number of scholarships we currently contribute to. I do need to point out, due to the fact we had 17 of our 50 ticket allocation unsold we do wear a loss of \$833. It is possible we may decide to write this amount off out of our concert operating fund that was set up after our successful very first concert.

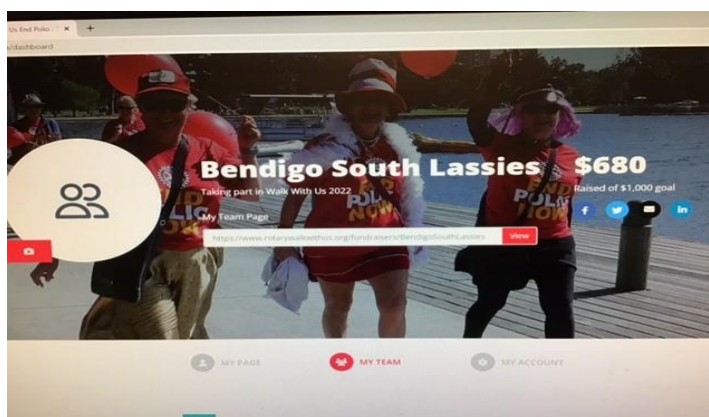
In the arrangements already made for our 2023 concert I have already indicated that our prime seating allocation with the reduced members price will be just 30. Once we declare the tickets are for sale I will be advising members and their friends to get in early. Envisage tickets going on sale in January next year.

Tony Plant - Behalf of club concert committee.

Raffle takings

After our 5th completed week the gross takings as of Monday Oct 24 show a balance of \$14220. When one considers the number of wet days we have had in the past 5 weeks, along with the number of people from the feeder towns not out shopping due to the severe flooding the response so far has been good. If we were to see a bit more sunshine to bring more people out and about and also enable us to expose the trailer in a few more unprotected selling points the opportunity for more sales would become possible. This week the trailer is again in the Market Place with Eaglehawk members doing the supervising.

Laddies (264km) have overtaken the *Lassies* (179km)
<https://www.rotarywalkwithus.org/> and follow the prompts to donate.





THE NATALIA PROJECT

Natalia Apaseray is from Jayapura, West Papua, Indonesia. She is now 31 years old and lives with her family. She has lived with the condition known as Neurofibromatosis since the age of two. In 2018 and 2019 we brought Natalia into Sydney's Liverpool Hospital where she underwent three massive surgeries for facial reconstruction due to tumors on her face. Due to Covid 19 we had been unable to continue with treatment for a leg deformity.

The good news is that Natalia will be arriving in Melbourne on the 19th of October for leg surgery following on from an untreated broken leg as a child. With the help of Associate Professor Leo Donnan, and St Vincent's Private Hospital in Melbourne, efforts will be made to straighten her leg with rod insertions, and we are hoping for a substantial improvement in her ability to walk normally. Travel costs and accommodation costs with our partner Children First Foundation are substantial and we are seeking further financial support.

This secondary part of Natalia's treatment is now a Project of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South Inc., and it is supported by the Rotary Club of Williamstown Inc.

You can keep up to date on Facebook – The Natalia Project

Private and Corporate Tax Deductible donations can be made to Rotary Australia World Community Service, The Natalia Project No 23 of 2018-19 by utilizing the link below In Rotary Service....

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/23-2018-19>



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Update on The Natalia Project 25th October 2022

Natalia arrived in Melbourne on the 19th of October for further surgery associated with her condition of Neurofibromatosis, whereby she requires leg surgery to correct the results on an untreated break in her left leg as a child.

This part of the project is supported by the Rotary Club of Bendigo South Inc., the Rotary Club of Williamstown Inc., and Children First Foundation, who have undertaken to care for and support Natalia and her carer Alonika Gobay at their Smiles Retreat at Kilmore.

Monday the 24th October I attended at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Williamstown with Deputy Project Manager Peter Gray, and Miguel Gomez the USA Dental Surgeon who has assisted Natalia since she was discovered as an 11 year old child being stoned by local children because of her appearance. Miguel outlined his involvement as a missionary in various parts of the world and showed slides of the work he does in Jayapura West Papua. He also gave an insight into Natalia's life and her suffering in Jayapura. The Rotary Club of Williamstown has contributed \$2,000.00 to help continue with this project and have set aside a further \$3,000.00 as a future commitment.

Natalia met with the surgeon Leo Donnan in North Melbourne on Friday 21st October, Cat Scans today in Whittlesea, with Surgery booked for Saturday the 19th of November 2022. Donations to support the project can be made at.....

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/23-2018-19>





Ian Ellis and Merlyn Quaife



Awards ceremony



Catapult Challenge



Moon rover challenge



Power supply challenge



Bridge challenge



BSE Band



Scheduling activity



Welcome Lions



Mark Brennan Thales



Gary Pinner and Merlyn Quaife



Merlyn Quaife and Tom Glazebrook



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Rotary members like you are taking action and creating meaningful change in communities worldwide.

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Register today to receive the reduced rate. Don't wait, because **this rate expires on 15 December.**

[Register Today](https://convention.rotary.org)

BMEC NOVIE NIGHT

Thursday 27th October

6.30pm Star Cinema

Special Guest

Kirsty Sword Gusmão

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<https://www.starcinema.org.au/movie/bendigo-maubisse-fundraiser-see-how-they-run>



All proceeds go to
Bendigo Maubisse
Friendship
Committee projects

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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



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WHO'S WHO?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:	Jennifer Jones
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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: Last Tuesday of month - 6 for 6:30pm, Rotary Community Park, Rose Street, Echuca.

RC BENDIGO SANDHURST: Wednesday 7am for 7.30am start, Fosterville Gold Tennis Centre, Nolan St Bendigo

Secretary: John Harkin – 0409957000

RC EAGLEHAWK: Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

Contact on 0428468298

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 McClure 044339116