

SIGNPOST

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

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President's Report

The Changeover Dinner at the Shamrock Hotel was successful and went off without too many hitches. Congratulations to outgoing President Merlyn on a successful 2 years and dealing with all the COVID related challenges. You held our Club together and we have emerged into 23/24 in good condition.

The Changeover Dinner included the Bendigo Youth Choir performing the National Anthem and the Bendigo Brass Band providing the entertainment and the opportunity for dancing. It was great to see Max and Jackie having a go.

City of Greater Bendigo Mayor Andrea Metcalf provided an inspirational message of volunteerism. DG Elect Ron Payne (now DG) did the same for the Rotary Toast and Assistant DG Rob Forum presented the four way test closing the meeting in a timely manner on an absolutely terrible weather night to be out. Thank you to members and all those who attended for coming and braving the elements.

Merlyn also presented to Paul Gibbons and myself Sapphire Recognitions and Bernie Young a Paul Harris Recognition for many years of dedicated service to the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

Our new Board was presented and is approaching the year with planned optimism.

This coming meeting our program will be - "The Year Ahead" where we will be discussing both the Annual Plan and current Director and Project Committee Structures and composition. (Refer the 2 Attachments). All members are asked to reaffirm and think about what Committees they would like to serve over the next 12 months. The Chairs will be in contact

over the next 2 weeks with the view of finalising the Club Committees for the July Board Meeting.

The Club received a District Award for the Natalia project at the District Changeover last Saturday. Congratulations to Greg Penno for his District Recognition and his great work steering this project.

See you at the Meeting this Thursday.

Yours in Rotary

Rod Spitty
President Rotary Club of Bendigo South

Donations in Kind note of appreciation

Dear Merlyn

I wish to express our appreciation for the \$500 donation your Club has made to the store. It is Clubs such as yours that allows us to continue our operations and to improve and grow the store for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Please convey our appreciation to all your members.

Laurie Fisher
Honorary Manager
Donations in Kind Inc

CLUB PROGRAM		
June 2023 theme: Rotary Fellowships		
Thurs 29 July	The Year Ahead. Chair: Rod Spitty	Lake View Hotel.
July 2023 theme: Maternal and Child Health		
Thurs 6 July	Dr Julie Rudner, La Trobe Uni Bendigo Campus Director. Chair: Rod Spitty	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 13 July	Member John Stewart. Antarctica trip presentation. Chair: TBC	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 20 July	To be confirmed. Board meeting to follow.	Lake View Hotel.
Thurs 27 July	Alison McClure, Rural Australians for Refugees. Resettlement in Bendigo. Chair: Merlyn Quaife	Lake View Hotel.
Sunday 30 July	National Tree Day, Bendigo. Hosted by Ironbark Gully Friends Landcare Group. Planting native seedlings, and community BBQ.	Victoria Street, Ironbark Gully.

Changeover 2023 at the Shamrock Hotel, Bendigo



Incomng DG Ron Payne presents Incomng President Rod Spitty his Paul Harris Sapphire



President Merlyn Quaife presents Peter Simmons his Honorary Membership award



Matthew Scott takes Merlyn for a whirl



Lindsay Jolley and Cora catching up



Mayor Cr Andrea Metcalfe



AG Rob Foran and Kate Miller with Merlyn



The Bendigo Youth Choir opened proceedings



The Bendigo Brass Band entertained us



Bernie Young receives a PHF award



Paul Gibbons receives a PHF Sapphire



2023-24 Board: Bernie Young, Matthew Scott, Peter Kilpatrick, Sue Duncan, Rod Spitty (President), Merlyn Quaife, Greg Noonan, Paul Gibbons



Merlyn Quaife transfers the chain of office to Rod Spitty

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 persons united in the ideal of service.

WHO'S WHO?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:	Gordon McNally
RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR:	Ron Payne

CLUB PRESIDENT	Rod Spitty
SECRETARY	Bernie Young
TREASURER	Greg Noonan
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR	Paul Gibbons
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR	Lindsay Jolley
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR and IPP	Merlyn Quaife AM
MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	Matthew Scott
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR and PRESIDENT ELECT	Peter Kilpatrick
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER	Geoff McKinna
FOUNDATION DIRECTOR	Rod Spitty
FUND-RAISING and FINANCE DIRECTOR	Gary Pinner
VOCATIONS DIRECTOR	Susan Ducan
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Shireen Yeoh

D9800 Goldfields Cluster Club Meeting Times

RC KANGAROO FLAT: Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park

Secretary - Geoff Wakefield 0408510218

RC BENDIGO: Tuesday 12:45pm, Bendigo Club, Park Street, Kennington

Secretary: Kaye Lehmann – kaye.l.lehmann@gmail.com 0418 355 253

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