

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

At our last meeting we celebrated two 80th Birthdays for members Geoff McKinna and Graeme Neivandt.

Geogg has been a member since the 6th August 1987 and Graeme has been a member since the 17th October 1985. Hearty congratulations to both members and a huge thankyou to on behalf. of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South and Rotary International for their enormous contributions to community service and the Club. We had a Birthday Cake and the Club sang Happy Birthday with gusto and wished both Geoff and Graeme many more years of good health and Rotary Involvement.

Due to some technical problems beyond our control member John Stewart was unable to present his trip to Antarticia. We will have another go at this later in the year.

Apart from the Rotary Club of Echuca we have completed all changeover Dinners for the Cluster, These were very enjoyable and provided the opportunity to learn and understand Club programs for this Rotary year.

At the Board Meeting this Wednesday the Board will be considering the Administration Budget for the year and setting member fees.

A BIG REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS.

THE MEETING NEXT WEEK IS ON WEDNESDAY 19th NOT OUR USUAL THURSDAY DUE TO ROOM UNAVAILABILITY.

Lindsay Jolly will be presenting the International Program for the year along with his recent African Safari.

See you this Wednesday.

Yours in Rotary

Rod Spitty

President

Camp Getaway Weekend Working Bee [See flyer attached]

Our Clubs have traditionally partnered in a Working Bee/ Social weekend at Camp Getaway Axedale and I wondered if any of your members would like to help out on our upcoming weekend there? Please let me know who can be there for catering purposes. There is no cost to your Club. It would be great if we could help show DG Ron Payne, who will visit with his wife Deb, on Sunday morning that both Clubs are involved. There is Gardening to be done and there is a bit of painting and clearing of the older huts.

Very best regards and thanks in anticipation,
Yvonne Osborn, Keilor East Rotary

Note RC Bendigo South members: Please advise Paul Gibbons if you will attend.

Introduction to Youth Exchange Student Nacho

[The following item from a recent RC Eaglehawk newsletter is reproduced here courtesy of Mick and Mandy Costello. Nacho is being jointly hosted by our two clubs.]

Our exchange student Ignacio Goicoa Gonda (Nacho) arrives in Melbourne late Monday evening. He will be travelling from Spain with another Rotary exchange student, who will be hosted in the Altona area. Nacho will initially be hosted in Bendigo by Richard and Kylie Epskamp and family and later with Colin and Leanne Anderson and family. He will attend school in Year 10 at Girton Grammar School.

Nacho and his family (father- Chema, mother-Pilar and younger sister- Paula) reside in Vigo (North-Western Spain). Vigo is a medium sized city (population 270,000) and is a renowned fishing port and hosts the Citroen- Peugeot factory.

Nacho has just finished his end of year exams and has been enjoying Summer in Spain. He enjoys kayaking and trying new things. Mandy and myself have already spoken with Nacho and his family via Whats App. He has been advised to be ready for our 'cooler' Winter weather here in Bendigo.

Nacho is very excited and looking forward to his time as an exchange student in Bendigo. We (our club) look forward to supporting Nacho whilst living in Bendigo. It's great to see the return of our exchange student program again and our appreciation to the Epskamp and Anderson families for hosting Nacho.

Regards, Mick Costello

This week in pics



Geoff McKinna and Graham Neivandt celebrate an important milestone. Congratulations!

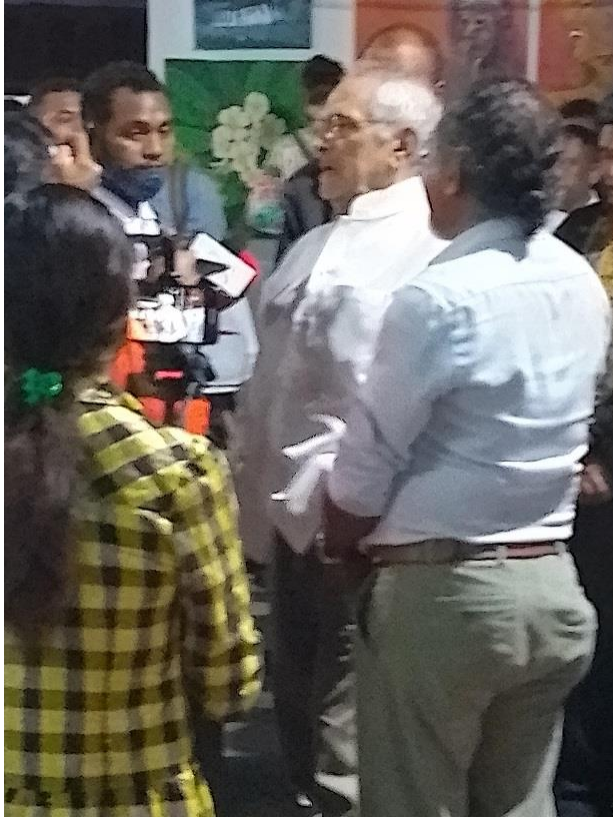


The Annie North Women's Refuge gardening team replenishing the soft fall in the playground.



Member Tony Plant (right) with the City of Greater Bendigo Deputy Mayor Cr Jennifer Alden (green scarf) & other visitors with the Maubisse welcoming committee, and a view of Maubisse.





Tony Plant hob-nobbing with the Timor Leste President (a man of the people according to Tony), and presenting our club banner to Mario de Jesus at the Rotary Club of Dili.

CLUB PROGRAM		
July 2023 theme: Maternal and Child Health		
Wed 19 July [Note day change]	Lindsay Jolley – 2023/24 International Service goals, & African safari report. Chair Rod Spitty. 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 with Ironbark Gully Friends Landcare Group. Planting native seedlings, and community BBQ.	Victoria Street, Ironbark Gully.

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 McInally

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: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of month - 6 for 6:30pm, Rotary Park Clubrooms, Rose Street, Echuca

RC BENDIGO SANDHURST: Wednesday 7am for 7.30am start, Peppergreen Farm, 40 Thunder Street, North 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