



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 the last meeting our Guest speaker Alison McClure from Rural Australians for Refugees outlined the work that the Bendigo based group has been doing in relation to support for refugees as they settle and adjust into their new life in Bendigo. To date the group are helping three families in particular with day to day and weekly support and Alison outlined the process for supporting a new family from arrival to permanent adjustment.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South has been assisting with the provision domestic items as required. Alison's presentation was appreciated by members with several questions and discussion that followed.

Last Sunday our Club assisted with National Tree Day with seven members participating- 5 at Garden Gully Reserve, Ironbark and 2 at Honeysuckle Reserve, Junortoun. The Club also provided a BBQ at Ironbark Gully Reserve. Fortunately the weather was great which always assists with better public participation with approx 200 people in attendance.

Last week the Welsh Choir/Merlyn Quaife concert fundraiser on October 29th went on sale. The Club has reserved 40 seats for Members, friends and families. Can members think about this commitment and a list will be circulated at the next meeting.

Our Guest speaker for this Thursday will be Catherine Eagleson who is speaking about Puzzling for Mental Health. This should be an interesting presentation.

Upcoming dates for members attention are:

- 17th August - Max Ellis 90 Birthday Celebration
- 18th August- Science and Engineering Challenge - all welcome

- 31st August - District Governor Ron Payne Club visit
- 3 BBQ's including La Trobe University Open Day and RMIT flight school at Bendigo Airport.

August is an important and busy month for the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

See you this Thursday

Yours in Rotary
Rod Spitty
President

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Save the date!!!!

October 29 our Fund-raiser in Ulumbarra with the Victorian Welsh Choir with Merlyn Quaife

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New pastoral care role

With the onset of the new Rotary year, a new Club role has been established. The area of pastoral care will be a new addition to the Club, with experienced Rotarian Anne Peace to take on this important position.

Making sure that all members and friends of the Club remain connected to the Club, it is envisaged that Anne will make contact with the relevant member via phone, to keep the connection going. Remaining connected to social groups is an important step of keeping members engaged in Rotary and other social outlets.

It is asked that any member who is experiencing difficulties or is expecting to be away from the Club for a prolonged period of time let's Anne know. Anne will keep in touch and call you for a friendly chat. However, the pastoral care role is not like calling in your truancy back in your school days, just let Anne know if you would appreciate a phone call periodically. Also, if another member wishes to let Anne know on behalf of another member, this could also be an option.

Anne's contact details can be found in the Club's membership details online.

This should be a good way to keep Club members and Rotarians connected with our welcoming and vibrant Club.

Matthew Scott
Membership Director

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This week in pics – National Tree Day edition



Alison McClure from Rural Australians for Refugees



Rod joins the local Ironbark Gully volunteers. There was great family participation, including the Bendigo Family Nature Group, who had a strong representation at the National Tree Day planting with our partners the Ironbark Gully Friends Landcare Group.



The Rotary BBQ was a big hit, thanks to Geoff, Irene, Rod, Clive, Bernie and especially Gary. It was also great to see Danieala Ionescu from RC Bendigo, and Stew Annan from RC Bendigo Sandhurst attend.



Lots of local families and pets enjoyed the tree planting. Community participation over recent years is really changing the landscape of the Ironbark Gully waterway from its derelict mining past.



Lindsay flying the Rotary flag at his local Junortoun Honeyeater Reserve National Tree planting day.



The Junortoun Honeyeater Reserve team is transforming a former Council quarry on Binks Road into a great natural habitat linking to adjacent remnant native Box Ironbark patches and the O'Keeffe Rail Trail.

CLUB PROGRAM		
August theme: Membership and New Club Development		
Thurs 3 August	Catherine Eagleson – Puzzling for Mental Health. Chair: Rod Spitty	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 10 August	Tony Plant Maubisse presentation. Chair Tony Plant	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 17 August	Max Ellis 90 th birthday celebration & social night. Partners welcome. Chair: Rod Spitty	Lake View Hotel
Fri 18 August	Science & Engineering Challenge. All welcome.	Girton Grammar stadium
Thurs 24 August	Mark McGowan, CEO, Police Veterans Victoria. Chair: Greg Penno	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 31 August	Visit by DG Ron Payne. Preceded by Board meeting with DG at 5pm. Chair: Rod Spitty	Lake View Hotel

<p>THE FOUR WAY TEST</p> <p>Is it the TRUTH</p> <p>Is it FAIR to all concerned?</p> <p>Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?</p> <p>Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned</p>

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