



SIGNPOST

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



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President's Report

At our last meeting Club Member Tony Plant gave a presentation on his recent trip to Timor and his visit to Maubisse. He was part of a group from Bendigo to visit the area and to inspect the work that the Project Group has been undertaking. His presentation was extremely interesting and well prepared and generated numerous questions and discussion. The Club will continue to support the Project Group and Tony who is part of that Committee. Congratulations and thank you to Tony on behalf of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South for his commitment and dedication to this important project.

This is a big week for our Club with Max Ellis 90th Birthday and his Rotary Birthday Party this Thursday. Congratulations to Max on his birthday and 61 years Rotary Membership with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South. This is also a Partners Night so come along for an evening of Fellowship and help celebrate Max's 90th Birthday.

On Friday 18th August the Science and Engineering Challenge Regional Event at Girton Grammar Stadium will be taking place. Thank you to members and Cluster Clubs for their support as supervisors and for financially assisting with the project. There will be approx 180 Year10 students from 6 schools in attendance. Members are welcome to the lunch and to inspect the Challenge in progress. It is also National Science Week as the Club promotes the advancement of STEM (Science,Technology Engineering and Mathematics) in partnership with Newcastle University, industry and La Trobe University for the 17th Year.

I attended the President's Meeting for our Cluster on Sunday the 13th August. The meeting was attended by all Clubs and was very productive. We are very fortunate to have our 2 Assistant District Governors, Allison Bacon and Rob Forum and we can look forward to a very productive Rotary Year.

Finally it is with very sad condolence that I advise that Honorary Member Lindsay Jackson's wife Lesley has passed away. Sincere condolences to Lindsay and his family.

See you this Thursday .

Yours in Rotary
Rod Spitty
President
Rotary Club of Bendigo South

Making the Science and Engineering Challenge even more accessible for our kids

Dear Rod

I received an email from one of our past Science and Engineering Challenge participants this week – and it really moved me. I’m lucky enough to regularly witness the excitement from students undertaking the Science and Engineering Challenge, but it’s so nice to hear from those whose life trajectory changed because of it.

Michael, the past participant, explained in the email that it was the Science and Engineering Challenge that inspired him to pursue a career in science, and after recently finishing his PhD, he is now working in cardiac research.

Rod, the Science and Engineering Challenge really does change lives, and benefits our wider communities. I need your help to raise awareness and funds to extend the access of the Science and Engineering Challenge to even more students.

The University of Newcastle is holding its second-ever Gifting Day on 6 September, and the Science and Engineering Challenge is one of the seven initiatives being featured.

Today, I invite you to join me as an ambassador for the Science and Engineering Challenge – to help us support more school aged students - particularly those that come from lower socio-economic backgrounds, are of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent and regional areas. In joining me and our community of Ambassadors, you’ll be using your voice to make a meaningful difference.

The role of an Ambassador is to advocate and fundraise for the Science and Engineering Challenge to your personal and professional networks in the lead-up to and on Gifting Day.

We even provide you with all the impactful communications to share and make it as easy as possible. You simply [sign up here](#), and you will be sent everything you need.

Your support will play a crucial role in encouraging a sustainably minded generation of STEM professionals from all backgrounds, creating a more diverse, environmentally friendly and progressive future for us all.

Become part of a powerful movement to create positive change in our communities – please join us as a [Gifting Day Ambassador](#) today.

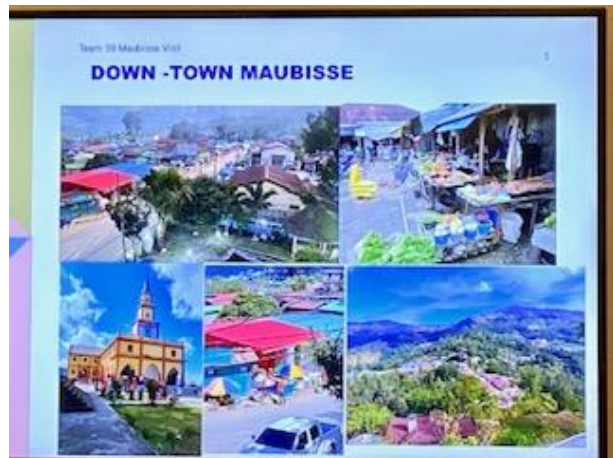
Kind regards,

Mick Cassey
Science and Engineering Challenge
The University of Newcastle

Save the date!!!!

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

This week in pics



Guest speaker member Tony Plant presented on his recent trip to Maubisse, Timor Leste.



The Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee has a number of ongoing projects that are being delivered to the Maubisse community.



A view over Maubisse and surrounding hill, and a replica traditional East Timorese dwelling.



Heather, Clive, Jenny and Lyn on the tools (tongs) at La Trobe Uni, Bendigo.

CLUB PROGRAM		
August theme: Membership and New Club Development		
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	David McGowan, CEO, Police Veterans Victoria. Chair: Greg Penno. Board meeting.	Lake View Hotel
Sunday 27 Aug	BBQ – La Trobe Uni Bendigo Open Day. 8am – 1pm.	La Trobe Uni
Sunday 27 Aug	BBQ – RMIT Flight School Open Day. 11am – 2.30pm.	Bendigo Airport
Thurs 31 August	Visit by DG Ron Payne. Preceded by DG meeting with Board at 5pm. Chair: Rod Spitty	Lake View Hotel
Sunday 3 Sept	BBQ – Run for Dad, Father’s Day Run. 9am – 12pm.	Bendigo Racecourse

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

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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