



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 REPORT

At the last meeting our Guest Speaker Merlyn Quaife provided a very interesting presentation on her recent trip to the Kimberley. The information that she presented and the telling of her experience was first class including many photos. We also had Matthew Scott beam in for a short time from the Camino Trail in Spain. This communication worked and is unbelievable compared to where we were only a few years ago. The Club also had City of Greater Bendigo Senior Citizen for 2022, Diana Collier as a Special Guest - what an inspiration to us all.

On Saturday, Gill, myself and Heather Nixon attended the 75th Birthday Celebration of the Rotary Club of Echuca-Moama. The event was terrific and well represented by the Cluster and the District. Congratulations to the Echuca-Moama Rotary Club on such longevity and to President and AG Rob Foran on his organisation and delivery of the day. Heather found the day particularly interesting as her father Graham Nixon was a member of the Echuca Rotary Club and President in 63-64.

During October there is a lot going on with End Polio Month. Spread the word, make an Online Donation and we will see where we are in 4 weeks' time. Also, a special thank you to Club members for their efforts on the La Trobe University Student Market days - the Club is assisting with 4 BBQs

At our next meeting, with the declaration of El Nino and the early fire season approaching, we are having a Preparation for Fire Season presentation by Club Member Ian Ellis - Captain of the Bendigo Fire Brigade. Authorities have predicted a long hot and very dry summer for Australia and the preparation and management of fire risk will be fundamental.

I will be away in Adelaide visiting family for this meeting so I will see you at the Maubisse Film Night at the Star Cinema on Thursday the 5th October in lieu of our regular meeting.

Yours in Rotary.
Rod Spitty
President.

Maubisse Movie Night
Thursday, 5 October 2023, 6:30 for a 7pm start
(no club meeting on that day)

Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee Inc. invites you to a special movie night to raise funds for the Bendigo team of Days For Girls.

Movie: My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3;

Venue: Star Cinema, Town Hall, Peg Leg Rd, Eaglehawk

BOOK Directly with the Star Cinema -See flyer for more information.

Save the date!!! - Sunday, 29 October 2023, 2pm

What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon, than at Bendigo's Ulumbarra Theatre listening to fantastic music in good company!

Raising money for the Ulumbarra Theatre Foundation and the Bendigo Senior Secondary College Musical Scholarship, Merlyn Quaife presents a selection of musical pieces in conjunction with the Victorian Welsh Choir.

The Club has reserved seating for club members and their guests for the concert. Contact Tony Plant (0408 590 589) to secure your tickets and make a payment of \$49 per ticket to the club account.

SWAP MEET – 10, 11 & 12 November 2023

Please check your allotted time on the swap meet roster is correct. If you have not yet selected a timeslot there are still a few options available. If you wish to fill one of the available times, email Maureen at Goldview46@bigpond.com (see attached roster)

SPORTS CHAPLAINCY AUSTRALIA

GUEST SPEAKER
SHAUN HART
AFL PREMIERSHIP PLAYER (3X) & NORM SMITH MEDALIST

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Celebrate Grand Final week and hear from AFL Legend Shaun Hart while you support Sports Chaplaincy and enjoy great food & great company.

Date: Wed 27th September
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: Quality Hotel Lakeside (opposite Lake Weeroona)
Tickets: \$40 or \$330 (Table of 9)

"I would not be where I am today without the incredible support of our footy club chaplain, Dean Davis. To be honest, the trust he built was a key to surviving the most challenging time in my life. Every sports club, school and organisation needs a Chaplain."

SHAUN HART

Sponsored by:
SimonRosa L.R.N.D.S.C.H.P.F.I.N.C. GSH GOLDEN SQUARE HOTEL

Tickets available from the venue or through TryBooking (link below)
<https://www.trybooking.com/CKSAU>

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Join us for World Polio Day

World Polio Day 2023

[Visit endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org)



24 October is World Polio Day!

As **World Polio Day** approaches, we need your help to amplify our message about eradicating polio to protect the world's children from a devastating disease.

We have made tremendous progress since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched:

- A 99.9% reduction in cases of illness caused by wild poliovirus
- 3 billion children immunized
- 125 countries where polio was endemic reduced to two — Afghanistan and Pakistan — with the virus contained in just a few districts and provinces

But even just one case still represents one child's life forever changed by polio. That's why **Rotary members must remain tenacious and keep our promise: We won't stop until we know that no child will ever again experience the paralyzing effects of polio.**

Let's use World Polio Day to advocate for the support we need to make history by eradicating polio. Together, we end polio!

Get involved

Take action this World Polio Day by hosting virtual and community events, creating fundraisers, and talking about the importance of polio eradication on social media.

Plan

If you haven't started planning your World Polio Day action, now is the time! Visit the [World Polio Day Resources page](#) for tips and tools your club can use to help achieve a polio-free world.

[Get World Polio Day resources](#)

Register

Register your club's participation in World Polio Day to show how you're taking action to eradicate polio. The districts that have the highest percentage of registered clubs by 24 October will receive a special video message from RI President R. Gordon R. McNally.

[Register your club's action](#)

Fundraise

Use Raise for Rotary to start a World Polio Day online fundraiser. All contributions will go to the PolioPlus Fund. The top Raise for Rotary World Polio Day 2023 fundraisers will be featured on My Rotary.

[Start a fundraiser](#)

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This week in PICS

Presentation by Merlyn Quaife on her recent trip to The Kimberley



Special Guest: Diana Collier, City of Greater Bendigo Senior Citizen for 2022



A retired librarian and a strong advocate for social justice, Diana, at the age of 98 was honoured with the prestigious title of the City of Greater Bendigo Senior Citizen for 2022. She continues to lead an independent and active lifestyle which serves as an inspiration to many. In recognition of her achievements, the Bendigo Advertiser published an article featuring her story.

**The Rotary Club of Echuca-Moama, 75th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, 23 September 2023**



A Speech from Rob Foram - Echuca/Moama Club President & Assistant Governor for Goldfields Region.

| CLUB PROGRAM | | |
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| September theme: Basic Education and Literacy | | |
| Thurs 28 Sept | "Prepare for Fire Season" - Guest Speaker - being confirmed. Chair - Ian Ellis - Captain Bendigo Fire Brigade. | Lake View Hotel |
| October theme: Economic and Community Development | | |
| Thurs 5 Oct | Maubisse film night. See Flyer for details. No meeting. Details to follow. | Star Cinema, Eaglehawk |
| Thurs 12 Oct | Quarterly reports. Chair: Rod Spitty. | Lake View Hotel |
| Thurs 19 Oc | Bendigo TAFE Trade Wing industry visit | Bendigo TAFE |
| Sun 22 Oct | Bendigo Walk for End Polio | Lake Weeroona |
| Thurs 26 Oct | TBC | Lake View Hotel |
| Sun 29 Oct | Victoria Welsh Choir with Merlyn Quaife AM concert | Ulumbarra Theatre |

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?

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| ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT: | Gordon McNally |
| RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR: | Ron Payne |
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| 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: 0407 561 997
- 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: 0409 957 000
- RC EAGLEHAWK:** Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute
Contact on 0428 468 298
- RC ROCHESTER:** Thursday 6.15pm for 6:30pm, The Rochester Hotel.
Contact – Bryan: 0428 315 467
- RC CASTLEMAINE:** Wednesday 6:30pm, The Cumberland Hotel
Secretary - Lyndal McClure: 0438 391 160