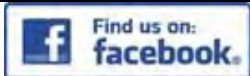




SIGNPOST

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NO MEETING this week (9 November 2023) due to Swap Meet



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

At the last meeting our Guest speaker was Bev Watson, who is Convenor of the Bendigo Polio support group and currently Chair for the Victorian State wide organisation. Bev is also a past liaison officer with respect to disability support and recognition in Local Government. Bev spoke about the current position and challenges facing polio survivors in Victoria and her presentation was revealing and appreciated by all in attendance.

I wish to thank the Club for their support during the October End Polio month where we raised approximately \$2000, hosted the Cluster End Polio Walk at Lake Weeroona and gained a better understanding of the current position associated with polio both locally and internationally.

The District has raised \$40,000 to date which represents \$120,000 with the Bill Gates Foundation partnership (2 for 1).

Last Friday I attended the Club's launch of Wheelchairs for Kids Australia in partnership with the California Gully Primary School. Congratulations to Glenn Madden (past Principal of that school), Paul Gibbons and Youth Committee for the successful completion of this litmus project where we hope to raise funds for 3 wheelchairs to go overseas to third countries through Wheelchairs for Kids Australia. This project clearly has the capacity for wider application within Central Victoria at other schools and locations.

There is NO MEETING this Thursday due to the Club's commitment with the Swap meet.

I wish to remind members of three upcoming events:

- 1.0. Ron Devereaux 90th Birthday Celebration on Sunday the 19th November (see invitation attached all members are invited to attend where the Club is catering), and Ron's Club Birthday recognition on Thursday 30th November.
- 2.0. Cluster Foundation Dinner scheduled on FRIDAY 8th December in lieu of our ordinary meeting on 7th December.

3.0. Early Bird Registration for District Conference which will take place in Bendigo on 12th - 14th of April 2024.

See you around at the Swap Meet.

Yours in Rotary
Rod Spitty

SOS- appeal from Tony Plant

Tony needs 2 volunteers to assist with selling trailer raffle tickets next Saturday, 11 November from 6 am until 9 am, near the trailer, which will be parked just outside the main gate at the Swapmeet at Holmes Road.

The Brass Band will take over from 9 am.

If you can help, please contact Tony.

SWAP MEET – 10,11 & 12 November 2023

Thank you, Members, for volunteering your time for the swap meet.

Please check that your allotted time on the swap meet roster is correct.

Any issues, please contact Maureen.

For those who have not collected their pass to enter the event, please collect it from Gary at Gejay Automotive.

Castlemaine Rotary Truck Show.

Event: Castlemaine Rotary Truck Show

Date & Time: 25 & 26 Nov, Saturday & Sunday

Website: castlemainetruckshow.com/ - also see attached flyer

Castlemaine Rotary Truck Show: 25 & 26 November

Castlemaine is considered one of Australia’s premier country Truck Shows.

Now in its 35th year, this year’s show is shaping up to be bigger than ever.

It is also renowned for its family atmosphere.

Children U16 are admitted free, and all the entertainment and rides are free.

There is on ground catering and those who are mobility challenged can also enjoy a trishaw tour of the ground.

Live music all weekend will feature multi-award winning Country Music Singer and Songwriter, Craig Lloyd, whose singles have topped the charts in 2023.

Crowd favourites, Peter Coad & The Coad Sisters and The Jim Hermel Band, will also be returning.

A special feature on stage will be from 5 – 8pm on Saturday night with a bar and food vans operating.

Gates open at 12 noon on Saturday and 10.00am on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 per adult. U16 children free.

Goldfields Clusters Foundation Dinner

Event: Goldfields Clusters Foundation Dinner

Date & Time: 8 December, Friday at 6:30 pm for 7pm start

Place: Quality Lakeside Hotel, 286, Napier Street Bendigo

RSVP: 29 Nov 2023

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Please note the payment options.

If payments are made via Club Foundation Directors, could those directors advise Wayne Smith of the payments by email at chartall@bigpond.com

If payments are made directly to the RC of Bendigo, the relevant Club Foundation Director will be advised accordingly.

Also, note the RSVP date.

It is essential for the organisers to know the firm paid-up numbers by 29th November 2023. However, have been advised there will be some flexibility to accommodate any latecomers.

District 9800 – Bendigo Conference

Rotary
District 9800

Bendigo Conference
12-14th April 2024

Earlybird Bookings Now Open
(Earlybird prices end 16/12/2023)

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| Rotarian, Partners & Friends: | \$340 |
| First-time attendee: | \$250 |
| Rotaractor & Youth Exchange: | \$150 |
| Foundation Breakfast: | \$40 |

Book now at: www.trybooking.com/CMCUD

GATHERING ON THE GOLDFIELDS

Tony Plant’s MONSTER GARAGE SALE
Saturday – 2 Dec 2023 – Gates open at 7:30am

Garage Sale for Tony and Betty Plant will be held on Saturday December 2 (specific details are provided in the two attachments.)

We are seeking some help, firstly on the Friday prior to set out the items and price them for sale. Suggesting a 9 am start and hopefully all done by lunchtime.

On the day of the sale need some further help in managing traffic, assisting to load certain purchased items and general security.

Aim to let the public in at 7.30 am so need a few early bird helpers just prior to that time.

Would see 3 shifts perhaps of about 2.5 hrs. That being 7 to 9.30 am, 9.30 to 12 and 12 to 2.30 pm. Any time any members can offer will be very much appreciated.

As previously indicated, for this assistance we will contribute \$1000 to the club administration account.

Many Thanks,
Tony & Betty

Report from Merlyn Quaife - Mobile Phone Collection

Following a successful meeting with the Bendigo Library Manager, Robin Pearson, the Club will be collecting old mobile phones for repurposing and distribution to victims of domestic violence via a collection box in the Library.

The Club, as approved by the Board, will purchase the collection box and post collected phones to DV Safe Phones – check out their website: <https://dvsafephone.org/donate-phones>.

Donated phones need to be cleared of data which is outlined on the website. You can bring your old phones to Club meetings and give to me or put in the box at the Library once it is in place.

Many thanks,
Merlyn (Community Service)

A note from Tony Plant

I can announce that the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee is now online and available for viewing.

The Address is: www.bmfc.org.au

I would encourage all members to have a look at it as it has been quite a work in progress with credits going to one of our committee members in Cameron Bell.

Tony

BBQ & Carpark Bookings to date.

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| BBQ - NOVEMBER | | |
| Nov- Friday 10th, Saturday 11 & Sunday 12th | Swap Meet Catering | Contact Maureen Plant for Roster |
| Sunday, Nov 19th | Ron Deveraux 90 th Birthday BBQ Olympic Parade Maiden Gully | 11 am – 1 pm 4 volunteers required |
| Sunday, Nov 26th | Mandurang Valley Winery Christmas Market | 9 am – 2 pm 4 volunteers required |
| CAR PARKING- NOVEMBER | | |
| Nov-Friday 17th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 19 | Bendigo Camping & Leisure Show Bendigo Jockey Club | 9am – 1pm each day 6 volunteers required each day |

This week in pics



Guest speaker: Bev Watson, Convenor of the Bendigo Polio support group and currently Chair for the Victorian Statewide organisation.



Report from Glenn Madden: Wheelchairs for Kids

The WFK program made its Bendigo debut on Friday at the California Gully Primary School. The students spent time in the wheelchairs doing laps of the oval and also experienced what it would be like to be confined to a wheelchair. One of the aims of the program is to raise money to build more wheelchairs to send to overseas countries. We will find out next week the level of success with the money raising. The program created interest with other Rotary Clubs in Bendigo and we hope to expand it into more schools in 2024. Thank you to Trevor, Paul, Maureen and Tony for their assistance on the day.



Glenn Madden, demonstrating the wheelchair.

| November theme: Rotary Foundation | | |
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| Thurs 9 Nov | NO MEETING due to swap meet on 10,11 and 12 Nov | NO MEETING |
| Fri-Sun: 10-12 Nov | Swap Meet | Bendigo Showgrounds |
| Thurs 16 Nov | Guest Speaker - David Chapman - Bendigo Advertiser Chair - TBA | Lake View Hotel |
| Sun 19 Nov | Ron Devereau 90 th Birthday celebration | Olympic Parade, Maiden Gully |
| Thurs 23 Nov | Guest Speaker - Lindsay Jolley - St Jude School Chair - TBA | Lake View Hotel |
| Sun 26 Nov | Rotary Christmas Market and BBQ at Mandurang Valley Winery | Mandurang Valley Winery |
| Thurs 30 Nov | Annual General Meeting and Ron Devereaux 90th Birthday Celebration Followed by Board Meeting Chair – Rod Spitty | Lake View Hotel |
| December theme – Disease Prevention and Treatment | | |
| Thurs 7 Dec | NO MEETING in lieu of Foundation Dinner | |
| Fri 8 Dec | Foundation Dinner | Quality Lakeside Hotel, 286 Napier Street |
| Thurs 14 Dec | Christmas Break up. Chair- Rod Spitty | Lake View Hotel |
| CHRISTMAS BREAK | | |
| January 2024 theme – Vocational Service Month | | |
| Thurs 4 Jan | NO MEETING | |
| Thurs 11 Jan | Rotary Resumes | TBA |

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 |
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| 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