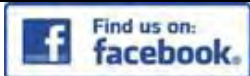




SIGNPOST

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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

It was great to see the Swap meet back in action for the first time post COVID, including the public in large numbers and Community organisations working together to provide coordinated catering services for this traditional large event serving Bendigo and Central Victoria. In talking with the public, they came as far away as Mildura and southern NSW. One of the aspects that I enjoy about the Swap Meet is that it provides the opportunity to work and meet with other Community organisations and to discuss what they are doing and what are their needs and problems, and where there is scope to work together.

The weather over the weekend was great, which provided a huge boost to a successful weekend. Thank you to members for their contributions over the weekend. The Swap meet project is a classic example where "many hands make light work" and a project of this scale possible.

I will be away from Rotary in New Zealand from the 15th - 29th of November. Past President Merlyn Quaife will be looking after the Club during this period.

A couple of important reminders for members are:

1.0. RSVP and payments by 29th November to the Cluster Foundation Dinner on Friday the 8th December. An attendance list will be circulated at the next few meetings. There will be no Club meeting on the 7th December so as to provide the opportunity for members to attend the Foundation Dinner. (See flyer attached)

2.0. Registration to the Rotary District 9800 Conference in Bendigo from 12th - 14th April. To obtain the benefit of the early bird discount register by the 16th December. (see below).

3.0. Ron Devereaux's 90th Birthday function. (See invitation attached).

At this meeting we are back at the Lake View Hotel where our guest speaker will be David Chapman, Deputy Editor of the Bendigo Advertiser who will be speaking about the media industry

and community liaison. Changes that are occurring both now and in the future. This should be interesting and topical.

See you at the end of the month for the AGM and Ron's 90th birthday celebration.

Yours in Rotary
Rod Spitty

**Ron Devereaux's 90th Birthday celebration
Sunday - 19 Nov 2023.**

URGENT: Tony needs a headcount of our Club members attending Ron's birthday party this Sunday, for catering purposes. Please inform Tony of your attendance, if you have not. Also, let him know if your partner will be joining.

There is no need to RSVP to Ron's daughter, Heather, as Tony will be coordinating with her on our behalf.

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.

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.

District 9800 – Bendigo Conference

Rotary
District 9800

Bendigo Conference
12-14th April 2024

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

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 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)

Report from Tony Plant - A Blue Tree-Youth Suicide Awareness





Recently I was asked by a friend who is part of a small group associated with supporting youth suicide awareness as to whether I could approach Eaglehawk Hire about obtaining a cherry picker

at Mates Rates. Happens a friend and neighbour is an owner of the business so the deal was arranged.

When I was originally told that someone wanted to paint a tree blue on the banks of Lake Neanger, I was somewhat puzzled. I was to learn this idea originated in Western Australia when a young man as a memorial to a friend he had lost as a result of suicide decided to paint a tree blue to draw attention to the need to recognise that we all need to be aware and better ensure those around us who could be at risk are being supported.

Eaglehawk now has a blue tree and the COGB will soon erect a special seat with a plaque close by.

Special thanks to Eaglehawk Hire for donating the hire free of charge. Did cost me two feeds of Redfin! Also, congratulations to Shane from TAFE for carrying out the work and Rod Flavell for getting it altogether. The commercial market had quoted \$10k to do this work! Certainly, we came in well under budget.

As a Rotarian it was one of those little projects that I initially knew nothing about but was happy to assist in a very small way. If that blue tree just reminds one person to ask a mate at risk are they OK and suggests they seek help and it saves another tragedy then the effort has been worthwhile.

Tony Plant.

BBQ & Carpark Bookings to date.

BBQ - NOVEMBER		
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

Swap Meet – 10, 11, 12 November





November theme: Rotary Foundation		
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?

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: 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