



# 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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<http://www.twitter.com/RotaryBendigoS>

## Acting President Report

Club Member Lindsay Jolley gave an extremely thorough report about the School of St Jude in the city of Arusha, Tanzania. Lindsay, along with his son and daughter-in-law has been sponsoring a student for twelve years throughout her schooling. Lindsay and Nena attended her graduation recently. They will continue to support her through University.

St Jude's is named after the Patron Saint of hopeless and impossible causes – but it has proven to be anything but! They take the brightest from the poorest families, limited to one per family. 100% of their students are supported by scholarships. At St Jude's they believe that education is a right not a privilege. They believe by assisting one family member they assist the rest of the family. Of course, while other family members may not attend St Jude's they can attend other local schools. Detailed information about St Jude's can be found on their website <https://www.schoolofstjude.org> Anne Peace kindly donated a book about St Jude's and Greg Penno ran a raffle. The money raised will be donated to The School of St Jude. Nb the school was started by an Australian, Gemma Sisia and has been well supported by Rotary over the years.

Next Meeting, we celebrate Ron Devereaux's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, as a Club. The room will be in a different set-up, so don't get a surprise when you arrive!!

Fish out your old mobile phones, clear them and donate them to DV Safe Phone

Don't forget to sign up for the Foundation Dinner and also our Christmas Finale!

IPP Merlyn Quaife AM

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## 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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. However, have been advised there will be some flexibility to accommodate any latecomers.

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**Year-end meeting & Christmas Dinner  
14 Dec 2023**

**IMPORTANT request from Tony:**

1. Members who completed the circulated sheet at the meeting, please check that what you have indicated is recorded correctly. (see attachment)
2. If you were not at the meeting, please advise Tony of your attendance or alternatively, provide an apology.
3. All members who are intending to attend are to pay \$45 p.p. into the club account no later than **Dec 7**
4. Tony would like to have final numbers **by no later than our next meeting on Nov 30**

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**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:	<b>\$340</b>
First-time attendee:	<b>\$250</b>
Rotaractor & Youth Exchange:	<b>\$150</b>
Foundation Breakfast:	<b>\$40</b>

**Book now at:** [www.trybooking.com/CMCUD](http://www.trybooking.com/CMCUD)

**GATHERING ON THE GOLDFIELDS**



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**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

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**Have A Very Brassy Christmas with the Bendigo Brass Band!**

The City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band presents: A Very Brassy Christmas 2023.

Join us for all of your favourite Christmas songs, brass band style!

There will be some sing-a-long carols as well as all time favourites for you to tap along with.

We will also be launching a fundraising raffle to support our 2024 tilt at the Australian National Band Championships in Adelaide. An assortment of all locally-handmade prizes are to be won including a magnificent patchwork quilt, jewellery, a personalised pet portrait, kitchenware and more!

**Sunday 3 December 2023 2:30 PM**

St Paul's Cathedral  
6 Myers Street, Bendigo

Tickets are available from Trybooking at the following link:

[www.trybooking.com/cnmkk](http://www.trybooking.com/cnmkk)

by scanning the QR code on the poster,

or at the door.

adults \$20, children under 12 \$10

Hope to see you there!!

Many thanks to the following sponsors of our 2023 concert series:

[Lisa Chesters Federal MP for Bendigo](#)

[William Farmer Funerals](#)

[Tweed Sutherland First National](#)

And the [City of Greater Bendigo](#) for their ongoing support of community music in Bendigo.

**From your friends at the Bendigo Brass Band**

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**A Thank you from Lindsay Jolley**

Thank you to those who contributed to our short raffle on the book about the history of The School of St Jude and the challenges it faced.

It was kindly donated by Anne Peace.

The takings have enabled the Club to donate \$100 to The School of St Jude.

The book, "The school that hope built", by Madeleine Kelly, is a good read that explains what The School of St Jude is about.

Thanks, Greg Penno, for running the raffle on the night and congratulations to Lyn for her win.

If anyone wants to find out more about the possibility of supporting a child at the school through the scholarship program, you can go to <https://www.schoolofstjude.org> or give me a call on 0416 192 032.

Lindsay Jolley

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**Report from Merlyn Quaife AM**

**MOBILE PHONE COLLECTION**

Our Collection Box is now in the Library near the 'elephant in the room' which is a statement about Domestic Violence. Old phones can be deposited there or brought to me at Club Meetings. (see photo below)

Check out the website for details of clearing phones ready for donation on

<https://dvsafephone.org/donate-phones>

Merlyn – Community Service

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**Request from Merlyn Quaife AM  
Foodshare Christmas Pantry**

We have been asked to assist with the collection and delivery of food over the Christmas break. This year the dates we have been asked to assist are Thursday Dec 28 and Thursday January 4.

Only four people are required per day, a driver and assistant for the morning supermarket collections and a driver and assistant for the afternoon delivery.

December 28:

I have Jan Pagliaro (driver) and Heather Nixon – morning run  
Merlyn Q (driver) and Bernie Young – afternoon run

Jan 4:

I still need a driver to work with Margaret Kelly - morning run  
Merlyn Q and Bernie Young - afternoon run

Merlyn – Community Service

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**Report from Lyn Comer  
on the Mandurang Valley Winery Christmas Market**

The Rotary Club of Bendigo and Bendigo South Christmas Market.

It was an incredible day. All the stall holders were so busy and enjoyed their time there.  
We had 59 Stall holders using 61 Sites.

Not sure on exact numbers, but far more than last year which we estimated about 3,000  
people. More milk was needed for Coffee, more Sausages and more parking.

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered on the day even if it was only for a short  
time. Everything went smoothly.

An email received this afternoon from a stall holder below.

*Good Afternoon Lyn*

*I just wanted to say that was the most professionally run market I have attended so far. The  
staff were lovely to deal with and really took care of the stall holders. It was the most successful  
market I have had, I've only been doing this for two months, but I couldn't be happier.*

*Thank you so much  
Amelia*

Lyn Comer  
Co-ordinator

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**BBQ & Carpark Bookings to date**

BBQ		
Friday, Dec 1st	Latrobe Uni BBQ Lunch, Bendigo Bowling Club	12 noon to 2pm 4 volunteers required
Monday, Dec 4th	CFMEU BBQ Lunch at Bendigo Racecourse	9am to 12 noon 8 volunteers required.
		12noon to 3pm 6 volunteers required.

Saturday Dec 9th	RYLA BBQ Camp Getaway	12noon to 2pm 3 volunteers required.
Thursday Dec 21st	City of Bendigo lunch Adam St depot	11am to 2pm 6 volunteers required

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**This week in pics**



Bendigo Library Manager Robin Pearson taking delivery of DV Safe Phone collection box from Merlyn.

Some of us helped at the Christmas Market – Mandurang Valley Winery





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<b>November theme: Rotary Foundation</b>		
Thurs 30 Nov	Annual General Meeting and Ron Devereaux 90th Birthday Celebration Followed by Board Meeting - Chair – Rod Spitty	Lake View Hotel
<b>December theme – Disease Prevention and Treatment</b>		
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
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>		
<b>January 2024 theme – Vocational Service Month</b>		
Thurs 4 Jan	NO MEETING	
Thurs 11 Jan	Rotary Resumes	TBA

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**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

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**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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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](mailto:kaye.l.lehmann@gmail.com) ; 0418 355 253

**RC ECHUCA MOAMA:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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