



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

Last Friday 11 members attended the District 9800 Goldfields Foundation Dinner organised by Rotary Club of Bendigo and held at the Lakeside Hotel. There were 51 in attendance and congratulations to the Rotary Club of Bendigo for organising a successful event. District Governor Ron Payne in proposing the toast to Rotary International provided an update of district operations at the 6 month mark. District Foundation Chair Grant Hocking provided an interesting presentation on Foundation operations, End Polio progress and future operations in this critical portfolio.

Our Club raised \$2000 for End Polio Month in October and has since raised a further \$300 by way of donations from Honorary Member Tom Glazebrook and Domain Retirement Village, Junortoun. A huge thank you to members and the community for their support in 2023 to this Critical program. Our Club will also contribute to support the Foundation with a \$100 per member contribution later in the year.

This Thursday will be our Christmas meeting and I want to thank each member for their commitment to Rotary and the Rotary Club of Bendigo South over the last 6 months. The range of quality service work undertaken has been significant and this will be presented in our report of the second quarter in early February.

Women of Note Choir will be providing our Christmas entertainment and we will also be conducting a Salvation Army toy raffle at the dinner.

Don't forget Early Bird booking for the District Conference to be held in Bendigo close on the 16th December.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas and we will see you next Thursday at our Christmas Dinner breakup with Rotary resuming on the 11th January.

Yours in Rotary
Rod Spitty

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



A brief introduction about Women of Note

<https://www.wonbendigo.org/>

The Central Victorian Women's Choir, performing as Women of Note, is a non-auditioning choir founded in 1999 with a current membership of 58 singers.

The choir provides the opportunity for women, residing in Central Victoria, to enjoy singing together and explore musical experiences whilst fostering personal growth, confidence and friendship.

They regularly combine with other choirs from Bendigo, the surrounding districts, and Melbourne, and with guest conductors and instrumentalists.

WON manages financially by charging a modest annual fee and fundraising.

In 2018, at Ulumbarra, and again this year at St Paul's, WON hosted the very successful **Come to the Music** concerts joining with many of Victoria's elite choirs and soloists.

WON have travelled to New Zealand, South Africa and the USA to take part in choral festivals. Sadly, in 2020, Covid scuttled their plans to take part in the Alta Val Pusteria festival in northern Italy.

In July 2024 the choir will travel to Hobart for the Festival of Voices.

WON is especially fortunate, indeed privileged, to have the expertise of two exceptionally well qualified and experienced musicians and music educators in Anne Begg, Music Director and Dr Peter Butler, accompanist.

At the Rotary Christmas Dinner, they will be joined by Bendigo musicians, flautist, Jenny Gogolin and David Gorrie adding percussion on the darbuka.

Trailer Raffle Tickets

IMPORTANT request from Tony:

Could all members please return their raffle tickets along with the money to Trevor Hawking by no later than **December 14**.

Please do not pay any raffle money into the club account as it is all held in a special account shared with the Eaglehawk Club. The raffle committee will be finalizing all final selling and banking of proceeds prior to our draw on December 21 where the winners will be declared, and the prizes distributed the following day.

Tony
Member of the joint raffle committee.

**Report from Merlyn Quaife AM
MOBILE PHONE COLLECTION**

Don't forget all those old mobile phones you and your family members may have. Our Collection Box is in the Library. Old phones can be deposited there or brought to me at Club Meetings.

Check out the website for details of clearing phones ready for donation on <https://dvsafephone.org/donate-phones>

Phones are distributed to victims of domestic violence via police, agencies, refuges etc after being checked and made fully serviceable.

Merlyn – Community Service

Foodshare Christmas Pantry

Many thanks to Members who put up their hands to assist:

December 28: Jan Pagliaro (driver) and Heather Nixon - morning run
Merlyn Q (driver) and Bernie Young - afternoon run

January 4: George Ellis (driver) and Margaret Kelly - morning run
Merlyn Q and Bernie Young - afternoon run

Merlyn – Community Service

BBQ & Carpark Bookings to date

BBQ		
Thursday Dec 21st	City of Bendigo lunch Adam St depot	11am to 2pm 6 volunteers required



Merry Christmas

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and bright festive season, filled with overflowing peace, happiness, and blessings!



December theme – Disease Prevention and Treatment		
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 McNally

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