



# 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

At the last meeting the Club visited the Bendigo Central Library where Library Manager Robin Pearson presented an overview of current library operations. Key points are:

- Central Goldfields Library is the 9th busiest in Victoria.
- Book stock is currently 250,000.
- 10,000 community members enter and use the library weekly.
- Library services provide a benefit cost ratio of 4 to 1 to Central Victoria.
- Total library activity is almost back to what it was pre COVID.

Robin's presentation was most interesting and appreciated by the 27 members, partners and friends present. The library visit was followed by a meal at the House of Khong. A big thank you to Merlyn and Tony for their organisation of the night.

Club International Chair Director Lindsay Jolley is doing a first class job in organising the Bendigo component of the Malaysian Specialist Teacher visit scheduled to take place from mid April. **There is still one accomodation host position from Sunday 14th to Saturday 27th April to be filled of 2 places for 2 weeks. Please advise Lindsay if you can assist with this vacancy otherwise the Echuca/Bendigo visit is now fully organised.**

There is no meeting next Thursday due to the District 9800 Conference to take place in Bendigo over next weekend. This should be a terrific Conference where our club is providing the following support.

- Approximately one third of the Club have registered.
- Science and Engineering Challenge will be on display at the Conference Showcase as well as members are assisting with the Camp Getaway stand.
- The Club is catering for the Conference closing BBQ lunch.

Congratulations to the District for their Conference organisation and persistence as members will recall the Bendigo District Conference had to be cancelled at the last minute in 2020 due to COVID.

Have a good week and we see you back at the Lake View Hotel on the 18th April where the program is Loddon Murray Leadership being organised by Jan.

Yours in Rotary

Rod Spitty  
President

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**Trivia night**

Attached to the Signpost this week is a copy of a poster for the Trivia Night plus a letter that members may use if approaching businesses for Sponsors.

When booking a team one nominated team member makes the booking on Try Booking (the poster contains the address) and pays the full amount via a Credit Card and then seeks reimbursement from the other seven players. Do not pay money into the club account or pay at the door on the night. Club members need to work together to put together their teams of eight and where possible recruit friends from outside the club.

Tony Plant

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**District 9800 – Bendigo Conference**

For information about the upcoming District 9800 Conference, please see the attached brochure, and visit the following link: <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/district-conference-bendigo-2024>

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**Request from Merlyn Quaife - MOBILE PHONE COLLECTION**

Don't forget to hunt up any old mobile phones to donate to DV Safe Phone. 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

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**We still need one home host - Malaysian Special School teachers**

We still need one home host for two visiting Malaysian Special School teachers over the period Sunday 14 to Saturday 27 April. Even if you can contribute a week for one teacher, please let me know as we might be able to make up this two week of hosting with a combination of stays. All of the visiting eight teachers are women and are aged between 25 and 40.

Lindsay Jolley  
(Rotary Club of Bendigo South)  
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**Changeover dinner – Save the Date**

The Club changeover dinner will be held at the Bendigo RSL Club on Wednesday 19 June  
Rod Spitty and Peter Kilpatrick, Event Coordinators

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**Photos from this week.**



Chair Merlyn acknowledges presentation at Bendigo library from Manager Robin Pearson



Members enjoying the convivial atmosphere at the House of Khong



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<b>April 2024 theme – Environment</b>		
Thurs 11 April	NO MEETING IN Lieu of District Conference	
Fri – Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> April	District 9800 Conference 2024 - Bendigo <a href="https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/district-conference-bendigo-2024">https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/district-conference-bendigo-2024</a>	See conference program in the website link
Sun 14 April	Malaysian Special School Teachers arrive in Bendigo	
Thurs 18 April	Brett Thompson, Executive Officer, Lead Loddon Murray Leadership Program Chair - Jan Pagliaro Followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 25 April	ANZAC DAY Guest Speaker - TBA	Lake View Hotel
<b>May theme – Youth Service</b>		
Thurs 2 May	NO MEETING IN Lieu of Trivia Night	
Fri 3 May	Trivia Night	
Thurs 9 May	Secondary school students scholarships presentations Chair – Lindsay Jolley	Lake View Hotel
Sat 11 May	Malaysian Special School Teachers farewell luncheon (organised by RC Bendigo)and depart Bendigo	Bendigo Club
Thurs 16 May	L'Arche fundraising project by Emily Mudge Chair – Emily Mudge. Then Board meeting.	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 23 May	TBA	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 30 May	TBA	Lake View Hotel
Wed 19 June	Changeover dinner	Bendigo District RSL Club

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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 Duncan
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

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