



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

Hello everyone, it was great to see so many members present at our last meeting (post District Conference) where our Guest speaker was Brett Thompson whose subject was Lead Loddon Murray Leadership Project and chaired by Jan. This program has been operating for approx 12 years where approximately 600 registrants from I distrust and Business have completed the course. The purpose of the program is to inspire leadership where individuals will develop and implement a project from their workplace and within Local Communities thereby acquiring valuable skills for ongoing and future leadership. Brett's presentation was extremely interesting and appreciated by the Club.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South was extremely privileged to have two specialist teachers from Malaysia present. This Cluster project will involve 8 participants over the next month in both Bendigo and Echuca. There was a banner exchanged between the Rotary Club of Bendigo South and the Rotary Club of Melawati.

The District 9800 Conference was extremely successful and was appreciated by all members who attended where our meeting provided the opportunity for Members to reflect and present their views on current and future work for the Club to consider as part of preparation of the 2024/25 annual plan.

The Club has a busy week with BBQ work taking place in the areas of Dementia awareness, Relay for Life and TAFE Open day at both campuses. Thank you to all members for their contributions to these events. This week is also ANZAC Day where ANZAC day falls on our meeting night this coming Thursday. The Club will be placing a wreath at the ANZAC day morning service and our meeting will have member presentations on the life and contributions of General Sir John Monash - Civil Engineer and Australian Military Commander from the First World War. It should be both an interesting and reflective meeting.

Don't forget the Trivia night on Friday 3rd May for a fun night run jointly by the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk and our Club in lieu of our normal meeting night. See flyer attached.

See you this Thursday for our ANZAC meeting.

Yours in Rotary

Rod Spitty
President

Malaysian special school teachers visit

Australian and Malaysian Rotary Clubs have partnered to enable eight Malaysian specialist education teachers to gain hands-on, practical experience in schools in Bendigo, Echuca and Melbourne. Malaysia considers that Australia has a reputation as a leader in specialist education.

The lead clubs for the program (Special Education Expedition for Malaysian Educators in Australia - "SEE ME in AU") are the Rotary Clubs of Echuca-Moama and Melawati. The partnered Australian clubs are the five clubs in Bendigo, as well as Rochester, Castlemaine and Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills. The RC of Melawati has partnered with five Malaysian clubs.

Each group of four teachers is spending two weeks in Bendigo or Echuca before swapping over. After then, they travel to Melbourne for one and a half weeks. We are very appreciative of how all of the special schools to date - Bendigo Specialist Developmental School, Kalianna School and Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School - have welcomed the teachers 'with open arms'.

The program extends from a similar one with two visiting Malaysian Special School teachers that was led in Echuca and Bendigo by Anne Peace on behalf of our club, possibly more than ten years ago. The idea of extending the earlier program was floated by Malaysian Rotarians who attended the last International Rotary Conference in Melbourne.

An article on the project published in the Bendigo Advertiser is attached to this Signpost.

Lindsay Jolley



Participants at the Bendigo Specialist Developmental School, Kangaroo Flat
Left to right at the rear: Kim Jones, Career Practitioner, BSDS; Lindsay; Kirshy McAinch, Principal, BSDS; visiting Malaysian teachers Punitha, Mai; Vee, and Hor Yern.
Kim led the Wednesday visits looking at post-school opportunities.

Mclvor Highway Clean-Up - 9.00-12.00, 19 May
Don the wellies and gloves and join our annual Highway Clean-up!
Meeting point is O'Brien's Lane Longlea

Merlyn Quaife

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

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

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

Photos from this week



Guest speaker Ben Thompson from LEAD Loddon Murray



President Rod exchanging Rotary Club Banners with Malaysian guests Mai and Hor Yern, who are being hosted by Lindsay and Nena.

April 2024 theme – Environment		
Thurs 25 April	ANZAC Day meeting. Chair – Rod Spitty	Lake View Hotel
May theme – Youth Service		
Thurs 2 May	NO MEETING IN Lieu of Trivia Night	
Fri 3 May	Trivia Night	St Liborius Centre
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	Guest speaker: Lauren Driscoll, Sports Victorian Volunteer of the Year. Chair: Tony PLant	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 30 May	TBA	Lake View Hotel
Wed 19 June	Changeover dinner	Bendigo District RSL Club

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 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 ; 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
