



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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OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my last report for the year following the Changeover Meeting held last Wednesday night at the Bendigo RSL Club.

A special thank you to the 58 Club Members, partners and friends who attended our Changeover. It was a lovely evening with the following highlights.

- DG Ron Payne gave a brief summary of the last 12 months as part of his International Toast to Rotary.
- Community Leader for the Regionalisation Pilot Project Alison Bacon gave members an update on the current position and what is projected to take place over the next 12 months.
- Deputy Mayor from the City of Greater Bendigo Matthew Evans gave an update on volunteerism post COVID.

Thank you to DG Ron, Alison and Matthew for their informative presentations.

- Rose Norton and her mother Dr Adele Norton provided a stunning performance from Les Miserables and Puccini Opera. Their performance was first class and really appreciated by all in attendance.
- Outgoing President Rod provided the meeting with highlights of the year as detailed in the 65th Annual Report distributed to the meeting and being uploaded to the Club Website this week.

Birthday Highlights for the year included:

- 80th Birthday - Geoff Mckinna.
- 80th Birthday - Graeme Neivandt
- 90th Birthday - Max Ellis
- 90th Birthday - Ron Deveraux
- 98th Birthday - Honorary Member - Tom Glazebrook AM
- 17th Birthday - Exchange Student - Nacho

Paul Harris Recognitions for the following Club Members:

- Merlyn Quaife AM (Presented earlier in the year following the Victoria Welsh Choir/Merlyn Quaife Concert at the Ulumbarra Theatre
- Greg Noonan - Paul Harris Recognition plus two Sapphires for services as Club Treasurer and finance both to the Rotary Club of Bendigo South (12 years as Treasurer) and the Cluster and District.
- Gary Pinner - Paul Harris Recognition plus three Sapphires for services to FundRaising and Project Development particularly with the development and execution of the Club's BBQ Program.

Congratulations to all three recipients.

- This year's Max Ellis Award (50th) was presented to Shireen Yeoh for her excellent work associated with the production and distribution of the weekly Signpost and for her committed input as an effective Club member.
- Donations exceeding \$63,000 to 46 individuals and organisations and volunteer hours exceeding 2000 on a diverse range of fundraising and in kind project work.

Finally, a big thank you to Gary Pinner for chairing the Changeover Dinner and to Bernie Young for the collation and production of the Annual Report.

I want to thank the Club, my wife Gill and family for their support over the last 12 months in what has been a very successful year. It is an enormous privilege to be your President and I have enjoyed the experience immensely. Congratulations to incoming President Peter Kilpatrick and his Board for the coming Rotary Year.

However this week has been marked by both Club Highlights and terrible news at the sudden passing of Rochester President Bryan Griffiths late last week. Bryan was at our Changeover and well known by many Rotary Members throughout the District. Sincere condolences to Bryan's family and the Rotary Club of Rochester on his passing. Further details will be provided to members as they become available.

This meeting will be "The Year Ahead" chaired by newly inducted President Peter.

See you next Thursday.

Yours in Rotary

Rod Spitty
President

National Tree Day planting project

Members and friends are invited to join the Ironbark Gully Friends Landcare Group and the local Ironbark community to assist with understorey enrichment planting at Ironbark Gully on National Tree Day 2024.

The event will also be a celebration of achievements to date, including habitat restoration, seating and information signage, and an update on the scheduled commencement of the long awaited shared trail construction. This is a great opportunity for our Club to contribute towards our environmental goals for the year.

Date: 10am to 1pm, Sunday 14 July

Location: Victoria Street, Bendigo, between Eaglehawk Road and Wattle Street

Bring the usual protective gear to do some hand planting in the outdoors.

Cuppa and cake provided.

For further information, contact Bernie on 0467 619 258.

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

Message from Ray Carrington -Joint President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo SANDHURST.

A Visit to Donations In Kind, at their Open Day on Saturday, 10th August.

Please put this date in your diary if you think there is a chance you would like to visit the DIK storage and dispatch factory at Footscray on the day. It is a superb facility, packed with all sorts of goods that can be offered to our clubs to assist people and organizations in need, both here in Australia and overseas. DIK volunteers will be providing food for attendees on the day.

Rochester Rotary Club has their 24-seater bus available on the day, complete with one of their members who is a qualified driver. If there are enough numbers from Bendigo Rotary Clubs, not just from our club, who wish to take the bus to the DIK storage facility, the charge would be \$20 per person. This seems like very good value, and a good fellowship opportunity. It's early days yet, but think about having a most interesting tour of the facility, with a free meal and a *fair few laughs* on the day thrown in.

Any members from Bendigo South who are interested in coming along please let Tony Plant know. Tony will be circulating a response sheet to collect names commencing from the next club meeting at the Lake View on June 13. Alternatively send him an email asking to be added to the list.

Photos from this week









June theme - Rotary Fellowships		
Thurs 27 June	"The Year Ahead" Chair: Graham Neivandt & Peter Kilpatrick	Lake View Hotel
July theme – Maternal and Child Health		
Thurs 4 July	Nacho and past exchange student Victor Saelen Chair: Gary Pinner	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 11 July	Member Talk-Bob Simpson Chair: Geoff McKinna	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 18 July	Member Talk- Paul Sherwood Chair: Graham Neivandt	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 25 July	Mark Balla-Toilet Warrior Chair: Rod Spitty	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 1 Aug	Aviv Palti Chair: Greg Penno	Lake View Hotel

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