

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

It was good to see so many members attend my first meeting as President, and I know the Club's thoughts are with Bryan Griffiths family and the Rotary Club of Rochester at this very sad time.

We went through the annual plan for each directorship, however it is regarded as a first pass. I am looking for the committees, which will be determined over the next couple of weeks, to help the board members with a lot of the planning and execution of the programs. If any area interests you, please get in touch with the appropriate board member.

We have our 3-year plan, so I look at this year's plan as being an extension of last year's. The changes are brought on by programs completing, program starting and tweaks for continuous improvement. i.e. no radical change in direction.

The board is as follows

Board 2024/25	
Peter Kilpatrick	President
Bernie Young	Secretary
Heather Nixon	Treasurer
Lindsay Jolley	President elect
	International
Tony Plant	Club Service
Greg Noonan	Community Service
Greg Penno	Youth
Jan Pagliaro	Membership
Gary Pinner	Finance and fund raising
Rod Spitty	Vocational Service
	Foundation

Tony has agreed to assist with the communication role and Jan will concentrate on pastoral welfare and club information packs.

The board will get together after the meeting on the 11th July to discuss the annual plan, committees and fund raising. A formal board meeting will follow a week later.

I also reported on the survey we conducted to gauge the club's IT ability. With all our records and photos going on the cloud, it is essential that the ability to operate our cloud-based information does not rest with too few members. It was very encouraging to learn that a number of members were prepared (and keen) to learn the basics of our system. The challenge is how to share this information using plain simple language. Watch this space

Peter Kilpatrick
President

NAIDOC Week – Sunday 7 to Sunday 14 July 2024

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country.

Through our collective efforts, we can forge a future where the stories, traditions, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are cherished and celebrated, enriching the fabric of the nation with the oldest living culture in the world.

NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginals' and Islanders' Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC Week has its roots in the 1938 Day of Mourning, becoming a week-long event in 1975

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 understory 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.

Lessons in Disaster Training

All members were sent a flyer (the one attached) by Secretary Bernie promoting an opportunity to take part in a one- day program sponsored by the Commonwealth Government to learn more about assisting as a volunteer at a disaster such as fire recovery or flooding that we all have witnessed in our region in recent times.

Personally, when these unfortunate events occur, I am never quite sure if I were wanting to volunteer what would be the most appropriate way to do so. I have been recently in touch with Mary Barry from the Rotary Club of Melbourne who is wanting to run these workshops involving Rotary Clubs in our district and beyond. I have agreed to help Mary get a day workshop off the ground here in Bendigo.

Date selected will be **Sunday August 18, 9am till 4pm venue yet to be determined.**

There is no cost to participants and all facilitators are skilled in this field. We need at least 12 to make this event happen and cut off number is 25.

I will speak more about it at our next meeting as I anticipate I will have tied up a few loose ends with Mary by then. I am giving Bendigo South members first opportunity to get on board before I start putting it out to the other clubs. Participants are not just limited to Rotary Members; it is open to any community minded people that we may be familiar with.

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

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.

Greet & Meet
(See roster below)

Duties of Greet and Meet monitors as follows.

Arrive by 6 pm.

Be there to welcome members as they arrive, distribute name badges and put up the door banner if it is available. Also make sure the guest speaker is looked after.

Two persons will be rostered on each meeting. If unable to take your turn check with the other person if they are going to be attending. If so that person goes it on their own. If both are unable to be there try to arrange a swap with another member. If all else fails let Tony know and he will either take the turn or find a replacement.

All members need to keep reading the roster for each month as this is the only formal notification.

July theme – Maternal and Child Health			
Thurs 4 July	Nacho and past exchange student Victor Saelen Chair: Gary Pinner	Meet & Greet: Tony Plant	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 11 July	Member Talk-Bob Simpson Chair: Geoff McKinna	Meet & Greet: George/Maureen	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 18 July	Member Talk- Paul Sherwood Chair: Graham Neivandt	Meet & Greet: Ron/Clive	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 25 July	Mark Balla-Toilet Warrior Chair: Rod Spitty	Meet & Greet: Kerri/Jan	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 1 Aug	Aviv Palti Chair: Greg Penno	Meet & Greet: Max/Ian	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:	Stephanie Urchick
RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR:	Michael Lapina

CLUB PRESIDENT	Peter Kilpatrick
SECRETARY	Bernie Young
TREASURER	Heather Nixon
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR	Greg Penno
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR & PE	Lindsay Jolley
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR	Greg Noonan
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	Jan Pagliaro
CLUB SERVICE & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	Tony Plant
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER	Geoff McKinna
FOUNDATION DIRECTOR and IPP	Rod Spitty
FUND-RAISING and FINANCE DIRECTOR	Gary Pinner
VOCATIONS DIRECTOR	Rod Spitty
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.

RC CASTLEMAINE: Wednesday 6:30pm, The Cumberland Hotel

Secretary - Lyndal McClure: 0438 391 160