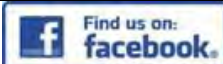




SIGNPOST

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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

Glenda Serpell from Sunshine Bendigo spoke at our last meeting. Her father, John Parsons was a member of our club. Glenda started Sunshine in 2016. They now have in excess of 45 volunteers and receive no funding from any level of government. They use experts from other organisations to determine need and deliver through those organisations. People do not contact Sunshine direct.

Bernie reminded us that it is National Reconciliation Week. It is a good time to remind ourselves that compared to the First Nations people's 60,000 years, the rest of us haven't been in this country for very long. There is nothing wrong with acknowledging their culture, the way they looked after country or what they have experienced since the first fleet arrived. Whenever I have witnessed a welcome to country, it really is a genuine welcome.

Lindsay mentioned that there will be a Rotary sponsored trip to Ethiopia toward the end of the year, to check on the progress of Operation Toilets. He stated being Rotarians, we are treated very well on trips such as this. I can vouch for this, as when I was on a work party to PNG we were treated very well, and I was on first name terms with the Governor of Enga Province and the rest of the executive of the Province.

Gary reported that we have finished our BBQ campaign for this year. This activity is growing year on year, and we are being looked on as the go to club for BBQs. Gary also said he is looking into creating a project to help new refugee families coming to Bendigo. 2 members from Sandhurst are doing good work bringing furniture up from DIK to help set these families up. There could be a good opportunity to build on this and turn it into an effective local Rotary project. Sharon is traveling through Europe and caught up with one of our former French exchange students.

Merlyn has visited Graham Neivandt. We hope Barbara can make some steady progress and that she will be up, out and moving again soon.

Yours in Rotary
Peter Kilpatrick, President



*Glenda Serpell
from Sunshine
Bendigo and Greg
Penno*

Bendigo Winter Night Shelter – Volunteer opportunity #1

Community Service Director Greg Noonan has been liaising with the Bendigo Winter Night Shelter management following their presentation to a club meeting, regarding assistance that our club could provide. At the May Board Meeting a request from Bendigo Winter Night Shelter was tabled, and the board agreed it was a worthy local project to support.

The request requires one volunteer to pick up and deliver laundry to and from Koolamurt Scout Camp on Spring Gully Road and Bendigo Dry Cleaners in Lyttleton Terrace. The request is for the month of July 2025 only, and can be shared among interested volunteers. Times are flexible every Tuesday and Friday. George will coordinate volunteers in the usual way, and the pick up and drop off arrangements will be provided to the volunteers when confirmed.

Please support this valuable community service project when Geoge calls for volunteers.

Greg Noonan / Gary Pinner

ShelterBox

Recently our Club donated \$2,000 from our Disaster fund to ShelterBox Australia in answer to its call for assistance in responding to the 7.7 magnitude earthquake in Myanmar.

Attached is a copy of the ShelterBox Australia May Newsletter which outlines some of the work undertaken by ShelterBox, including an update on Myanmar.

Lindsay Jolley

Member activities this week



Rotary Club of Bendigo South and Rotary Club of Bendigo, together with the Junior Football League created this Signage some years ago—great to see it is still in use! This photo was taken at Marist College, Maiden Gully. Tony Plant was the key driver behind the project!

Sue Duncan

MAY THEME: YOUTH SERVICE				
Meeting Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet and greet	Venue
Thurs 5 June	Lifeline	Gary Pinner	Shireen /Jan	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 12 June	Year In Review Joint board Meeting	Peter Kilpatrick	Rod / Paul S	Lake View Hotel

Wed 18 June	Change Over Event		Bernie/Peter & Lindsay	Bendigo RSL
Thurs June 26	The New Deal – plan for 2025/2026	Lindsay Jolley	Merlyn / Cora	Lake View Hotel

Catering bookings		
Fri 11 July	NAIDOC Week Bendigo TAFE City Campus	11am – 2.30pm. . 3 volunteers



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
DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR	Michael Lapina
DISTRICT 9800 COMMUNITY GROUP 5 LEADER	Alison Bacon

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TREASURER	Heather Nixon
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR	Greg Penno
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR and PRESIDENT ELECT	Lindsay Jolley
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR	Greg Noonan
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	Jan Pagliaro
CLUB SERVICE & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	Tony Plant
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER	Geoff McKinna
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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: Daniela Ionescu – d.ionescu@latrobe.edu.au

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 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

INNER WHEEL CLUB of BENDIGO: 11.15am, 2nd Tuesday of the month,
Mechanics Institute, Long Gully.
Bernadette: 0407051722