



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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NO MEETING THIS WEEK COMING 12 JUNE 2025 as the Lake View Hotel is not available this coming Thursday.

President's Report

John Richards from Lifeline was our guest speaker this week. Chris Butler from the organization also attended. Lifeline is broken up into 41 centres. It's similar to a federation, which John explained is probably not the way it would be set up today. We are part of Lifeline Lodden Mallee with call centres in Bendigo and Mildura. Most calls to these centres originate from other areas to limit the chance of the lifeline volunteer recognising the voice of the caller. This was an issue in the early days especially in smaller communities.

Funding is always an issue. Donations made to Lifeline Australia tend to stay in the Sydney Office with very little funding going elsewhere. Sydney do continually improve and maintain the physical call centre system. To ensure money stays in our local area the money needs to be donated to Lifeline Lodden Mallee.

Records show the largest group involved with suicide are 15 to 40 year old males followed by males over 80. Males tend not to be able to open up and discuss their issues.

There was great interest within the meeting and many questions were asked. Our club has already donated to lifeline with another donation on the way. Heather has the banking details if members wish to personally donate to the local organization.

Tony spoke about the knitting project for Maubisse. A load is going down to DIK and will be in a container on its way the Maubisse in a few weeks. He has also been in contact with Sunshine Bendigo.

For those attending the handover, please have your money into our bank account by Monday and let Bernie know. We have to let the RSL know our numbers as soon as possible. Lindsay and I are looking forward to seeing as many as possible on the night.

Unfortunately, the Lake View is not available this coming Thursday. We were going to have a "How did we go" session but we believe everything will be in the annual report anyway and everyone will receive a hard copy. Any feedback can occur on the Thursday 26th. There will still be a joint board meeting at Lindsays on the 12th at 7:30pm.

A big thank you to Sue Duncan for volunteering to be Club Service Director next year.

Lastly, I would like to thank Geoff McKinna for the following

Vale' Gerald Kavanagh

I would like to let members know of the passing of Gerald Kavanagh on the 26th of May, 2025. For many years in the 1970s and 80s Gerald was an enthusiastic and dedicated member of the club. He was always very personable and pleased to have a natter with anyone sitting near him at the club's meetings. He worked as a stock and station agent and was, by his special community, well respected for his auctioneering expertise. So, when the club had need of an auctioneer, Gerald always stepped in and performed with confidence and skill. He will be greatly missed for this dedication to any task he was asked to perform and for his very agreeable manner. R.I.P.

Yours in Rotary

Peter Kilpatrick

President



John Richards from Lifeline



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

Travel to Ethiopia to see the impact of the EWASH project

There is an opportunity for you to visit the EWASH project sites in Ethiopia in the coming November (8-17) to see the impact of the project and hear from the communities how the project is changing their lives.

You would be joining the team from Operation Toilet Australia (an entity managed by the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central) and International Needs Australia. The trip will cost about \$2,950 AUD (may vary at the time of the booking), including return airfares from Melbourne. A copy of the flyer advertising the trip is attached. Also attached in the information flyer for the project. Our Club has donated \$5,000 to the project this year.

Lindsay Jolley

MAY THEME: YOUTH SERVICE				
Meeting Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet and greet	Venue
Thurs 12 June	NO MEETING			
Wed 18 June	Change Over Event	Gary Pinner	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

CLUB PRESIDENT	Peter Kilpatrick
SECRETARY	Bernie Young
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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR and PRESIDENT ELECT	Lindsay Jolley
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR	Greg Noonan
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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