



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 CLUB MEETING NEXT THURSDAY, 31/07/2025 DUE TO THE SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Meeting Report.

Chair - Cora

Apologies - Jan & Gary

Special welcome to our Guest, Endel Vallak from the Traralgon Rotary Club, who has just moved to our area. Hopefully, we will see him again soon!

This week's speaker was the President of the Filipino Foundation Inc, Mrs Maria Leehman-Gillies, an inspirational advocate in helping the Filipino Community here in Bendigo and local surrounds.

Initially, this helping hand started when the Philippines was hit by particularly severe storms and devastating floods, leaving many people without homes. A small group of Filipino people living here in Bendigo decided to do something, and began an operation of repairing and building lost homes - all in all 40 homes were repaired and 12 new builds - giving these families a roof over their heads again.

The group has evolved into the Filipino Foundation Inc. now, and still fundraises to help those in need, but also the members, and in particular, Maria & Cora, are there to support and assist with the new members of the community, and in any way needed.

In Bendigo and the region, there are apx 2000 people from the Philippines living here, some for many years and they have become an integral part of our community.

Coming up on the 28th September they are holding a Food Truck/Open Mic festival at St Killians and have invited BSRC to participate with perhaps a BBQ, still to be discussed.

Lastly, as another fundraiser, the foundation collects used spectacles, and these will be sent to the poorer communities of the Philippines. If you have some old specs in a drawer, please don't hesitate to pass them on to Cora or drop them off at the Kangaroo Flat Community House, 21 Woolcock St, Kangaroo Flat.

A very special thanks to Maria for her fabulous insight into the Bendigo Filipino community.

Sue Duncan
Club Service Director



The President of the Filipino Foundation Inc., Mrs Maria Leehman-Gillie

Satellite Clubs.

As I reported to members at the dinner meeting on Thursday night at my recent visit to the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise I gained a brief insight into their recent establishment of a Satellite club. Following the information, I was able to convey I have had a phone call from the membership director of that club who was the main instigator in getting their Satellite Club established.

The key points were as follows-

- 1/ In 2002/2003 Jenny Sinclair (person from Port Macquarie I conversed with) presented a paper to the board of the benefit of establishing a Satellite Club to boost potentially declining membership and as a way of bringing younger people into their club. (I have been offered this written material if required)
2. Input from members offered identified the charter for a potential Satellite Club could be an environmental focus. Reasoning based on that there are several general interest groups concerned about environmental issues within Port Macquarie and the Environment had been identified by RI as a new theme for Rotary Clubs to support.
3. Several local environmental groups were identified and invited to attend a forum where they each had 5 minutes to explain what their primary focus was.
4. The Satellite model was presented and from quite a lengthy process 18 people registered an interest in becoming a member of an Environmental Satellite Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise.
5. When the club came into being 15 members joined including 4 existing members of Port Macquarie Sunrise. One went across as a mentor for one year and has now returned to the parent club. The other 3 would have most likely been lost to Rotary but have remained as

attending the Satellite club suited them better. As Jennifer pointed out to me this was an immediate net gain of 11 new members and may have avoided 3 further resignations.

6. The Satellite Club is required to have 2 meetings within each month but are usually held at the conclusion of some field work taking about 10 minutes. They have a chairperson who also has a position on the board of the parent club. All banking and administration tasks are done by the parent club.

There is much more detail I could go into, but I have included two attachments containing information I downloaded from My Rotary. This material explains in much more specific detail the rules and structures of Satellite Clubs and the potential benefits according to RI. If any members want to talk to me further on the idea of establishing a Satellite Club I am open to the sharing of ideas.

Tony Plant
Membership/ Marketing Director.

A plea for volunteers.

Science and Engineering Challenge 25/26 - Call for further Supervisors and Invitation to lunch.

Venue: South East College Stadium - 56 Ellis Street, Flora Hill, Victoria, 3550

Date: 31st July.

All Club Members are invited to see the Challenge in action and for lunch. There is a need for further Supervisors and for assisting with the day.
Some 150 Year 10 Students will be participating.

If you can assist, contact Tony Plant.
If you would like to come to lunch contact me for catering purposes.

The Challenge is again shaping up to be an important day in Rotary's Youth/Vocation Program and is well supported by Industry and the community.

Your assistance and support is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Rotary
Rod Spitty

That's 100 Years of Rotary in Bendigo.



The Rotary Club of Bendigo's 100th Anniversary
Date: 23 August 2025, Saturday
Venue: All Seasons Resort, Mc Ivor Highway, Bendigo
See the attached Invitation Brochure

Our club will be making a group booking soon to attend this function.

Please indicate your interest to Gary Pinner @ gary@gejayautomotive.com.au or mobile phone 0408507868.

Please do not wait too long, as bookings are filling fast.

Regards,
Gary Pinner

*****Save this Date*****

2026 Multi District Impact Summit

Horsham on the 27 March -29 March 2025

Further details to follow

News from FOODSHARE



Our Community Food Drive

Bendigo Foodshare relies on donations large and small. We hold our Annual Community Food Drive for non-perishable/pantry food items each winter, to help provide food relief to those in our community who are doing it tough. In 2025, we are holding our Winter Food Drive during the month of August.

The food drive runs throughout all Bendigo supermarkets (Coles, Woolworths, IGA and Aldi) and across many local organisations for a month-long effort to fight hunger in Central Victoria.

We currently support over 90 food partner organisations across Central Victoria who provide food relief to Central Victorians who are food insecure.

Please donate what you can in the yellow bins located at your local Coles, Woolworths, Aldi and IGA supermarkets in Bendigo.

Vic RESCA 2025 Awards dinner - Saturday 6th September - All welcome

(The Victorian Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards- (Vic RESCA) recognises the outstanding community Service of paid and volunteer members of Victorian Emergency Services making a difference in your communities and also supports Emergency Services Mental Health Research through the Emergency Services Foundation.)

The finalists for the 2025 Vic RESCA program have been selected. This year there are 16 finalists from 11 ES agencies which is our biggest number of agencies and finalists represented since we commenced the awards two years ago.

On Saturday 6th September the awards dinner will be held at Hyatt Place Essendon Fields at 6.30pm it will be an evening of Recognition and Celebration

All Welcome - book at this link

<https://events.humanitix.com/2025-victorian-rotary-emergency-service-community-awards-vic-resca>

\$100 per head

Ticket price includes

- 2-course meal and drink on arrival
- Unlimited soft drink, juices, still and sparkling water, tea and coffee
- Additional alcoholic drinks can be purchased at bar prices
- Complimentary on-site car parking
- Discounted accommodation (details on booking site)
- Children discounted pricing available (during booking)

BOOKINGS CLOSE Thursday 28th August - so get in quick!

For more information see attached flyer.

Any questions please contact PDG Grant Hocking - granthocking64@gmail.com

To find out more about Vic RESCA go to: www.vic.rescawards.org.au

Travel Photos from Lindsay Jolley's Visit to Spain



In the throne room of the Royal Palace, Madrid.



A long queue in the heat to enter the Royal Palace.



With Don Quixote. A day trip to Toledo by train.



Estadio Santiago Bernabeu, Madrid. The home of the Real Madrid football club.



The Puente de Alcántara over the Río Tajo, Toledo. The Alcázar is on the hill. Nice landscape.

JULY THEME: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH				
Meeting Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
Thurs 31 July	NO CLUB MEETING DUE TO THE SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE			
Thurs 31 July	South East College - Science and Engineering Challenge			South East College
AUGUST THEME: MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION				
Thurs 7 Aug	The Smith Family Speaker: Heather Barton AM	Jan Pagliaro	Cora / George	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 14 Aug	Club Forum	Lindsay Jolley	Tony & Lyn	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 21 Aug	TBA Board Meeting			
Sat 23 Aug	100 th Anniversary Dinner – Bendigo RC			All Seasons Hotel
Thurs 28 Aug	Annette, Bendigo Family History Group	Geoff McKinna	Phil & Shireen	Lake View Hotel
SEPTEMBER THEME: BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY				
Thurs 4 Sept	Elsie – the Bendigo Repair Shed	Paul Sherwood	Kerri & Jan	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 11 Sept	TBA			
Thurs 18 Sept	TBA Board Meeting			
Thurs 25 Sept	Jennifer The Otis Foundation	Merlyn Quaife		Lake View Hotel

BBQ Catering bookings		
Tues 12 Aug	TAFE Tradies Mental Health BBQ Lunch Charleston Road Campus	11 am – 2 pm 4 volunteers required
Sat 16 & Sun 17 Aug	Bendigo Writers Festival Rear Dudley House, View St, Bendigo Street trader required	10 am – 3 pm 3 volunteers required each day
Tues 20 Aug	La Trobe Uni Pride Day BBQ Lower terrace - area near the oval.	11 am – 2 pm 3 volunteers required
Sun 24 Aug	La Trobe Uni Open Day	9 am – 2 pm 6 volunteers required
Sun 24 Aug	RMIT Flight School Open Day Bendigo Airport	10 am – 2 pm 3 volunteers required



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	Francesco Arezzo
DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR	Peter Shephard
DISTRICT 9800 NC VIC COMMUNITY LEADER	Alison Bacon

CLUB PRESIDENT	Lindsay Jolley
SECRETARY	Bernie Young
TREASURER & IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	Peter Kilpatrick
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT ELECT	Cora Fuentes-Mahnic
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR	Jan Pagliaro
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR	Heather Nixon
MEMBERSHIP, COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING DIRECTOR	Tony Plant
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR	Sue Duncan
FUND-RAISING and MAJOR PROJECTS DIRECTOR	Gary Pinner
VOCATIONS DIRECTOR	Rod Spitty
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER	Geoff McKinna
FOUNDATION OFFICER	Anne Peace
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