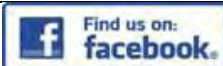




SIGNPOST

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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 report

I was fortunate to arrive back in Australia in time to participate in the well organised Bendigo Science & Engineering Challenge. Jet lag hung very heavy after a day back.

The day was a credit to the preparatory work done by Rod Spitty and Tony Plant in organising the event, as well as to the 19 Rotarians, family and friends from our Club and the RCs of Eaglehawk and Bendigo Sandhurst who took on the supervisor roles. Rod could not be present on the day as he was overseas.

Four schools (Bendigo South East College, Creek Street Christian College, Catherine McAuley College Bendigo, Moama Anglican Grammar) provided five teams, totalling 134 students. The students were completely absorbed in their project work. The day was ably run by Team Leader Chris Hendry of Newcastle University, assisted by Georgie.

We were fortunate in that DG Peter Shephard and Keith Ryall, representing the Peter Ryall Trust, were able to attend and see the Challenge in action. The day started with a brief presentation and opening by Damien Wells, Managing Director of Coliban Water.

Damien presented a range of examples of how science and engineering is an integral part of our lives and emphasised the need to get out there and have a go. Later in the day, Matthew Quin, Senior Stakeholder & Engagement Adviser, LaTrobe University, Bendigo encouraged students to find out more about what their local university can offer them. He emphasised that students should not wait until they are close to finishing their secondary studies but should start enquiring now.

The Bendigo South East College Year 10 team won the trophy on the day. Luckily, as one of the three judges for the Bridge project, I had no contentious issues to adjudicate on. The day was one that our Club can be proud of.

Lindsay Jolley



Chris Hendry briefing visitors prior to a circuit of the projects.

L to R - Eric Bish (President, RC of Rochester), DG Peter Shephard, Fabia Tabassum (Planning Engineer, Coliban Water) & Edwin Lim (Graduate Engineer, Coliban Water), judges for the Bridge project, and Keith Ryall (Peter Ryall Trust)



Winners of Event BSEC Y10



Winner of the Bridge Challenge GSEC Y10



Moama Anglican Grammar



Bendigo South East College Year 10 & 9



Catherines McAuley College



Creek Street Christian College



building the Eco-Habitech.



Tony and Emily attempting to overcome a power supply issue preventing testing for the Eco-Habitech project.



the Flight project - supervised by Graham and Glenn.



the final event of the day: all students watch the testing of the bridges, supervised by John Cannon (RC of Bendigo Sandhurst) and Lyn.



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YEARS
OF LOOKING AHEAD



science and engineering
challenge
Celebrating 25 years

CERTIFICATE

— OF APPRECIATION —

Presented to

Rotary Club of Bendigo South

For their support of the

Bendigo

Science and Engineering Challenge

2025

Presented by

The University of Newcastle

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.

Thank You

Thank you to Members for supervising student activities on the day. From our club, Emily Mudge, Glenn Madden, Graham Neivandt, Phil & Jenny Lethbridge, Lyn Comer, Merlyn Quaife, Cora Fuentes-Mahnic, and Mark Tracy. From Eaglehawk, Mick & Sophie Costello, Geoff Gallagher, Gary Frank for providing his apprentice Andrew, and Mary & Laurie Preston and from Bendigo Sandhurst, Graeme Lynas and John Cannon.

Also a special thank you to Geoff McKinna for driving the DG to and from the train station and to George Ellis who helped me assist the Newcastle staff in unloading their van on Wednesday afternoon. Without this great team effort this event would not happen and be a great experience for the participating year 9 and 10 students.

Tony Plant

2025-2026 District Governor Club Visits in Bendigo

DG Peter Shephard is planning to take a week's leave to visit clubs in Bendigo from 29th September to 3rd October 2025. He will be visiting our club on **Thursday, 2nd October 2025**.

This meeting will be a partners' evening, and all partners are warmly encouraged to attend.

Lindsay Jolley.

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

Meeting Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
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?

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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