



SIGNPOST

Volume 67, No. 6 07 August 2025

We meet Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Lakeview Hotel, McRae Street (TBC weekly)



www.bendigosouthrotary.org.au

www.twitter.com/RotaryBendigoS

Rotary Club of Bendigo South
PO Box 346, Bendigo, VIC 3552

Email: secretary@bendigosouthrotary.org.au

Presidents Report

Jan chaired an informative evening last Thursday with an enthusiastic presentation by Heather Barton AM on the role of The Smith Family. Heather is a member of the Rotary club of Rosebud Rye and was a previous Victorian Manager for The Smith Family as well as State Commissioner for Guides in Victoria. She indicated how The Smith Family concentrates its efforts on particular centres, of which there are 14 in Victoria including Bendigo. Education is seen as the primary means for getting children out of poverty. The Smith Family is committed to supporting children for their full school years. With members getting away from the winter cold, Heather had a relatively small and attentive audience speak to.

We had the opportunity to recognise Lyn's receipt of the 2024-25 Max Ellis award for her unstinting contribution to Club activities during that year, particularly to the organisation of the Christmas Market with the Rotary Club of Bendigo. Lyn was not able to be present at our Changeover evening. Lyn announced that the last year's foreign coin collection brought in \$656.00 which has now been deposited in our Phoenix Kids RAWCS project. This annual fundraiser, single-handedly managed by Lyn, has brought in significant funds for RAWCS projects over the past years.

I want to remind Members that next week, on Thursday 14 August, we will hold a Club Forum of free discussion, which should help all of us better understand how our Club is travelling. There will be **no meeting on the following Thursday 21 August** as the hotel has booked the room out for a paid event. The Board meeting scheduled for that night will now be held at 13 Stirling Avenue, Junortoun. We have the option of starting it at 5:30pm with a pizza delivery at 7:00pm. Thanks to Gary we have a full table that will help the Rotary Club of Bendigo celebrate its 100 Anniversary on Saturday 23 August.

DG Peter Shephard's visit on Thursday 2 October will be a partners' night. The Board will meet with Peter earlier at 5:00pm.

It was sad news to hear that supporter of our Club, Peter Cox OAM, a previous Mayor and current President of the Bendigo Branch of the National Trust had passed away. A Memorial Service will be held at Eaglehawk Town Hall, 2 Peg leg Road, Eaglehawk at 2:00pm on Wednesday 13 August.

Lindsay Jolley



Our guest speaker: Heather Barton AM





From left: Lindsay Jolley, Heather Barton AM and Jan Pagliaro

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

Gary Pinner has filled one table. If you wish to make another table, please do not hesitate to contact the organisers direct.

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

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS – Donation in Kind Volunteers Needed – Join Us at DIK!

DIK is currently in urgent need of extra volunteer support to help deliver on several important projects. If you, your members, or friends can spare some time, we'd love to welcome you. The four key areas where we need a helping hand are:

1. Clothing Sorting

We've received a significant donation of new clothing. Volunteers are needed to unpack items, remove packaging and tags, and separate branded from unbranded garments. Unbranded items will support local community programs, while branded clothing is sent to developing countries.

2. Packing School Backpacks

We fill school backpacks with essentials like a child's T-shirt, notebook, pencils, a tote bag, and any other available items. These packs are then placed inside school desks and chairs, ready for shipment to schools in need.

3. First Aid Kit Assembly

We have many empty first aid boxes waiting to be filled. Once packed, these kits will be distributed to sporting clubs, remote Australian communities, and clinics in developing nations.

4. Birthing Kit Preparation

Thanks to our new partnership with Soap Aid, we now have most of what we need to assemble birthing kits. While our supply of kidney dishes is limited, we're packing as many kits as possible while we can.

Come Lend a Hand!

You're warmly invited to join us on any **Tuesday or Thursday** for a rewarding day of volunteering at DIK. Please let us know in advance if you're coming – we want to be sure there's enough milk in the fridge for your cuppa!

DIK Manager

colleen@rotarydik.org

Please note:

Our Working days are Tuesday AND Thursday

m: 0418 551 551

*****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 Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (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 14 Aug	Club Forum	Lindsay Jolley	Tony & Lyn	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 21 Aug	NO CLUB MEETING Board Meeting at Lindsay's home			
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
DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR
DISTRICT 9800 NC VIC COMMUNITY LEADER

Francesco Arezzo
Peter Shephard
Alison Bacon

CLUB PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER & IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT ELECT
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR
MEMBERSHIP, COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING DIRECTOR
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR
FUND-RAISING and MAJOR PROJECTS DIRECTOR
VOCATIONS DIRECTOR
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER
FOUNDATION OFFICER
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Lindsay Jolley
Bernie Young
Peter Kilpatrick
Cora Fuentes-Mahnic
Jan Pagliaro
Heather Nixon
Tony Plant
Sue Duncan
Gary Pinner
Rod Spitty
Geoff McKinna
Anne Peace
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