



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 WEEK, THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2025

President's Report

We might have had reduced numbers for our Club Forum last week, but quality made up for quantity. All were well engaged. The notes from the Forum will be circulated to all Club Members for further feedback. Thanks to all who took part.

A reminder that there will not be a Club meeting this Thursday, 21 August. The Board will meet at my place at 5:30pm that day.

Email from Noel Holey- President of Rotary Club of Bendigo

That's 100 Years of Rotary in Bendigo.

Good morning, Community Group Leaders.

Just a note that we are getting to the pointy end of our planning for the Gala Dinner to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Rotary in Bendigo.

So thank you to those that have booked a table (or 2 thanks Eaglehawk) but if you're considering enjoying a great night of entertainment from a 12 piece Big Band, that you probably won't get to experience again, then please get into action.

I'm advertising on social media and newspapers for this last week to get the tinkerers over the line so don't miss out, grab a seat and set yourself for an entertaining night and fabulous 3 course dinner. Don't forget the complimentary drink on arrival.

Arrival from 6 pm, dress to impress and enjoy the hits your era.

Cheers, Noel.

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.

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

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Please note:

Our Working days are Tuesday AND Thursday

Email :

Dear Community and Service Groups of Greater Bendigo,

My name is Tamara Lalor and I work at Monash School of Rural Health in Bendigo. As part of our program educating medical students here in Bendigo we recruit people from the community to undertake the role of simulation patients. This role is used in practical exams for students to demonstrate their knowledge and also in teaching situations from time to time.

This is a paid casual role.

I have attached a flier for distribution to your networks or for placing on public notice boards.

We would love to have a wide representation of the Bendigo Community included in our sim patient group.

Any questions about this role can be directed to me at mrh-bendigo@monash.edu

Thanks and kind regards,
Tamara

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

2026 Multi District Impact Summit
Horsham on the 27 March -29 March 2026
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 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	Desmond Veer – Author The History of Bendigo's Golden Era.	Graham Neivandt	Glenn and Rod	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 18 Sept	TBA Board Meeting			
Thurs 25 Sept	Jennifer The Otis Foundation	Merlyn Quaife		Lake View Hotel

BBQ Catering bookings		
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
Wed 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