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



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Past President's Report

Elsie L'Huillier and Cheryle Barker from the Bendigo Share and Repair Shed spoke at our last meeting. It is an expanded form of what was the Repair Café. It is well worth looking them up on the website.

Paul Gibbons also gave a bit of the history of Camp Getaway. There is a working bee weekend coming up in a couple of weeks, along with the weekend that has just passed.

I will be emailing you with the details you last gave us for our member records in the next couple of weeks. When this happens, please check them out and let me know if they are correct or otherwise.

Yours in Rotary
Peter Kilpatrick
Immediate Past President



*Guest speaker:
Elsie L'Huillier from the Bendigo
Share and Repair Shed*



Rotary Talk – September 4, 2025
Presented by Paul Gibbons

Topic Camp Getaway Kimbolton Road, Axedale

- Camp Getaway opened in 1948 to provide recreational facilities for needy children following the World War Two.
- In 1959, an outdoor chapel was built with assistance from the Y Men's Club.
- In 1961, a Recreational Hall was added to the Camp.
- In 1968, a new dining hall was added, in this year the cost to attend the Camp was 25c per person.
- In the years since the Camp has undergone a number of changes and upgrades to its current form today, thanks to Rotarians and volunteers from district 9800 including many members of this Club.
- In 2025, the Camp has a strong occupancy rate from return groups and new visitors. It even was the site of a wedding last year!
- Camp Getaway now includes a number of two-bedroom units as well as dormitory accommodation for 70 guests all with disability access.
- The Camp operates a program of support to disability groups wishing to use the camp facilities.
- The camp also features an updated kitchen, lounge and games room, playground, putt putt golf and a recently refurbished and floodlit outside multiple purpose court area.



CAMP GETAWAY WORKING BEES

Location: 161 Kimbolton–Axedale Road, Axedale

The Camp will be holding two working bees in September, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Smoko and lunch will be provided.

Dates:

- **Working Bee 1:** Saturday, September 13 & Sunday, September 14
- **Working Bee 2:** Saturday, September 27 & Sunday, September 28

Any contribution is welcome — whether for half a day or longer.

Tasks will include site works for the new games room and other jobs as directed by the Camp Caretaker.

Please advise Board Member Paul G by text if you are attending, so catering can be arranged.
Tel: 0429 091 802

Paul Gibbons

Cruising with Rotary

On my recent cruise on the Queen Victoria a notice appeared in one of the daily programs inviting any Rotary members on board to come together for a chat.

I went along and met with 7 others who fronted up. A lady member from a club in Geelong, a man from Nottingham (no, not Robin Hood or Little John), a couple from somewhere in England and a mother and daughter from Euston Texas. The daughter had just completed a year in Barcelona as an Exchange student and had lots of nice things to say about Rotary. There also in attendance was the mystery man.

The topic of Youth Exchange was a major talking point followed by the usual old chestnut-you guessed it declining and aging membership in most clubs. The Geelong member, along with the Nottingham man were quite vibrant along with the Texans. The English couple said very little, when they did, I could not understand them anyway and one could almost say they were close to being on the way out.

Now what of the mystery man? When I entered the room all were already seated. The mystery man was sitting next to the lady from Geelong and I made the assumption he was with her.

During our chatting he said absolutely nothing and just stared at the wall. Half way through our session he rose from the couch, said nothing and walked out. When the rest of us decided to part ways, the Geelong lady asked who was that man that walked out? My response was that I had assumed he was her bored husband and she responded that her bored husband had stayed in his room. Apparently the mystery man did in fact arrive first, said nothing to anyone as they entered the room.

A few days later I saw him wearing a shirt with the word "brother" on the back along with the Freemasons emblem of the compass and ruler. Perhaps he was waiting for us to do some special hand shakes but we will never know.

Tony Plant

Women of Ironbark - history walk Sat Sept 13th 10.30

Dear Ironbark Gully Friends and Supporters

We hope you can join us for this walk and talk with Dr Charles Fahey, our local Ironbark historian. Charles has given us this peak into his plans for the morning:

"This talk and walk will start by looking at two sisters Jane and Harriet Mason who settled in the Ironbark area with their mother in the 1850s. Jane married William Rae, a pioneer quartz reefer, and Harriet married (her second marriage) Isaac Dyason, a mine investor and George Lansell's 'factotum'. The lives of both Jane and Harriet allow us to explore middle-class families in nineteenth and early twentieth century Bendigo. A different world is revealed when we also trace the history of their neighbours whose families worked underground in the mines. Selina Whicker (like Jane and Harriet was a native of Guernsey) married William Coath in 1857 and gave birth 16 children between 1858 and 1884. Widowed in 1886 she lived in Ironbark to her death in 1926. In a small stone and rubble cottage she raised fifteen of her children to adulthood. Our walk will compare the differing life experiences of middle and working class women in Ironbark an industrial mining community."

Both Jane and Harriet's photos are on the attached poster. We'd appreciate you putting it up for the public to see.

The walk will commence at 10.30 at the Albert Richardson Reserve. We'll have morning tea after the walk for a gold coin donation. You can buy a coffee at the van.

Please register through this Humantix link to get more details and so we can plan for the catering.

<https://events.humantix.com/women-of-ironbark-historic-walk>

Looking forward to seeing you at the walk.

Kind Regards

Marie



We pay our respects to the Dja Dja Wurrung people on whose land Ironbark Gully is located.

Peace Seminar on September 21, the International Day of Peace

Uppsala University (one of the Rotary Peace Centres) is hosting a seminar on the International Day of Peace, available in person and on Zoom.

For details, see the attached flyer.

Enquiries: PDG Grant Hocking – granthocking64@gmail.com

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.

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is seeking six to eight Rotarians to assist the program in Canberra and Brisbane during **5-14 January (Canberra) and 12-21 January (Brisbane)**. Information on this is attached.

There is no accommodation assistance provided for the Rotarians; it is completely voluntary.

Jan Pagliaro

Save this Date

- Foundation Dinner - October (details to follow)
- Multi Club Conference, Horsham – 27 – 29 March 2026

BSSC Musician of the Year 2025

Last Thursday, both Gill and I attended this Competition Concert.

There were some 12 performers, many wanting to study music as their vocation beyond Year 12.

Singer Ella Honey was nominated as Musician of the Year for 2025.

The evening was held in the Ulumbarra Foyer with approximately 150 parents, friends and teachers in attendance.

Consequently, Ella will receive the \$500 Music Scholarship as part of the Club's Scholarship Program for 2025. Congratulations to Bendigo Senior Secondary College on an extremely well organised Event.

Rod Spitty



Source: Bendigo Advertiser, 6 September 2025

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; m: 0418 551 551

Please note:

Our Working days are Tuesday AND Thursday

Catering and BBQ's

Future BBQ Catering bookings		
Fri, Sept 12 th	Bendigo Community Health Sausage Sizzle Lunch 3 Seymoure Street Eaglehawk	11am – 1 30 pm. 3 Volunteers required.
Sat, Oct 11 th	Latrobe Uni Community Day BBQ	
Fri, Nov 7 th	Mc Kean Mc Gregor Building & Living Expo BBQ	
Sat, Nov 9 th	Bendigo Swap Meet BBQ	
Sun, Nov 30 th	Mandurang Christmas Market BBQ	
Mon, Dec 1 st	CFMEU BBQ (TBC)	
Please put these dates in your diary Advise volunteer Co Ordinator George Ellis if you are available.		

Meeting Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
SEPTEMBER THEME: BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY				
Thurs 11 Sept	Desmond Beer – Author The History of Bendigo's Golden Era.	Graham Neivandt	Glenn & Rod	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 18 Sept	President Lindsay – Report on recent visit to Timor-Leste Board Meeting	Tony Plant	John & Craig	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 25 Sept	Claire Culley - The Otis Foundation	Heather Nixon	Sue & Greg	Lake View Hotel
OCTOBER THEME: ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
Thurs 2 Oct	Official Visit of DG Peter Shephard (Spouses are warmly invited to attend) Board Meeting: 5:00 pm, followed by the General Meeting	Lindsay Jolley	Trevor & Paul G	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 9 Oct	NO MEETING DUE TO MAUBISSE MOVIE NIGHT			



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