

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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Lindsay's notes

At our last meeting, we had the opportunity to gain an insight into both university student life and the harness industry with the presentation from Brent White, the 2025 recipient of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South/Peter Ryall Science and Engineering Bursary.

Brent is into his second year of a B. Engineering (Hons) (Industrial) at LaTrobe University.

The Foundation Dinner at the Bendigo Club on Tuesday 28 October is getting closer. The Dinner is an opportunity for us to learn more about the role of the Foundation and to support our 'charity'. See the advertisement for this in the Signpost.

Lindsay Jolley



Our Speaker, Brent White - Recipient of the La Trobe University Scholarship - Industrial Engineering



Brent White with Rod Spitty

Information about next week's guest speaker: Nigel Preston (Education Team Leader, Energy Breakthrough)

Nigel Preston is a self-confessed 'EB Tragic'. After 'catching the bug' from his older brother, he helped launch the Energy Breakthrough program at Eaglehawk SC with his dad and some mates way back in 1998. Having participated in the EB for four years he finished his VCE in 2001 and volunteering to help with the event management straight away. He's been helping out ever since.

Nigel is also the recently elected President of Athletics Bendigo, Run Director for the Bendigo Ford Fun Run and is passionate about seeing people of all ages and ages be active and participate in their community in ways that work for them.

Nigel will speak about the annual Energy Breakthrough schools program in Maryborough and how Rotarians can lend a hand to the next generation

Bicycle distribution in Phnom Penh supported by our donation through our RAWCS project, "Developing Schools Organisation, Phnom Penh - Cambodia"

Part of the AUD1,144.76 (USD713.41) donated by our Club through the RAWCS project has been used to provide seven bicycles and helmets (USD350) through the Mother's Heart Organization, Phnom Penh for women in vulnerable situations. The remainder of the funds has been allocated to library book projects. We are still to be advised on this expenditure. Thanks to Lyn for managing the foreign coin collection project which provided AUD1,119.83 of these funds in 2024. A copy of the RC of Phnom Penh report on the bicycle distribution is attached to the Signpost.

Lindsay Jolley
Deputy Manager of the RAWCS project





Club Meeting – Wednesday, 5 November

Please note that our meeting on **Wednesday, 5 November**, will be held at **The Foundry Arms**. To assist with table arrangements, kindly advise if you will be attending and if you will be bringing your partner.

Jan Pagliaro

RIMERN (Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network)

Attached is a copy of the RIMERN Annual Report 2024-25, hot off the press. It gives you a further idea of what the group is doing in northern Melbourne and the possible approach for North Central Victoria. Gary will be meeting on Zoom on 24 October with representatives of the other Clubs in our Community Group North Central Victoria to gauge support for progressing a similar project.

Lindsay Jolley

D9800 Goldfields Clusters Foundation Dinner



ROTARY D9800 GOLDFIELDS CLUSTERS FOUNDATION DINNER

Rotarians, Partners and Guests are cordially invited to attend our Foundation Dinner to be held on Tuesday 28th October 2025 at 6:30pm for 7:00pm at The Bendigo Club, Park Street, Strathdale.

Come and join District Governor Peter Shepheard and District Foundation Director Julie Mason for an evening of great fellowship and a little fund raising for the "End Polio Now" Project.

Tickets: \$50 per person for a three-course meal and a welcoming drink on arrival.

Other drinks during the evening at bar prices.

RSVP no later than 21st October 2025 but earlier advice to Wayne Smith, RC of Bendigo at chartall@bigpond.com would be appreciated.

Payments can be made by Direct Debit to The Rotary Club of Bendigo BSB: 633000 Account No: 159 247 410 or via your Club Foundation Director

9800 Rotary District Conference MARCH 27-29

The district conference will be held in Horsham as a combined event with districts 9510 and 9780. There has been regular feedback to previous district governors, especially from country club members, that our conference venue should be held within Victoria and be within driving distance. Not an interstate event requiring further expenses associated with getting there. DG

Peter has taken this on board so it is up to us now to support him by turning up.

If we think back to the great weekend we had together in Barham some time ago we could come together in Horsham and rediscover a bit of that same sharing of friendliness and comradeship that was evident during the Barham experience. As well as having a bit of fun it is a great opportunity for all attending to perhaps renew their vows to Rotary too! I am asking you all to make a circle on your calendar around the last weekend in March next year and join me for a great time in Horsham. As more details come to hand, I will pass on the relevant information.

Tony Plant

On to conference campaigner.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

1. Anyone who is intending to go and needs motel accommodation needs to book ASAP as it is limited.
2. The District Governor had also advised that the conference booking arrangements with prices for the various activities will be released very soon



Volunteers required - Camping & Leisure Show Car Parking

Hi George and Gary,

Rotary Bendigo has been contracted to provide the car parking services for the Camping and Leisure Show at the Bendigo Jockey Club from **Friday November 21st to Sunday the 23rd inclusive.**

This is a big event and will require us using all three major parking areas at the jockey club.

We will be bringing volunteers at different times – the earliest commencing at 7am to park the exhibitors. Another start time will be 8.30am when visitors will be admitted.

As with previous years I am expecting that most volunteers will be able to leave between 1.30 & 2pm.

As done previously we will be offering this volunteer opportunity to a few clubs so, if you are interested in assisting us, can you please provide the number of volunteers your organisation can provide in the next 2 weeks?

If you have any queries, please call.

Cheers, Peter

Peter Reading

Rotary Club of Bendigo

Past President 2022 23

Chairman – Rotary Carols by Candlelight Committee

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Catering and BBQs

Future BBQ Catering bookings		
Fri, 7 th Nov	Mc Kean Mc Gregor Building & Living Expo Baptist Church Novo Centre 757 Mc Ivor Highway Junortoun	4 pm – 7.30 Heather Nixon & Trevor Hawking. No further help required
Thurs, 13 th Nov	TAFE World Kindness Day Hargreaves Street Campus opposite Bendigo Bowl	11am – 1.30 4 volunteers required
Sat, 15 th Nov	Swap Meet Bendigo Bendigo Showgrounds Holmes Road Bendigo	2 shifts 6 am – 10 am Rod Spitty and Heather Nixon 4 more volunteers required 11am – 4 pm Cora Fuentes-Mahnic, Endal Vallac, Sue Duncan and Trevor Hawking

		2 more volunteers required.
Sat, 22 nd Nov	Scotts on Show Truscott Reserve Murdock Street Cal Gully	10 am – 3 pm 3 volunteers required.
Fri, 21 st Nov Sat, 22 nd Nov Sun, 23 rd Nov	Camping and Caravan Leisure Fest Car Parking Bendigo Racecourse Epsom	2 shifts 7 am – 10am 6 volunteers 10am – 1pm 6 volunteers
Sun, 30 th Nov	Mandurang Christmas Market Faddersons Lane Mandurang	9 am – 12 pm 4 volunteers 12 pm – 3 pm 4 volunteers
Mon, 1 st Dec	CFMEU Christmas Picnic Bendigo Racecourse Epsom	9am – 12 pm 8 volunteers 12 pm – 3 pm 6 volunteers.

Meeting Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
OCTOBER THEME: ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
Thurs 23 Oct	Nigel Preston Maryborough Energy Breakthrough Rotary Talk – Liz Bannon Domestic Violence & Rotary	Gary Pinner	Lyn & Cora	Lake View Hotel
Tues 28 Oct	FOUNDATION DINNER AT THE BENDIGO CLUB , STRATHDALE			
Thurs 30 Oct	NO MEETING DUE TO FOUNDATION DINNER ON TUESDAY 28 OCT			
NOVEMBER THEME: ROTARY FOUNDATION				
Wed 5 Nov	Bendigo Youth Council	Jan Pagliaro	Phil (TBC)	The Foundry Arms Hotel, Golden Square
Thurs 13 Nov	Western composting Technology – Ken Dickens RCBS Member talk Merlyn What is a Paul Harris Fellow	Paul Sherwood	Tony & George	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 20 Nov	TBA AGM Board Meeting	TBA	Glenn & Heather	Lake View Hotel

Thurs 27 Nov	NO MEETING			
Sun 30 Nov	MANDURANG CHRISTMAS MARKET			
DECEMBER THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT				
Thurs 4 Dec	Danielle Dobie Nurse Donation Specialist Bendigo Health	Lyn Comer		
Thurs 11 Dec	Xmas Function (TBC)			



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

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DISTRICT 9800 NC VIC COMMUNITY LEADER

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SECRETARY

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Anne Peace

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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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: Paul Henderson – 0428 177 314

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