

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 ON 30 OCT DUE TO FOUNDATION DINNER ON TUESDAY 28 OCT

Lindsay's notes

We were hit with a lot of energy at our last meeting when an enthusiastic Nigel Preston outlined the history of the Energy Breakthrough and what it entails. This annual event is held at Maryborough, with the next one taking place from Wednesday 19 to Sunday 23 November. They are looking for volunteers to assist in the judging on the Wednesday and Friday. You do not need to be an ex-teacher or technically minded, just use your life skills. A group from our Club helped last year. See Tony if you want to help this year.

Later in the meeting, Liz Bannon from the Rotary Club of Bendigo, gave a brief outline of the extent of family violence around Bendigo and sought participation in a Bendigo walk against family violence on Saturday 29 November. Participants are to assemble at the rotunda in Rosalind Park for a 10:30am start to the walk.

Please note that this year we will join with the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk for a combined Christmas party on Wednesday 17 December.

Six Rotary clubs participated in Friday night's Zoom meeting of the Community Group North Central Victoria to discuss the possibility of establishing a RIMERN type organisation in north central Victoria. Outcomes included:

- Gary to organise a trip to Ballarat to visit their Community Care Network to learn about their operation.
- Gary offering to visit individual Rotary clubs to present information about the RIMERN proposal.
- Gary to establish a working committee with representatives from interested clubs to conduct a community needs assessment.

Thanks Gary, for getting the project to this stage, and thanks to Allison Bacon for chairing the meeting.

Thank you to those Members who worked on the LaTrobe University Community Day BBQ and the ten Members who worked on the Hazeldenes supported BBQ at the Bendigo Show.

Do not forget that there is no Club meeting this Thursday 30 October. Members have been encouraged to attend Tuesday's Foundation dinner instead. Also, in the following week we will meet at the Foundry Arms Hotel on Wednesday night, 5 November, due to the unavailability of the Lake View Hotel.

Lindsay Jolley



This week's guest speaker, Nigel Preston from Maryborough Energy Breakthrough



Speaker for our Rotary Talk, Liz Bannon, presenting on "Domestic Violence and Rotary"

BBQ catering at Latrobe Uni Community Day

Saturday October 11th at Rosiland Park



(from left) Sue Duncan, Craig Wright, Lyn Comer enjoying the day.



Bendigo Show / Hazeldene's BBQ.



Guest speakers for Wednesday November 5 At The Foundry Arms

Levity Camilleri

Youth Mayor Levity Camilleri.

Levity Camilleri is eager to embrace the role of Youth Mayor for 2025. As a proud representative of Bendigo's LGBTQIA+ and neurodiverse communities. Levity is enthusiastic about continuing her passion for activism during their second year on the Youth Council and as a Year 12 student at Bendigo Senior Secondary College. In addition to her Youth Council involvement, Levity has a history of student leadership and community-based activism for peace, consistently advocating for diversity and compassion in both her leadership roles and daily life.

Alyssa Beaton,

Deputy Youth Mayor Alyssa Beaton.

As Alyssa embarks on her second year as a Greater Bendigo Youth Councillor in 2025, she feels empowered by her experiences of growth and friendship. Now stepping into the role of Deputy Youth Mayor, Alyssa hopes to inspire others just as her fellow Youth Councillors have inspired her. An active member of the Eaglehawk Athletics Club, she values supportive environments and wishes all young people could experience similar encouragement. Alyssa dreams of a world where everyone feels comfortable sharing their feelings and challenges, and she cherishes every opportunity to make a positive impact.

Don't forget the venue for this meeting will be at the Foundry Arms Hotel. Meals are ordered from the menu. Partners are welcome to attend this meeting.

Jan Pagliaro

Gardening Working Bee Annie North

Any members who would like to join the regular gardening team and help do a gardening tidy up are most welcome. Date is Saturday November 8. Times are 9 am to 12 with lunch to follow provided by Annie North Staff. Those who are not fully registered as Annie North regular volunteers need to show their current Working with Children Card and sign a confidentiality agreement on the day prior to commencing work. For further information and to indicate your intention to join us please contact me.

Tony Plant

Rotary Christmas Market, 30th November, 2025 Mandurang Valley Winery, 77 Fadersons Lane, Mandurang.

Many Volunteers Required.

This is to be shared by us and the Rotary Club of Bendigo.

All shifts are only 2 hours.

Positions available:

1. Assist Stall holders to their site: 8.00a.m. till 9.30a.m.
2. Car Parking – Directing Cars into 3 private properties.
3. Gate/Entrance – Collect entry fee (\$2.00) and hand out a ticket – 2 persons per shift.
4. Helping stall holders with erecting marquees (if needed) carrying goods to their site – this is 8.00a.m. till 10.00a.m.
5. Helping Stall holder with pulling down marquees (if needed) carrying good to their cars – this is 3.00p.m. till 4.00p.m.
6. Devonshire Tea/Coffee – taking orders, handling money, delivering orders – 3 persons per shift.
7. Native Tree Sales – 1 person per shift (Knowledge not necessary).
8. 1 Day before, help erect 6 marquees and put up tables.

George & Gary in charge of BBQ Volunteers.

Volunteers meeting: Wednesday 26th November, at Mandurang Valley Winery at 4.00 p.m.

Any questions, please contact Lyn Comer.

Phoenix Kids July-September 2025 Quarterly Report from the RC of Phnom Penh and the Children's Surgical Centre

Attached is a copy of the latest quarterly report on the Phnom Penh Phoenix Kids project, which requires USD50,000 per year and to which we contribute through the RAWCS project, "Phoenix Kids - Phnom Penh - Cambodia". Our latest donation of AUD619.08 (USD400.46) was provided by the funds received in 2025 from the foreign coins collection project managed by Lyn. The

project enables reconstructive burns surgery to rebuild the lives of children who have been disabled by serious burn injuries, often from exposed cooking fires.

Lindsay Jolley
Project Manager for the RAWCS project



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

Friday 21st Nov to Sunday 23rd Nov

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

Ph: 0429 044 099

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 Vallak, 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 Fadersons 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				
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	Member Talk – Endal Vallak 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	TBA			
Thurs 17 Dec	Xmas Function -TBC			



OCTOBER IS

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Rotary District 9800

"If we can make a difference in the life of one person in a community, it is a small yet significant step to empowering a whole community."

Loshini Naidoo

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 Shepheard

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: 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