

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

We returned to the Foundry Hotel for a meeting last Wednesday to hear an informative presentation by Mayor Levity Camilleri and Deputy Mayor Alyssa Beaton on the function and activities of the Bendigo Youth Council. We were well looked after by the Hotel and were met with quite large meals. I am currently packing for my 11-day trip to Ethiopia tomorrow, Saturday. I will be back for the AGM on 20 November. It is the night when Endel will tell us more about himself. I hope to send over some photos from Ethiopia via my iPad if the WiFi connectivity in the hotels is good enough. My phone will have an Ethiopian Sim card.

Lindsay Jolley

Bendigo Youth Council





Chair Jan Pagliaro (far left) with our guest speakers from the Bendigo Youth Council - Alyssa Beaton and Levity Camilleri (left to right)

Guest speaker for next week, Ken Dickens

Managing Director - Corio Waste Management & Western Composting Technology
Chair – Waste, Recycling and Processing Industry Association Victoria (WRAPA (VIC))

Ken Dickens is the founder and Managing Director of Corio Waste Management, based in Geelong with operations in Altona, Geelong, Ballarat and an In Vessel organics recovery facility in Shepparton.

Ken has over 42 years of Industry experience, celebrating 30 years since commencing, the Corio Waste Management business in Geelong.

Ken Dickens is the chair for Victoria's new Waste, Recycling and Processing Association (Victoria) WRAPA (VIC).



Annie North Working bee

Last Saturday a very productive working bee was conducted at The Annie North Women's Refuge where we filled four green bins plus a 6'x 4' trailer of weeds and garden cuttings. In attendance were Heather, Paul Sherwood, Trevor, Clive, Greg, Gary, Bernie, Jan and Tony. It was also good to have some staff members along with some residents pitching in with both the garden work and better still providing us all with a tasty lunch to finish off our productive day.

Special thanks go out to Steph the recently appointed new grounds coordinator who organised the day ensuring the 3 hours we put in were well spent.

It is a relief to us all that the long promised mowing contractor has commenced and the lawns are now being properly maintained. A number of us who had pushed the mower around for some years under great difficulty (caused by the aging process) now will be able to just concentrate on garden care.

We hope to continue our almost ten year relationship with Annie North by setting up a new gardening roster.

If any other members would like to become part of the gardening team come and talk to me. One morning in each month, either first or third Tuesdays. If we can get two teams of 4 or 5 we will then be able to keep it happening covering absences that occur due to vacations and illnesses. I would also advocate we have two Saturday morning working Bees each year. One in early November and another in April.

I think it was Kevin Heinz who used to end with, "Until next time."

Tony Plant







Keys of Gold – Olde World Favourites Encore!

Merlyn Quaife AM and Thomas Heywood performing an encore Keys of Gold Concert (Soprano and Organ) at St Augustine's Anglican Church Inglewood on Sunday 9th November. Rotarians Graham, Heather and Rod were in attendance. Terrific entertainment.

Rod Spitty



Invitation: 2025 Bendigo STEMM Stroll 19/11/2025

Good afternoon,

We would like to invite members of Rotary Club of Bendigo South to join Bendigo Tech School, La Trobe University, Women in STEMM Australia, and the Goldfields LLEN for this year's STEMM Stroll — an inspiring networking walk bringing together industry professionals, community members, and secondary school students.

STEMM Strolls have been designed to strengthen connections in regional areas, fostering mentorship, collaboration, and support networks where these can be harder to find. By sharing the diverse and intersecting experiences of women and girls across STEMM disciplines, these local gatherings build visibility, belonging, and momentum toward greater gender equity in the field.

Date: Wednesday 19th November

Time: 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm

Location: La Trobe University Bendigo Campus

Cost: Free

Registration link: <https://events.humanitix.com/stemm-strolls-bendigo-2025>

The event will begin with lunch and networking in the LTU Bendigo Gallery, followed by a 1km campus walk departing from the Circular Lecture Theatre at 1.15 pm.

We'd be grateful if you could share this opportunity with members of Rotary Club of Bendigo South who might like to attend. You can view highlights from last year's inaugural event here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGpzMcrBC5Y>

Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions. We hope you'll be able to join us to walk towards a more inclusive future in STEMM!

Warm regards,

Ember

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YOUTUBE Link – STEMM Stroll Bendigo 2024:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGpzMcrBC5Y>

To Club Members, Partners, and Friends of Members.

The Members who attended the meeting last week and witnessed the presentation by Nigel Preston would agree with me that there was so much more to Energy Breakthrough than we all thought we knew. Having attended the event for one day last year for the first time along with Rod, Glenn, and Maureen we did experience firsthand a little bit of what the whole event is all about.

We participated in judging the presentations of several primary school teams where they were required to demonstrate to us that they could articulate their planning processes leading up to driving their vehicle at the Energy Breakthrough event. In most cases these group presentations were of a very high standard and most entertaining. We judges worked in teams of three where we individually completed a score sheet assessing several criteria. We then discussed our results and came up with a collective score for each of the criteria.

I do intend to assist in this area once again and the date is **Wednesday 19th November**. It is a full day **leaving Bendigo around 7.30 am and returning around 5.30pm**. I will confirm times once I know who wants to join me. I am prepared to drive and take 3 passengers. If numbers exceed 4, we can look at taking a second vehicle. To volunteer you will need a current Working with Children Card. You do not need to have a teaching background to handle this role. The registration process is a bit of a task so if you want to volunteer let me know by the end of this week and I will make direct contact with Nigel, and he will help speed up the process.

Rotary Supporting Young People,

Tony Plant

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

Rotary Christmas Market – Volunteers Needed. **Sunday 30th November, 2025**

1 x Gate person top gate – 9.00 – 11.00a.m.
1 x Gate Person bottom gate 11.00a.m. – 1.00p.m.

1 person to delivery coffee. 9.00a.m. – 11.00a.m.
1 person to delivery scones 9.00 – 11.00a.m.

1 person to sell Tube Trees 1.00p.m. – 3.00p.m.

Car parking people throughout the day.

2 – 3 persons on the **Saturday 29th November** to help set up marquees and tables.

Volunteers Meeting: **Tuesday 25th November**, at Mandurang Valley Wines at 4.00 p.m.

Any questions, please contact Lyn Comer.

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

Christmas Party Extravaganza

Combined Rotary Clubs-Bendigo South & Eaglehawk

When: **Wednesday 17th December.**

Starting Time: 6.30 pm for 7 pm.

Where: Home of Brian and Gail Fitzpatrick

Address: 3 Chaplin Court Eaglehawk.

Cost: \$35 per person

Catering: a two-course meal supplied by Goldfields Catering.

BYO drinks.

NB. RSVP to Tony by no later than Thursday 11th December

Payments to be made by direct transfer to Bendigo South Bank account.

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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

Catering and BBQs

Future BBQ Catering bookings		
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 Note that there will now be three shifts of about three hours each. Please let George know when you are able to assist as this is an important and busy day.	2 shifts 6 am – 10 am Rod Spitty and Heather Nixon 4 more volunteers required 11am – 4 pm Cora Fuentes-Mahnic, Endel 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	Camping and Caravan Leisure Fest Car Parking Bendigo Racecourse Epsom	2 shifts 7 am – 10am

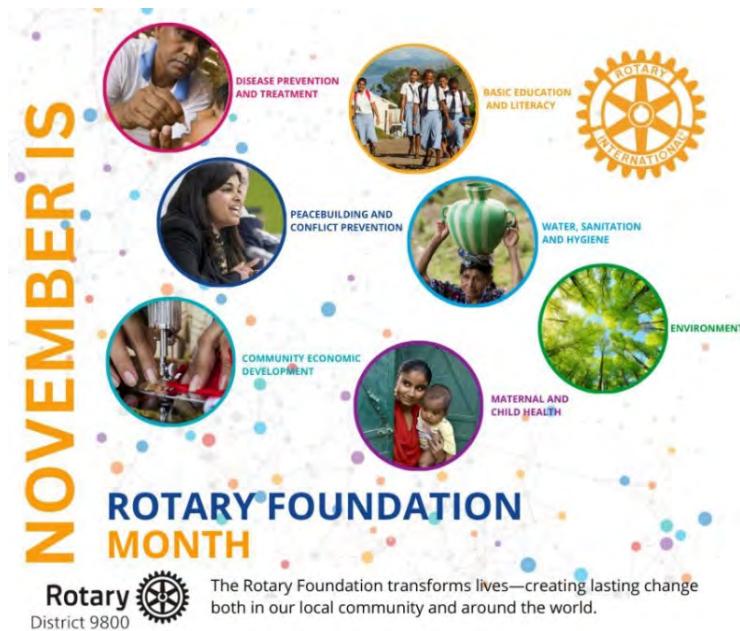
Sun, 23 rd Nov		6 volunteers 10am – 1pm 6 volunteers
Sun, 30 th Nov	Mandurang Christmas Market Fadersons Lane Mandurang	9 am – 12 pm 4 volunteers 12 pm – 3 pm 4 volunteers
Mon, 1 st Dec	CFMEU Christmas Picnic Bendigo Racecourse Epsom	9am – 12 pm 8 volunteers 12 pm – 3 pm 6 volunteers.

Meeting Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
NOVEMBER THEME: ROTARY FOUNDATION				
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 – Endel Vallak AGM/SGM - Rules update. Board Meeting	Lindsay Jolley	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	Jamie Roberts – Bendigo Guided Tours	Lindsay Jolley		
Wed 17 Dec	Combined Xmas Function with Eaglehawk RC Details in the Signpost			

JANUARY THEME: VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Sun 18 Jan
2026

A High Tea to welcome in our 2026 Year!
Details to follow but save the date!



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 Shepheard
Alison Bacon

CLUB PRESIDENT	Lindsay Jolley
SECRETARY	Bernie Young
TREASURER & IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	Peter Kilpatrick
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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