



# 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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## Paul's notes

Ken Dickens who 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 gave a presentation to the group on Western Composting Technology Past, Present and Future. This presentation included a Company Overview, Western Composting Technology Shepparton Facility, Tunnel Composting Bendigo Facility, Community and Industry Engagement and Future Outlook.

A copy of the presentation is attached for perusal.

Paul Sherwood





*Chair Paul Sherwood with Kevin Dickens from Corio Composting Waste Management*

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### **What is a Paul Harris Award**

Rotary International was founded by **Paul P. Harris**, an attorney, who established the first club in Chicago on February 23, 1905, with three other members: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey. Harris's vision was to create a professional club with a friendly, small-town spirit. The organization's name, "Rotary," came from the practice of rotating the meeting location among the members' businesses.

The Paul Harris Award was established in 1957, ostensibly to reward Rotarians who made a donation of US\$1000 or had a donation made on their behalf. All Rotary Clubs are expected to donate to the Foundation on an annual basis and as such earn credits towards Paul Harris awards which can be for Club Members and people in the community who make outstanding contributions to society.

The greatest personal honour the Rotary Club of Bendigo South can bestow upon a member is the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellow. The efforts of all the members contribute to the award for services to the club. (If a Member personally donated US\$1000 to the Foundation, they would of course be automatically rewarded with a Paul Harris Award.) Generally the President identifies who might be worthy and this is approved by the Board and then special forms are filled in and sent to Rotary International who then provides the pins and certificates.

A person can receive more than one PH Award, as indeed a few of our Club Members have – they go up in Sapphire Awards (up to five) and then to Ruby (up to three).

Merlyn Quaife AM



*Merlyn Quaife AM*

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### **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**

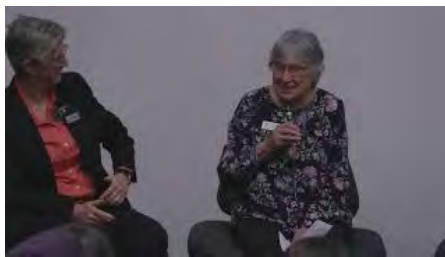
**Registration link: <https://events.humanitix.com/stemm-strolls-bendigo-2025>**

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,  
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**YOUTUBE Link – STEMM Stroll Bendigo 2024:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGpzMcrBC5Y>

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**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**Rotary Christmas Market, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2025**  
**Mandurang Valley Winery, 77 Fadersons Lane, Mandurang.**

Rotary Christmas Market – Volunteers Needed. **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> November** to help set up marques and tables.

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

Any questions, please contact Lyn Comer.

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**Annual Castlemaine Rotary Truck Show,**  
**Sat 29 & Sun 30 Nov - the Campbells Creek Recreation Reserve in Castlemaine**

**SHAMICK TRANSPORT** **Rotary Castlemaine**

**SHAMICK'S CASTLEMAINE ROTARY 2025 TRUCK SHOW**

**SAT 29 & SUN 30 NOV 2025** CAMPBELLS CREEK RECREATION RESERVE

CELEBRATING THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY & RAISING VALUABLE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY

**ADMISSION**  
\$15 Adults | \$25 Family  
Children U16 free  
Tickets via website or at the gate

**GROUND OPEN**  
Saturday 12 noon and Sunday 10.00am

**SPECIAL FEATURES**  
Friday Golden Wheel Gala Dinner  
Special Guest Greg Champion OAM  
Sunday 9.00am Truck Convoy  
Sunday 3.00pm Trophy Presentations

**GREAT FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT**  
Live music on stage | Sandee Facy Band  
Free children's rides and entertainment  
Full catering and bar onsite  
Trade & Retail Stalls

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**SHAMICK TRANSPORT** **MELBOURNE NORTH TRUCK CENTRE** **CHV TRUCK & BUS** **MEMBREY'S** **SCANIA** **ASQ** **Deals & Wheels** **ESSEX TRUCKS** **ESSEX TRUCKS** **ESSEX TRUCKS**

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## **Christmas Party Extravaganza**

Combined Rotary Clubs-Bendigo South & Eaglehawk

When: **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> December

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

BSB. 633 000 Acc no.103 497 236

*\*\* Please include payee name and reference-Xmas P*

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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

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## Catering and BBQs

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

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Meeting Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
NOVEMBER THEME: ROTARY FOUNDATION				
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	Merlyn & Endel	
Thurs 11 Dec	Jamie Roberts – Bendigo Guided Tours	Lindsay Jolley	Bob & Craig (TBC)	
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! <b>Details to follow but save the date!</b>



### 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
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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
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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:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month,  
Mechanics Institute, Long Gully.  
Bernadette: 0407051722