

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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There will be no Club meeting next Thursday, 27 November, due to the Mandurang Christmas Market on Sunday, 30 November.

Lindsay's notes

After getting back from my trip to Ethiopia the day before, it was straight into our AGM with some jetlag. Congratulations to Cora for her election as President Elect. She was able to achieve what a lot of us have found difficult; all her incoming Board positions are filled. Thank you for the support that the incoming Board members have provided. We still need a nomination for President Nominee. We then went onto our second meeting, a Special General Meeting to successfully amend our Club Constitution in line with the recent Council of Legislation revision.

The highlight of the night was Endel Vallak's presentation about himself. He was born in Australia of Estonian parents who met in a displaced persons camp in Germany after the war. They married within four weeks of arriving in Australia in 1949. Endel was raised in Traralgon where he took on a fitting and turning apprenticeship with the then SEC. He progressed through the various levels of responsibility for managing plant for electricity production, culminating in his responsibility for one of the four power plants at the Loy Yang Power Station. In his younger days he was involved in the Jaycees, including a stint as President. Within six months of joining the Rotary Club of Traralgon he was on the Board, and President with 18 months. He enjoyed his Presidency and was awarded a PHF four years ago with a sapphire being added later. Yes, everyone has an interesting history. It was great to learn a bit more about Endel.

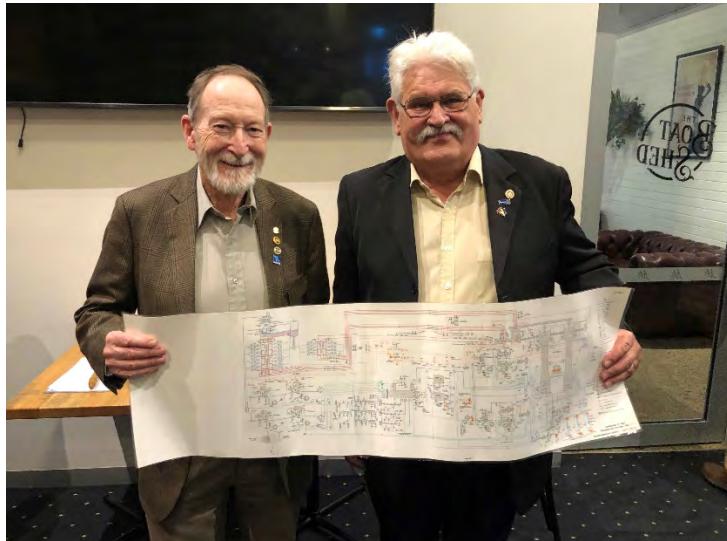
We were advised of the Thanksgiving Service arrangements for Honorary Member Ken Gittins, who had just passed away. He was well known to our longer-term Members. The Service will be held at the William Farmer Reflection Chapel, 12 Victoria Street, Eaglehawk on Tuesday 25 November at 11:00am. The Service can be viewed live at <https://www.williamfarmer.com.au/tribute-centre>.

Thank you to Rod, Peter, Tony and Gary for participating in this week's judging for the Energy Breakthrough at Maryborough. Peter enjoyed it that much that he went back for a second day.

Several photographs from my Ethiopian trip are attached. During the visit I was able to see the newly constructed girl's toilet block at Darcha primary and middle primary school. Our Club contributed \$5,000 to help build it. I plan to provide a presentation on my trip to a Club meeting early next year.

Do not forget that there is no Club meeting next week on Thursday 27 November, due to the Mandurang Christmas Market on the following Sunday.

Lindsay Jolley



This week's speaker, Endel Vallak (right), with chair Lindsay Jolley, holding a plan that shows the pipework associated with one of the four Loy Yang power plants.

Photos from Lindsay's Ethiopian trip



Newly constructed 6-unit girls' latrine toilet block at the Darcha primary and middle primary school, Ezha, Ethiopia



Our Club contributed \$5,000 towards eWASH projects that funded this work.



How the students wash their hands after using the toilet.

*With Robyn Stokes, RC of Box Hill Central, which manages Operation Toilet Australia (OTA).
We donated our \$5,000 to OTA.*



Traditional latrine pit.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BENDIGO'S



COFFEE MORNING

EASTEND CAFE

**40 STRICKLAND ROAD
BENDIGO EAST**

**Tuesday 25th November
10.30am**

**Wear orange as a symbol of
hope- a brighter future
where every woman and
child lives free from fear.**



Dear Rod,

The Rotary Foundation is proud to announce that we have recently received a four-star rating — the highest level possible — for the 17th consecutive year from [Charity Navigator](#), an independent charity evaluator in the United States.

We owe this success to the unwavering support and dedication of individuals like you. Thank you for being a crucial part of what makes our Foundation a powerful force for meaningful change and lasting impact through service.

Charity Navigator determines its ratings by examining how nonprofits use their funds, how sustainable their programs are, and how well they adhere to industry standards of transparency and accountability. You can learn more about how Rotary does that in our most recent [annual report](#).

Your past support of Rotary has funded sustainable projects that change lives. When you [make a contribution](#) to our Foundation, you inspire others and directly make a difference through initiatives around the world and in your local community.

We're deeply grateful for people like you, who are dedicated to Doing Good in the World.

Sincerely,
Eric Schmelling
Chief Philanthropy Officer
The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

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

If there are any members that are available to assist, this would be appreciated.

2 – 3 persons on the Saturday 29th November to help set up 6 marques and tables.

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

Thank you to those who have volunteered.

Any questions, please contact Lyn Comer.

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

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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

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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

Future BBQ Catering bookings			
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 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! 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	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
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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR	Heather Nixon
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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