

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 Club meeting, Gary gave us a comprehensive update on progress in seeking the support of other Rotary Clubs for investigating the establishment of Bendigo-based warehouse for receiving and distributing household items to people in need. He is still to visit another two Clubs to outline what could be achieved.

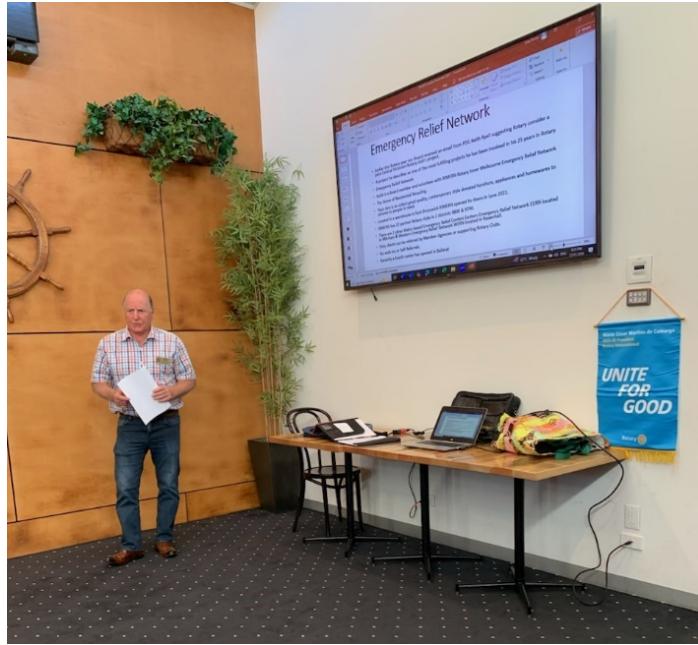
We interrupted the meeting at 7:01pm to observe a minute of silence for the fifteen victims of the Bondi terror attack, as well as for those impacted. The Australian Government had declared the Thursday to be a National Day of Mourning.

At next week's meeting, there will be a Board presentation outlining what our Club has achieved in the first half of this Rotary year.

Please throw your full support behind our Club's **Valentine & Intercultural Night Dinner Dance** on Valentines Day – **Saturday 14 February**. Overwhelm Tony in filling his table for the night. Put your hand up to fill a second table.

The Dinner Dance will be at the Quality Lakeside Hotel (opposite Lake Weeroona) from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. It will be a formal elegant night with tickets costing \$70 per person. Please see Cora's advertisement in this Signpost.

Lindsay Jolley



This week's presentation by our own Gary Pinner

Annie North Gardening Roster.

First Tuesday of each month: Gary, Greg, Tony and Heather (when available)

Third Tuesday of the month: Paul Sherwood, Trevor, Paul Gibbons and Merlyn (when available)

Time: 9 am to 11.30 am, starting on February 3

Any other members who would like to join us please contact Tony as one or two more would be greatly appreciated.

Valentine & Intercultural Night Dinner Dance



Club members and partners wishing to attend please let me know (Tony) and pay the \$70 p.p. into my bank account. Once I have all completed bookings by the RSVP date, I will then do one only transfer of the collected funds into our club account.

My bank details are as follows:

A. B Plant
Bank: NAB,
BSB No: 083 543,
Acc. No: 606748358.

I will then notify you prior to the event your table number and who you will be sharing the table with.

Tony Plant

Email from Noel Hobley, Rotary Club of Bendigo

Good eventing fellow Rotarians, as noted last November the visit of special guest speaker, Gemma Sisia from the School of St Just Tanzania, will happen on Tuesday, February 17 as an Evening Meeting 6 for 6.30 pm start.

Please see a poster attached for inclusion in your Newsletter or, as Rochester are doing, organise your weekly meeting at the Bendigo Club on the night.

Would be great to see you for a catchup on the night.

Please note we need RSVP's by February 10 to organise numbers.

Regards, Noel Hobley
Rotary Club of Bendigo.

SPECIAL EVENT SPEAKER
Gemma Sisia
FROM

The School of St Jude
Fighting poverty through education

Gemma Sisia founded The School of St Jude in Tanzania in 2002 - with 1800 free educational scholarships providing quality primary, secondary and tertiary education. Gemma is a regular speaker in her fight against poverty and will visit Bendigo with class of 2020 graduate Faith Samwel and staff member Johnson.

One night only on
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
6.00 for 6.30 pm at the

BENDIGO CLUB
22 Park St, Strathdale, Vic 3550

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO
FREE ENTRY – MEALS AND BAR AVAILABLE
Please RSVP by Feb.10 to Dianne Petrie at pinjarra@internode.on.net





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www.rotaryimpactsummit.org

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Home hosts are needed for the next group of visiting Malaysia Special Education teachers

Our Rotary Clubs ensured that the 2024 training program for eight visiting Malaysian Special Education teachers was a great success. The Malaysian education agency recognised the value of the visit and subsequently welcomed our two local teachers, who subsequently visited Malaysia for two weeks in early 2025 to pass on their skills and experience.

We can now continue the program with a visit by another eight teachers in 2026. It is planned that four of the teachers spend four weeks in the Bendigo special schools and the other four spend their time in Echuca.

The costing details are still being determined, after which the financial support of Clubs will be sought. Our Malaysian Rotary partners, in conjunction with us, are preparing a global grant application for the program. Nevertheless, I need to start planning for home hosts now.

It is planned that the teachers arrive in Bendigo on Thursday 8 May and leave Bendigo on Thursday 4 June 2026.

Please let me know if you can home host one or more of the teachers during part of that time and for how long. Each of the Bendigo-based teachers will be located at either the Bendigo Special Developmental School or at Kalianna School for their full four weeks. They will need to be transported to and from their school.

I can be contacted by phone (0416 192 032) or email (lj@joll.net).

Lindsay Jolley

BBQ Volunteer Bookings for February.

Saturday 7 th Feb	Coolabah Turf BBQ, Lake Weroona	9 am – 1 pm 3 volunteers required
Tuesday 10 th Feb	TAFE Hargraves St Welcome BBQ	10.30 – 1.30 4 volunteers required
Thursday 12 th Feb	TAFE Charlston Rd Welcome BBQ	10.30 – 1.30 4 volunteers required

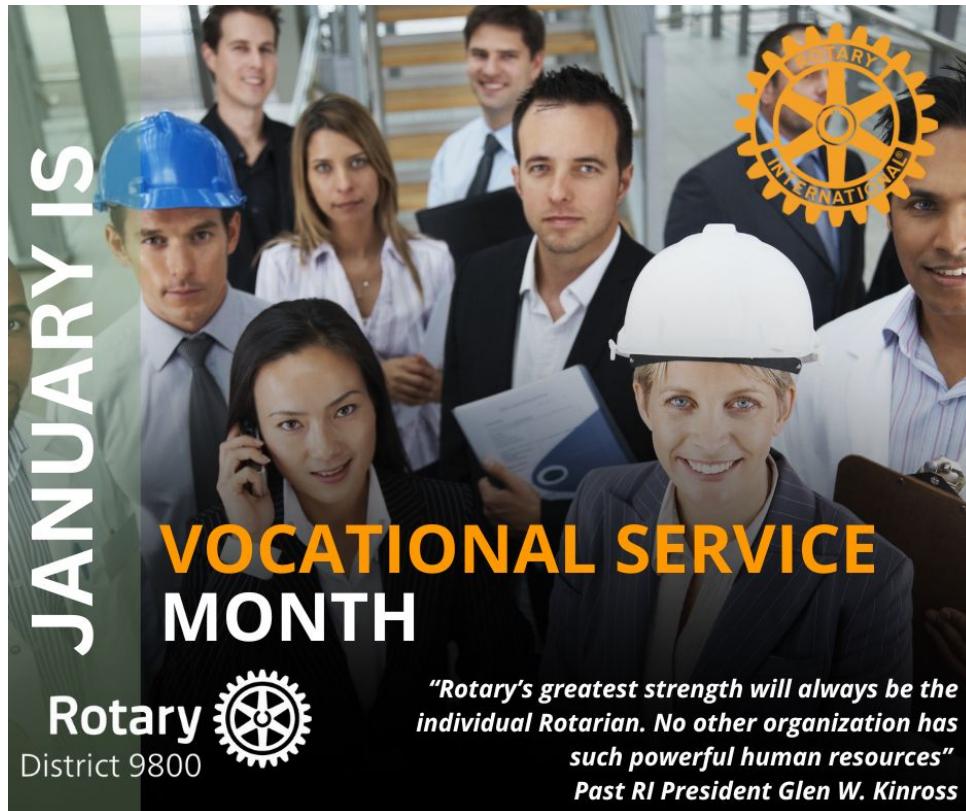
Please contact Volunteer Coordinator George Ellis if you can assist.

Email: george_ellis55@outlook.com

Mobile: 0438353414

Meeting Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
JANUARY THEME: VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH				
Thurs 29 Jan	RCBS Progress Reports by committees	Lindsay Jolley	Paul G & Rod	Lake View Hotel

FEBRUARY THEME: PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH				
Thurs 5 Feb or Wed 4 Feb (subject to venue availability)	Speaker – Lindsay Jolley & his trip to Ethiopia re EWash	TBA	Jan &	TBA
Thurs 12 Feb	Mick Cassey, Events Manager (ZOOM) Science and Engineering Challenge	Rod Spitty	Paul S & Glenn	TBA
Thurs 19 Feb	Brian Westley, COGB Director Presentation & Assets Board Meeting	Tony Plant	TBA	Lake View Hotel
Tues 24 Feb	Strathfieldsaye/Strathdale Bowls competition (TBC)	TBA	TBA	



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

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Peter Shepheard

DISTRICT 9800 NC VIC COMMUNITY LEADER

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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 ROCHESTER 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6.30pm at the heritage courthouse,
community chat is on the 3rd Thursday at 8am at Rochester Hotel

RC EAGLEHAWK: Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

Contact 0428 468 298

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