



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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Next week's joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk will be held on Wednesday at the Californian Gully Mechanics Institute Hall, 8/12 School Street, California Gully.

Lindsay's notes

Our Club meeting was devoted to reporting on what our Club had achieved in the first half of the Rotary year. We are well on track to complete most of the actions listed in our Work Plan. A copy of the PowerPoint used to present the report will be sent to all Members. I appreciate the good roll-up that we had for the reporting.

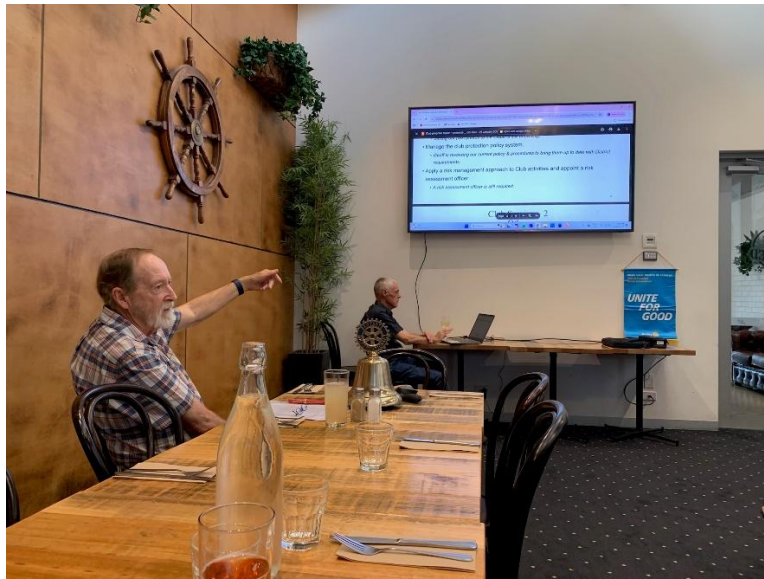
As happens each year, we put in a major BBQ effort for the Australia Day celebration at Lake Weeroona. Again, great organisation by Gary, George and Tony, with Members readily working on the day. Students from East Loddon P-12 College and Girton Grammar School put in a few hours to help. Gary reported a profit of \$3,420, despite the extremely hot day. It was down on previous years.

Tony reported that he cannot find our Club urn in the shed. Please let Tony know if you have it.

Next week's meeting will be a joint one with the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk. It will be on Wednesday at the Californian Gully Mechanics Institute Hall, 8/12 School Street, California Gully. I will be presenting on my November trip to Ethiopia to look at EWash projects. It is important that you let Tony know if you are attending, as catering will be arranged for the night.

Tables are now filling for our Club's **Valentine & Intercultural Night Dinner Dance** on Valentines Day – **Saturday 14 February**. Speak to Tony to secure a place. 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



President Lindsay chairing this week's meeting and sharing our Club's achievements from the first half of the Rotary year.

Photos from our BBQ catering on Australia Day.





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:

Name: A B Plant . Bank: NAB. BSB No: 083 543. Acc. No: 506748358.

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 evening 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



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



400+
students supported in tertiary education each year

98%
of our Form 6 graduates go onto tertiary education

97 cents
of every \$1 donated directly supports the school



The RC of **Bendigo Sandhurst** and the RC of **Bendigo South** extend an invitation to members and partners to join in a social evening of fun lawn bowls (No experience necessary) and fellowship.

What: Social bowls followed by a pizza supper

When: Tuesday Feb. 24th @ 6pm

Where: Strathfieldsaye Bowls Club, Club Crt. Strathfieldsaye

What do you need:

- Please wear flat soled shoes or bare feet.
- \$24 (bowls & pizza) per person with drinks available at bar prices.
- **Please bring payment in cash on the night (correct money appreciated)**
- Please advise dietary requirements with RSVP.

RSVP: By **Thursday 19th February 2026**

to Stan Hendy (Bgo Sandhurst).

Email: hendys@outlook.com.au

Text: 0490 026 841

to Trevor Hawking (Bgo South)

Email: hawkingtrevor@gmail.com

Text: 0428 066 838

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

9800 Rotary District Conference MARCH 27-29



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www.rotaryimpactsummit.org

If you are intending to attend the Convention in Horsham, please go to the provided website to organize your booking.

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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
FEBRUARY THEME: PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH				
Wed 4 Feb	Joint meeting with Eaglehawk with Speaker – Lindsay Jolley & his trip to Ethiopia re EWash	Eaglehawk		Eaglehawk Mechanics Institute
Thurs 12 Feb	Mick Cassey, Events Manager (ZOOM) Science and Engineering Challenge	Rod Spitty	Glenn	TBA
Thurs 19 Feb	Brian Westley, COGB Director Presentation & Assets Board Meeting	Tony Plant	Mark T (TBC) & Paul S	Lake View Hotel
Tues 24 Feb	Strathfieldsaye/Strathdale Bowls competition (TBC) See Signpost for details	TBA	TBA	

JANUARY IS

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Rotary District 9800

"Rotary's greatest strength will always be the individual Rotarian. No other organization has such powerful human resources"
Past RI President Glen W. Kinross

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
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CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR	Sue Duncan
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CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER	Geoff McKinna
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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