

# 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

Last Wednesday, Rod and I attended one of my best awards night ever. Bendigo TAFE put on a great show for its Industry Excellence Awards 2026 at All Seasons. It continually flowed with energy and without monotony. Our Club featured strongly. We were recognised in the introduction, and we provided four \$500 scholarships. Each student was photographed with their award sponsor. One of our scholarships was fully funded by the family of our late member Ron Devereux and the other three were two-thirds funded by the Peter Ryall Trust. Our sponsored scholarship winners were:

- Molly Nicholson – Student of the Year: Baking
- Andrew Moran – Student of the Year: Agriculture
- Gwen Honey – Aunty Melva Johnson Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year
- Rachael Hamilton – Bendigo TAFE Inspirational Student of the Year.

Thanks Rod, for your work in building our relationship with Bendigo TAFE.

Things were not as bright last Tuesday for our planned social bowls night, with the Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst at the Strathfieldsaye Bowls Club. It had to be cancelled before that massive thunderstorm hit Bendigo. Let's hope that an alternative night can be found for this enjoyable event.

Make sure that you look at George's latest BBQ roster to see where you can help.

We need you at our next Club meeting on Thursday 5 March, when we will develop our next Strategic Plan. It is important that all ideas flow. Cora will be relying on our next Strategic Plan to develop the Club's 2026-27 Work Plan, with her Board. The discussion will follow on from the East Loddon P-12 College student presentation and might extend up to 9:00pm.

Lindsay Jolley

**Next week's guest speaker - Nakeya Mountjoy**

**Brief information about the student's past and upcoming trip to Gallipoli**

April 2015 saw 8 students and 2 staff members from East Loddon P-12 College travel to Gallipoli to commemorate the 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day. This was the beginning of something incredible for the small country school. Not only did this provide an opportunity for the next generation to learn about the hardships and sacrifices of war, but it also built lifelong friendships between the peoples of Australia and Turkiye that continue today. Nakeya Mountjoy was one of the lucky students to go over on the first ever exchange, with Scott Wilkinson and Sarah Krahe (nee Byrne) as staff members. A second trip took place in 2018, with a third trip scheduled to take place in 2020 - however it was cancelled due to Covid-19. This small rural school has also hosted 2 groups of Turkish students! April 2026 will see 9 students from East Loddon head over to Gallipoli with staff Harrison Bennewith and Nakeya Mountjoy. Students will first travel to Athens in Greece to learn about its rich culture and history, before immersing themselves in the Turkish culture for 8 days, and then staying with host families in Canakkale for 2 weeks. Staff and students will attend the 111th ANZAC Day service at Gallipoli on the 25th April. The staff members at East Loddon P-12 College are so proud to be able to offer this life changing experience to their students once again.



*Photo of Scott Wilkinson at a private ANZAC Day ceremony on the Dardanelles, 2015.*

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**Photos for the Bendigo TAFE Excellence Awards 2026 night.**





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**9800 Rotary District Conference MARCH 27-29**



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Very Important

Please save this date and help **Bendigo Rotary Club** improve maternal and child health in Papua New Guinea by supporting PNG's Midwives.

**Fund Raiser for PNG's Midwifery Future Leaders**



Function to be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of May** (movie to be advised) starts at 6:30pm for 7:00pm at the **Star Cinema in Eagle Hawk**



*Every single body deserves a safe start  
Rotary is helping make that happen*

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**Home hosts are needed for the next group of visiting Malaysia Special Education teachers:  
Friday 8 May – Saturday 6 June 2026**

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 Friday 8 May and leave Bendigo on Saturday 6 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](mailto:lj@joll.net)).

Lindsay Jolley

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**BBQ Volunteer Bookings.**

Sunday March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bendigo Jockey Club Golf Day Lunch Bendigo Golf Club	11am – 2 pm 3 Volunteers required
Saturday March 7 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bendigo 1,000 Athletics Tom Flood Sports Centre	Saturday 4 pm – 8 pm 4 Volunteers  Sunday 12pm – 4 pm 4 Volunteers
Saturday March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Keiser Bendigo Open Day	9am – 1 pm 3 Volunteers
Tuesday March 17 <sup>th</sup>	La Trobe Uni	11am – 2 pm 4 Volunteers
Friday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	COGB Breakfast Adam Street Depot	7am – 9am 6 Volunteers
Friday April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Good Friday BBQ Pall Mall Market	8am – 3 pm ; 2 Shifts 6 Volunteers Per Shift
Sunday May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Classic Breakfast	8am – 11 am 4 Volunteers
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Bendigo Dog Club Catering Bendigo Showgrounds	TBC
Friday November 20 <sup>th</sup>	La Trobe Uni	11am – 1 pm 4 Volunteers
Monday December 7 <sup>th</sup>	CFMEU Christmas BBQ Bendigo Jockey Club	9am – 3 pm

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator George Ellis if you can assist.




Email: [george\\_ellis55@outlook.com](mailto:george_ellis55@outlook.com)

Mobile: 0438353414

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Meeting Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
<b>MARCH THEME: WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE MONTH</b>				
Thurs 5 Mar	East Loddon teachers & students before they head off to Turkey.  Followed by Strategy Plan discussion up to 9:00pm	Tony	Paul G	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 12 Mar	Barry Clay Bendigo Citizen of the Year	TBA	George	Lake View Hotel

Thurs 19 Mar	Vocational Visit to Central Deborah Mine See Signpost for details	Organiser Rod		
Thurs 26 Mar	Margaret Keech – OAM Dragon Boat Story		Cora	Lake View Hotel
Mar 27-29 Horsham	Multi District Impact Summit	See advertisement above		
<b>APRIL THEME: ENVIRONMENT MONTH</b>				
Thurs 2 Apr	No meeting as Easter BBQ			
Thurs 9 Apr	TBA			
Thurs 16 Apr	TBA Board Meeting			
Thurs 23 Apr	TBA			
Thurs 30 Apr	TBA			

**FEBRUARY IS**

**PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH**

**Rotary**   
District 9800

"Imagine all the people living life in peace..."  
John Lennon

### **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
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### D9800 Goldfields Cluster Club Meeting Times

**RC KANGAROO FLAT:** Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park, 22A High Street, Kangaroo Flat  
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 ROCHESTER** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6.30pm at the heritage courthouse,  
community chat is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 8am at Rochester Hotel

**RC EAGLEHAWK:** Wednesday 6pm,  
Mechanics Institute Hall, 8/12 School Street, California Gully  
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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month,  
Mechanics Institute Hall, 8/12 School Street, California Gully  
Bernadette: 0407051722