



SIGNPOST

Volume 67, No. 38 16 April 2026

We meet Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Lakeview Hotel, McRae Street (TBC weekly)



www.bendigosouthrotary.org.au

www.twitter.com/RotaryBendigoS

Rotary Club of Bendigo South
PO Box 346, Bendigo, VIC 3552

Email: secretary@bendigosouthrotary.org.au

Meeting chair's note

Our Lakeview Hotel venue was buzzing with a full house of members and guests on Thursday night. We were very pleased to be joined by Annette Devereaux, her sons, and partner Ray. Annette, daughter of the late long-term and valued member of our club, and even longer term Rotarian, Ron Devereaux, attended to present to the club a cheque for \$10,000 from Ron's estate. Annette and the family would like the club to determine an appropriate charitable purpose for the funds. President Lindsay Jolley conveyed his deep appreciation on behalf of the club.



President Lindsay acknowledges the Devereaux estate donation presented by Annette Devereaux and her son Oliver.

In addition, Annette, a Rotarian at RC Geelong East, indicated that she is planning on relocating to Bendigo and would then like to transfer to our club. We look forward to having Annette continue the family tradition as a member of the club.



Our guest speaker this week was Brian Coman, joint author of Bendigo's Backyard Birds. Sub-titled A Book of Appreciation, the book is designed to show the great beauty of birds you may see in your Bendigo garden, and to encourage residents to support and enjoy their feathered friends.

Brian is a retired biologist who worked mainly on pest animals in Victoria and elsewhere, especially rabbits and foxes, as an eminent expert. He has lived in Bendigo for about 50 years. His interest in birds is a hobby only. The spectacular photos in the bird book were mostly taken by Brian's friend, local naturalist Graham Hill.

Gary rounded up a few more volunteers for the weekend catering and parking for the Bendigo Strikers netball event, and Tony promoted the Grange wine raffle, again being conducted by our colleagues at RC Eaglehawk.



Meeting chair Secretary Bernie Young acknowledges Brian Coman's entertaining presentation.

And a reminder that I will be looking after the Signpost again next week.

Bernie Young
Secretary & Acting Signpost Editor

Next week's guest speakers

Jenny Trewartha and Sue Grogan - Bendigo Base Hospital Trained Nurses League

The League was formed in 1928 and will be celebrating 100 yrs in 2028. The decision has been made to wind up in 2028 due to an aging and depleting membership. In response the League has decided to progress an appropriate and permanent dedication to the thousands of nurses who trained at the Bendigo Hospital from 1883 to 1989 when nursing education was transferred to the university sector. Over those 106 years not only have those Bendigo Hospital trained nurses and midwives made an unquestionable impact on the health care workforce locally and regionally, but also across Australia and overseas.

The Concept Design / Artist Statement by local acclaimed artist Yvonne George will be finalised with details of nurses covering those 106 years. The statue will be placed in the Bendigo Health gardens and envisaged to be life size. We have set a short fundraising time of six month to raise \$60,000. We have the support of Bendigo Health, and the Bendigo Health Foundation which is providing in kind support.



Inner Wheel Club of Bendigo

Invites You to our Annual

Fashion Parade

Date: 23rd April

Time: 11am

Where: 8 School Street, California Gully

Cost: \$20 includes light lunch and raffle ticket.

Please deposit into the following acc. before the event.

Inner Wheel Club of Bendigo, BSB 633 000, A/C 233221811 Ref: Ticket number/name

RSVP: 14th April to Bernadette 0407051 722 or

innerwheelbendigo@gmail.com

**Clothes supplied by
Two Birds Blue Eaglehawk**

The Club Facebook Page.

Recently former member Matthew Scott handed over the management of the clubs Facebook page to Tony Plant. Members who have their own Facebook pages should find the club page and have a look. From time to time there may be some posts you might like to share or comment on. If any members have a photo and some description to go with it please email to Tony to his Gmail address (planttony24@gmail.com), not his Bigpond address. Events other than BBQ photos will be preferred but an occasional Bbq will be posted if the event is clearly supporting an identified local partner that can be identified within the post. Perhaps if one is going to supply a BBQ photo try to include something or someone that identifies the recipients. If this information is included the focus can be the subject of the story posted.

From: Sandra Slatter <sdslatter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 25 February 2026 12:25 PM
To: Sandra Slatter <sdslatter@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Day correction - Monday 25th May

Carers give so much — often quietly, often without recognition.

People living with dementia and cognitive decline continue to show us strength, courage and humanity every day. On Monday **25 May**, we are bringing our community together to celebrate, honour and acknowledge them.

SAVE THE DATE – 25 MAY

Caring Together: A Celebration of Carers & Community

A day of connection, information, food, music and shared stories. Community organisations, support services, young ambassadors and volunteers will gather at **Reflections at Eppalock** to stand beside carers and those living with dementia. This special day — proudly supported by Carers Victoria — will also see the launch of our *Caring Together* booklet and the Bush-Inspired Community Care Model (BICCM).

Come for an hour or stay all day. - Bring a friend. Bring a carer. Bring your curiosity.



Monday 25 May
🕒 10.30am – 3.00pm
📍 Reflections at Eppalock, Kimbolton

More details coming soon.
Because caring matters.

Sandra Slatter CM

Dementia Alliance - Founder / President

Slatter

sdslatter@gmail.com

0417 350911

DATES HAVE CHANGED

**We still need home hosts for visiting Malaysia Special Education teachers for
6 August – 5 September 2026**

Our Rotary Clubs ensured that the 2024 training program for eight visiting Malaysian Special Education teachers was a great success. The Malaysian education department recognised the value of the visit and later welcomed our two local teachers, who 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 Malaysian 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. We expect the Bendigo-based teachers to **arrive in Bendigo on Thursday 6 August and leave on Saturday 5 September 2026**. 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. Please let me know if you can home host one or more of the teachers during that time and for how long.

I can be contacted by phone (0416 192 032), email (lj@joll.net) , Message or WhatsApp - I indicated the last two in case I am travelling.

Lindsay Jolley
President, Rotary Club of Bendigo South

BBQ Volunteer Bookings.

Sunday April 19th	Bendigo Strikers Netball BBQ 11.30- 4 pm Car Parking 11.30 – 4 pm CMC Junortoun	BBQ 3 Volunteers Car Parking 6 Volunteers
Sunday May 10 th	Mother’s Day Classic Breakfast Canterbury Park Eaglehawk	8am – 11 am 4 Volunteers
Sunday June 28th	Bendigo Strikers Netball BBQ 11.30 – 4 pm Car Parking 11.30 – 4 pm CMC Junortoun	BBQ 3 Volunteers Car Parking 6 Volunteers
Sunday July 12th	Bendigo Strikers Netball BBQ 11.30 – 4 pm Car Parking 11.30 – 4 pm CMC Junortoun	BBQ 3 Volunteers Car Parking 6 Volunteers
Sunday August 23rd	La Trobe Uni Open Day Edwards Road Plaza	8am – 1 pm 6 Volunteers
Sunday August 23 rd	RMIT Flight School BBQ Bendigo Airport	10am – 2 pm 3 Volunteers
Friday November 20 th	La Trobe Uni	11am – 1 pm 4 Volunteers

Sunday November 29th	Mandurang Christmas Market BBQ	9am – 3pm 2 Shifts
Monday December 7 th	CFMEU Christmas BBQ Bendigo Jockey Club	9am – 3 pm

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator George Ellis if you can assist.

Email: george_ellis55@outlook.com

Mobile: 0438353414

Meeting Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
APRIL THEME: ENVIRONMENT MONTH				
Thurs 23 Apr	Jenny Trewartha – President Bendigo Base Hospital Trained Nurses League Honouring Bendigo’s Nursing Heritage	Heather Nixon	George	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 30 Apr	Sandy Joffa, City of Greater Bendigo Intercultural Ambassadors	Cora Fuentes- Mahnic	TBA	Lake View Hotel
MAY THEME: YOUTH SERVICE MONTH				
Thurs 7 May	School scholarship recipients	Mark Tracy	Bob	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 14 May	Maubisse movie night			
Thurs 21 May	Directors End of Year Reports. Board Meeting	Lindsay Jolley	TBA	Lake View Hotel
Sun 24 May	District Assembly			Camberwell
Thurs 28 May	La Trobe Uni Scholarship recipients	Rod Spitty	TBA	Lake View Hotel
JUNE THERE: ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH				
Thurs 4 June	Zahrorn Super yacht industry			
Thurs 11 June	PE Cora – The year ahead	Lindsay / Cora		
Thurs 18 June	Changeover Board meeting			
Thurs 25 June	Changeover dinner			



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
DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR
DISTRICT 9800 NC VIC COMMUNITY LEADER

Francesco Arezzo
Peter Shephard
Alison Bacon

CLUB PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER & IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT ELECT
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR
MEMBERSHIP, COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING DIRECTOR
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR
FUND-RAISING and MAJOR PROJECTS DIRECTOR
VOCATIONS DIRECTOR
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER
FOUNDATION OFFICER
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Lindsay Jolley
Bernie Young
Peter Kilpatrick
Cora Fuentes-Mahnic
Jan Pagliaro
Heather Nixon
Tony Plant
Sue Duncan
Gary Pinner
Rod Spitty
Geoff McKinna
Anne Peace
Shireen Yeoh

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: 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 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, 2nd Tuesday of the month,
Mechanics Institute Hall, 8/12 School Street, California Gully
Bernadette: 0407051722