



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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Meeting chair's note



Our guest speaker Jenny Trewartha was brought up in Bendigo, attended Golden Square High School and in 1970 aged 17 started her nursing career. At that time the Northern District School of Nursing (NDSN) had been established in Lister House, Rowan Street for 20 years. All nursing trainees were linked to their associated hospital which included Mildura Base, Swan Hill, Echuca, Castlemaine hospitals and several others in the Northern District. Jenny's hospital was the Bendigo Northern District Base Hospital.

Following her General Training Jenny did Midwifery Training also in Bendigo then she worked in the very rewarding area of palliative care both interstate and Victoria, including in community and inpatient palliative care in regional Victoria and metro Melbourne. Her last position before retirement was Director of Nursing, Palliative Care, at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne including the management of Caritas Christi Hospice in Kew.

Since retiring back to Bendigo Jenny has been the Secretary of the NDSN Graduates Association and she is currently the President of the 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.

A statue created by local acclaimed artist Yvonne George to immortalise the nurses who trained at Bendigo Hospital will be placed in the Bendigo Health gardens and envisaged to be life size. There is a short fundraising time of six month to raise \$60,000 to erect the statue. Bendigo Health, and the Bendigo Health Foundation are providing in-kind support to the statue project.

Heather Nixon

Next week's guest speakers

COGB Intercultural Ambassadors

Sandy Joffe, Hetty Chidziva, Valentine Joe and Arianne Ballantyne

The Intercultural Ambassador Program is a voluntary leadership opportunity for multicultural community members from across Greater Bendigo to share their culture, connect with others, and enhance understanding and cultural diversity. All will tell us a little about their life journeys.

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.



Gary attacking the Grevilleas at Annie North Women's Refuge with his trusty battery powered Hedger.

Along with Gary, others lending a hand were Merlyn, Trevor, Tony, Greg and Paul Sherwood. Three hours of solid work resulted in filling all the green bins with cuttings with much more filling Paul's trailer.

Tony Plant

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 / Present

Slatter

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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.

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| Wednesday 29 April | Bendigo TAFE Charleston Road Campus | 11am – 1 pm. 4 volunteers |
| Sunday May 10 th | Mother’s Day Classic Breakfast Canterbury Park Eaglehawk | 8am – 11 am 4 Volunteers. Also need more volunteers as course marshalls |
| Wednesday 13 May | Bendigo TAFE Charleston Road Campus | 11am – 1 pm. 4 volunteers |
| Tuesday 2 June | Bendigo TAFE Hargreaves Street Campus Reconciliation Week BBQ | 10am – 2 pm 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 |
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| APRIL THEME: ENVIRONMENT MONTH | | | | |
| Thurs 30 Apr | Sandy Joffa, City of Greater Bendigo Intercultural Ambassadors | Cora Fuentes-Mahnic | Sue and Trevor | Lake View Hotel |
| MAY THEME: YOUTH SERVICE MONTH | | | | |
| Thurs 7 May | School scholarship recipients | Mark Tracy | Bob and Geoff | Lake View Hotel |
| Thurs 14 May | Zahrorn Super yacht industry | Tony Plant | George | Lake View Hotel |
| Thurs 21 May | Directors End of Year Reports. Board Meeting | Lindsay Jolley | Paul Sherwood | Lake View Hotel |
| Sun 24 May | District Assembly | | | Camberwell |
| Thurs 28 May | La Trobe Uni Scholarship recipients | Rod Spitty | Merlyn | Lake View Hotel |
| JUNE THERE: ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH | | | | |
| Thurs 4 June | Maubisse movie night | Tony Plant | | Star Cinema |
| Thurs 11 June | PE Cora – The year ahead | Lindsay / Cora | | |
| Thurs 18 June | Changeover Board meeting | | | |
| Thurs 25 June | Changeover dinner | | | |

APRIL IS

ENVIRONMENT MONTH

Rotary 

District 9800

"Try to leave the earth a better place
than when you arrived"

Sidney Sheldon

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?

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| MEMBERSHIP, COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING DIRECTOR | Tony Plant |
| CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR | Sue Duncan |
| FUND-RAISING and MAJOR PROJECTS DIRECTOR | Gary Pinner |
| VOCATIONS DIRECTOR | Rod Spitty |
| CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER | Geoff McKinna |
| FOUNDATION OFFICER | Anne Peace |
| NEWSLETTER EDITOR | 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