



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

I am now properly back from my two trips, over six weeks, to Japan. I got to experience the north-east Japan tsunami warning on TV. The TV turned itself on to provide the warning – although in Japanese, the maps gave us the message. We were in the mountains, so no concern. A week after I got back home, another earthquake was reported, centring on where we started our 5-day Nakasendo Trail walk.

This week we got to see how well year 11 students can express themselves in front of an audience. Not only did the four 2026 scholarship winners who spoke to us do well, but so did the other two who could not be there through the reports they sent in for Mark to read out. It is always good to see the parent and teacher support that attends. Again, East Loddon P-12 College was there in strength. Well done Mark in organising a successful evening. We also welcomed Cora's visitor Leilee Clarke, whom we hope to see again.

The Board met last Saturday morning to develop a list of potential recipients of the remaining 2025-26 donations – this will be put to the next formal meeting of the Board on 21 May for approval.

We have had a good response on nominations for PHF recognition. You have until Friday 15 May to present any nominations to Bernie. Please consider worthy community recipients.

We still need a Program Coordinator - a non-Board position - to continue our successful speaker program in 2026-27. Sue has done an outstanding job and is unable to continue next year. Even the President had to get in early to reserve meeting nights.

Do not forget that there will be a meeting next week, with Zahrorn speaking on the Super yacht industry. The Maubisse film night fundraiser at the Star Theatre is on Thursday 4 June.

Lindsay Jolley

Rotary Secondary Schools Scholarship Night Report:

At our last meeting on May 7, we recognised the six students who received secondary scholarships at the end of the 2025 school year. The recipients were Ev Crisp (Bendigo South East College), Macey Rye (Catherine McAuley College Bendigo), Yaduraj Chopra (Girton Grammar School), Millie Blampied (East Loddon P-12), Ella Honey (Bendigo Senior Secondary College) and Tha Mu Paw Men (Crusoe College). Four of the six recipients attended on the evening, along with a parent or parents. We also welcomed five staff members from East Loddon P-12.

Each student gave a short presentation outlining their family background, hobbies/interests, how they have used the scholarship money and their plans for the future. The presentations were varied but were delivered with confidence and optimism. Students then answered questions from members about places they have travelled to, subjects being studied, hobbies/interests and their future plans. Ila and Tha Mu were unable to attend, but both submitted a letter which was read aloud.

Overall, it was a great evening. It was rewarding to see that the scholarships have gone to students who not only deserved them, but will use them to further their education. Thank you to all members who attended to support our scholarship recipients.

Mark Tracy - Scholarships Coordinator



Scholarship recipients Macey Rye, Millie Blampied, Ev Crisp and Yaduraj Chopra with Club President Lindsay Jolley and Scholarships Coordinator and meeting chair Mark Tracy.



Scholarship recipients with their family members



The East-Loddon P-12 students are always strongly supported by the teaching staff.



President Elect Cora Fuentes-Mahnic, who has been busy promoting Rotary membership in the community, brought along Leilee Clarke (left) to see what Rotary is all about.

Annie North Gardening Working Bee.

A working Bee has been scheduled for Saturday May 23 commencing at 9pm and finishing by 12.30pm followed by lunch provided by Annie North Staff. As well as our regular team members any other club members are welcome to join us. Main task will be spreading mulch underneath the playground equipment and in some of the garden beds.

Those members wanting to attend who are not members of the regular team need to bring their current working with children's check and their driver's license to be cleared at the administrative office on arrival. A police check will not be required. Closer to the event please let me know if you can attend so I can pass on numbers for catering purposes. Some extra wheel barrows, rakes and shovels would be useful too.

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.

Malaysia Special Education teachers 6 August to 5 September 2026

We still need home hosts for Malaysia Special Education teachers for their time in Bendigo. Four of the eight teachers will spend four weeks in the Bendigo special schools. They will arrive in Bendigo on Thursday 6 August and leave on Saturday 5 September 2026. They 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) or email (lj@joll.net).

Lindsay Jolley

Volunteer breakfast

The City of Greater Bendigo and North Central Catchment Management Authority are hosting a breakfast as a small token of our appreciation for your incredible contributions towards the environment. Come along for a free breakfast and an opportunity to mingle and chat with fellow volunteers and community members. Everyone will also go home with a native plant. Registrations are essential for catering purposes.

When: Wednesday 20 May, 7:30am – 9am

Where: London House, 53 Bull Street, Bendigo

Register: [National Volunteer Week Breakfast](#)

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Lu-Wei Spinks

Biodiversity Engagement Officer

City of Greater Bendigo

Rotary at work



The Rotary Club of Bendigo South team hard at work at the Mother's Day Classic fun run at Lake Neangar, Eaglehawk. The Mother's Day Classic supports breast and ovarian cancer research.

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.



Tickets must be booked directly with the Star Cinema. Search on your web browser, or use the link on the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Volunteers wanted

Wednesday 13 May	Bendigo TAFE Charleston Road Campus	11am – 1 pm. 4 volunteers
Saturday 23 May	Annie North Women’s Refuge gardening blitz	9am – 12.30pm, followed by lunch
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	BBQ 3 Volunteers

	Car Parking 11.30 – 4 pm CMC Junortoun	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

MAY IS
YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Rotary 
District 9800

*"Youth are not only the leaders of tomorrow;
they are partners for change today"*

Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
MAY THEME: YOUTH SERVICE MONTH				
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			

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
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MEMBERSHIP, COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING DIRECTOR
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VOCATIONS DIRECTOR
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER
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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