



# 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

It was quite a different speaker presentation last Thursday. We were all engrossed with the information on the superyachts and the life that the better heeled might lead. Zarhrorn Sos, our speaker, has worked on a few superyachts, reaching the level of First Officer. We heard that yachts over 24m – generally motored - are classed as superyachts with megayachts over 60m and gigayachts over 100m.



We had a good roll-up of visitors with the RC of Eaglehawk Co-President Mick Costello, wife Mandy and daughter Sophie accompanying Zarhrorn, as well as Andy Rogers, whom Ian brought along to hear about superyachts. We were glad to be able to welcome back Shishu Domondon and to briefly hear from Doris Change – Past President of the RC of Melawati, Kuala Lumpur – about how her Club is working with our Rotary Clubs (from Castlemaine to Echuca Moama) on the next visit by

Malaysian special education teachers. Doris was accompanied by her friend Lexy Lehmann, from Echuca. Yes, I am still chasing home hosts for the visit.



President Lindsay Jolley, Meeting Chair Tony Plant, guest speaker Zarhrorn Sos, and visitors RC Eaglehawk Co-President Mick Costello with wife Mandy and daughter Sophie.



Guest Doris Change (Past President of the RC of Melawati, Kuala Lumpur) with Tony and President Lindsay.

We continued our strong BBQ support for TAFE with another BBQ held at the Charleston Road campus. In a professional effort, Tony, Bob, Paul S. and George fed 200 people with sausages in fifteen minutes.

At our next meeting, Directors will be giving their reports for the year, indicating what was achieved, as well their learnings for the future. Planning is now well underway for our Changeover to welcome Cora as our 2026-27 President. Please put it in your calendar to be at the Quality Hotel Lakeside, 286 Napier Street, Bendigo on Thursday 25 June.

A reminder to Members that the half-day Club Leadership Learning Seminar (formerly the District Assembly) will be held next Saturday 24 May at Camberwell High School, Canterbury. Although primarily held to bring incoming Board Members up to date on what is happening in the District, it can also be a valuable opportunity for non-Board Members to learn more about Rotary in our District. Please see Cora or me for registration details.

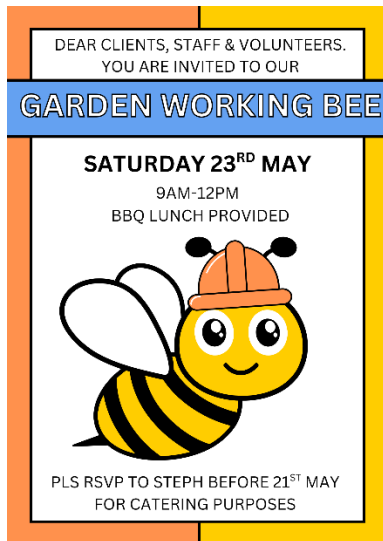
You can now book on-line at the Star Theatre for the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee film night fundraiser on Thursday 4 June. Choose your seats now.

Please keep feeding your information for the Signpost into Bernie until 23-24 May, while Shireen is away.

Lindsay Jolley

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### **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.** (I will notify Steph). Some extra wheel barrows, rakes and shovels would be useful too.

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### **Club Leadership Learning Seminar (formerly District Assembly) Sunday 24th May at Camberwell High School - 9am to 1pm**

Ready to take your Rotary journey to the next level? Rotary is not just about service projects and meetings – it's about energy, connection, and transformation. It's about people coming together to create real, lasting change in our communities and in ourselves. And it starts with YOU.

Imagine what's possible when strong, inspired leaders bring that same energy back to their clubs. This Club Leadership Learning Seminar is your chance to ignite that spark. This isn't just another training session – it's a chance to: Recharge your passion for Rotary • Connect with like-minded

leaders • Share ideas that work • Discover new ways to grow your club and expand your impact.

The day will cover:

1. Message RIPE President Olayinka Hakeem Babalola vision/ DGE Graeme Hope
2. Keynote speaker - Past RI Director Jessie Harman  
"10 Tips for Delivering an Exceptional Member Experience"
3. Membership success stories in the District - eg Rotaract, Satellite clubs
4. Legal/ Insurance/ Environment / Public Image – latest developments
5. Break- out Sessions – everything you want to know –  
Treasurer / Secretary / Foundation / Avenues of Service

*All Board members and other interested members are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for this event.*

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN - Book now at <https://www.trybooking.com/DLNGZ>**

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### **The Club Facebook Page**

Tony is now managing our Facebook page. Please remember to take pics of your Rotary activities and send with a brief description to Tony - [plantony24@gmail.com](mailto:plantony24@gmail.com)) (not to his Bigpond address).

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### **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](mailto:lj@joll.net)).

Lindsay Jolley

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### **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

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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.

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### Volunteers wanted

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 Car Parking 11.30 – 4 pm	BBQ 3 Volunteers Car Parking 6 Volunteers CMC Junortoun
Sunday July 12th	Bendigo Strikers Netball BBQ 11.30 – 4 pm Car Parking 11.30 – 4 pm	BBQ 3 Volunteers Car Parking 6 Volunteers CMC Junortoun
Sunday August 23rd	La Trobe Uni Open Day Edwards Road Plaza	8am – 1 pm 6 Volunteers
Sunday August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	RMIT Flight School BBQ Bendigo Airport	10am – 2 pm 3 Volunteers
Friday November 20 <sup>th</sup>	La Trobe Uni	11am – 1 pm - 4 Volunteers
Sunday November 29th	Mandurang Christmas Market BBQ	9am – 3pm 2 Shifts
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 program**

Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
<b>MAY THEME: YOUTH SERVICE MONTH</b>				
Thurs 21 May	Directors 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
<b>JUNE THERE: ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH</b>				
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	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:** 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