



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

Summary of Directors' presentations last Thursday

The meeting provided a good opportunity to get an update from our Directors on what we have achieved for the year. Catering continues to go strong under Gary's leadership. You would all know about the success of the Mandurang Christmas Marlet and the Christmas Trailer Raffle. The Ulumbarra Concert is still a work in progress.

Under Community Service we have continued the Annie North garden maintenance program led by Tony, supported Camp Getaway (including the Memorial Garden project), Foodshare distribution and the Bendigo Winter Night Shelter program. Gary has put a lot of effort into investigating and seeking support for the establishment of an emergency relief facility in Bendigo.

Thanks to Sue, we have had an outstanding speaker program, well supported by the various ideas coming in from Members. We should not take for granted Shireen's weekly delivery of our Signpost, which continues to keep Members up to date on what is happening. Bernie ably filled in when Shireen was absent.

Our Youth program has continued to support students with scholarships through our secondary schools, La Trobe University and TAFE. This year we were able to sponsor NYSF and RYLA attendees. Several Members ensured our success: Mark, Rod and Jan.

Heather updated us on our International contributions this year, which have been particularly strong with secondary scholarships for Maubisse, Timor Leste and donations towards the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh "Phoenix Kids" program, Wheelchairs for Kids and Operations Toilets Australia for its work in Ethiopia. The latter work included an emphasis on providing toilets for secondary girl students. Tony continues to work with other Rotary Clubs to deliver bales of knitted clothes to Timor Leste. I am working with the Rotary Clubs of Melawati, Kuala Lumpur and Echuca Moama in organising the next visit by eight Malaysian Special Education teachers.

Tony has been working with Cora to bring in new Members, and we hope to see the fruits of their labour in the next few months. Of note was the promotion of Rotary by our Valentine &

Intercultural Night Dinner Dance, organised by Cora. Tony has now ensured that our Facebook is now functional, can be updated, and is relevant. Our website has been updated, and further enhancements will be made soon.

Again, we will be donating substantially to both End Polio and the Rotary Foundation. We provided good attendance support to this year's local Foundation dinner.

It is primarily through Vocation that we have been developing partnerships with organisations outside of Rotary. Rod has actively promoted working relations with both La Trobe University and TAFE through our scholarships and organised a vocational visit to the Central Deborah Gold Mine. The annual organisation of the Science and Engineering Challenge by Rod and his committee is a flagship project for us.

Administrative support for the Club has included an update and consolidation of our awards and Friends of Rotary criteria and procedures, our Club Rules and an update by Sue of our speaker procedures. To assist good communication within the Club, I distributed a summary of each Board meeting to Members.

Thanks to all for their presentations.

Other matters

At our next meeting, we will have three scholarship recipients (Mia Braun, Alkira O'Day and Kaylea Blake) and Rachael Mason (Senior Development Officer) from La Trobe University speaking to us.

Again, a reminder about the upcoming film night, showing 'The Devil Wears Prada 2', at the Star Theatre on Thursday 4 June. This will raise funds for the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee. We support the night in lieu of our normal Club meeting.

Be ready to book your night for our Changeover Dinner at the Quality Hotel Lakeside - 286 Napier Street, Bendigo – on 25 June to welcome incoming President Cora. The cost will be \$55 per person.

Welcome back Shireen.

Lindsay Jolley

Next week: La Trobe University Scholarship Recipient Presentations

The following students will be meeting the Club and making presentations:

- Mia Braun: 2025 Rotary Club of Bendigo South /Peter Ryall Health Science Bursary
- Alkira O'Day: 2026 Rotary Club of Bendigo South/Peter Ryall Science & Engineering Bursary
- Kaylea Blake: 2026 Rotary Club of Bendigo South/Peter Ryall Health Science Bursary

In addition Rachael Mason, Senior Development Manager - Senior Development Manager Office of the Vice Chancellor - La Trobe University, will also be present to provide an insight into student life and challenges in this current economic climate.

Rod Spitty
Vocation Director

Annie North Gardening Working Bee.



Gary, Greg, Paul G and Trevor taking a break as they supervise Annie North Coordinator Steph as she gets on with loading the soft-fall mulch for the playground.



Bernie, Tony, Greg, Steph, Trevor, Gary and Paul S

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) (not to his Bigpond address).

UPDATE: Malaysia Special Education teachers Two Malaysia Special Education teachers still need home hosts for their time in Bendigo for 20 August to 5 September 2026

I now need homes to host two of the teachers for the last 17 days of their visit. They will be located at either the Bendigo Special Developmental School or at Kalianna School during their time in Bendigo. 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

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.

Volunteers wanted

Tuesday 2 June	Bendigo TAFE Hargreaves Street Campus Reconciliation Week BBQ	10am – 2 pm 4 volunteers
Sunday June 28th	Bendigo Strikers Netball	BBQ 3 Volunteers

	BBQ 11.30 – 4 pm Car Parking 11.30 – 4 pm	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 23rd	RMIT Flight School BBQ Bendigo Airport	10am – 2 pm 3 Volunteers
Friday November 20th	La Trobe Uni	11am – 1 pm - 4 Volunteers
Sunday November 29th	Mandurang Christmas Market BBQ	9am – 3pm 2 Shifts
Monday December 7th	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"*



Community tree planting at Honeyeater Bushland Reserve

Honeyeater Lane, Junortoun

Family Friendly - All welcome - Free BBQ.

Join the Junortoun community at Honeyeater Bushland Reserve,
to help plant 400 trees and shrubs and continue
the revegetation of this community-managed reserve.

Date: Saturday 13th June 2026.

Time: Tree planting day from 8:30am to 2:00pm,
with a free BBQ provided.

Bring: Gloves, boots, old clothes, digging tool (trowel, mattock, shovel),
drink bottle, hat or beanie and sunscreen or raincoat.

Access: Enter from Honeyeater Lane.
The gate will be open, follow signs to park close to the planting site.

Register: On the day.
This is important for insurance coverage.



**Honeyeater
Bushland
Reserve**



Meeting program

Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
MAY THEME: YOUTH SERVICE MONTH				
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	Meet PE Cora Fuentes-Mahnic	Lindsay		
Thurs 18 June	PE Cora – The year ahead Changeover Board meeting	Cora		
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
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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR
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CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR
FUND-RAISING and MAJOR PROJECTS DIRECTOR
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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