



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

Alkira O'Day reminded us the other night that our future is in good hands. Her appreciation for the support of her mother Anita and the \$1,000 Health Science Bursary provided by our Club in association with the Peter Ryall Trust was front and centre. She is determined to move on from her La Trobe University Bachelor of Science program to train as a pharmacist. I am confident that she will get there. It was great that her mother was able to be at our meeting. Alkira, as did Rachael Wilson, brought home to us the immense difficulties students are having to provide for their accommodation, food and transport. This need is the core of the university's current fund-raising effort – the La Trobe University Student Union has reported that 1 in 4 students skip meals due to cost. Rachael is the Senior Development Manager in the office of the Vice Chancellor, La Trobe University. I have told her that she should talk to us more about possible short-term hosting of university students over Christmas.

We also welcomed Olive, who joined us with George, and Shishu who brought her daughter Zoe to the meeting.

There will not be a meeting next Thursday 4 June. Instead, we are supporting the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee fund-raising film night – The Devil Wears Prada 2 – at the Start Theatre. Tickets are \$22 each. Book on-line now to secure your couch - <https://ticketing.oz.veezi.com/purchase/3654?siteToken=fk9a7w9v0a38ane7k2z9mdndnw>

Invitations have now been sent out 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. Please RSVP to Bernie and deposit your payment, with an indication for Treasurer Peter of who you are. Remember, that this is a busy time for Secretary Bernie as he supports the Changeover and prepares our Annual Report, while tidying up various matters for the year.

Lindsay Jolley

La Trobe University Support Programs - Notes of Meeting 28th May

At our last meeting the Club had two Guest speakers from LaTrobe University. These were:

Alkira O'Day - 2026 Scholarship recipient for Science/Engineering Peter Ryall Bursary and Rachel Mason - Senior Development Manager from the Office of Vice Chancellor. Both speakers were very interesting and appreciated by members as reflected in the numerous questions and discussion that followed their presentations.

Alkira is studying Science and intends to move into pharmacy next year. She spoke about University life and the challenges of settling in, but was enjoying the total experience of lectures, social contact and being away from her home town. She thanked the Rotary Club of Bendigo South for the financial support and advised of the financial pressures confronting any student who attends University.

Rachel Mason provided the Club with an update and thanked the Club for their ongoing support to the University which includes student scholarships, donations to the food pantry project and delivery of barbecues to University events. There are just over 4000 students attending LaTrobe University Bendigo this year and survey undertaken by the University is showing up to one in four students have financial pressure and not having enough to eat. Rachel also advised of the changing nature of the University particularly with the introduction of AI into University processes and content.

President Lindsay and Chair Rod thanked both speakers for their interesting presentations.

Rod Spitty



Akira O'Day



Rachael Mason



President Lindsay, Rachael Mason, Anita O'Day, Alkira O'Day & Rod Spitty (Vocation Director - Chair for the night)

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

Volunteers wanted

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| 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 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



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 |
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| JUNE THERE: ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH | | | | |
| Thurs 4 June | Maubisse movie night | Tony Plant | | Star Cinema |
| Thurs 11 June | Meet PE Cora Fuentes-Mahnic | Lindsay | Sue & Trevor | Lakeview Hotel |
| Thurs 18 June | PE Cora – The year ahead Changeover Board meeting | Cora | Sue & Trevor | Lakeview Hotel |
| Thurs 25 June | Changeover dinner | | | Quality Hotel Lakeside |

MAY IS

YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Rotary 
District 9800

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

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 |
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| 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