



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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Changeover Dinner is next Thursday 25 June, 6.00pm for 6.30pm start at Quality Hotel Lakeside

Lindsay's notes

Our last Club meeting for the year gave us an insight into our coming year. In-coming President Cora outlined her plans to encourage greater involvement by Club Members with Bendigo's various ethnic groups, while continuing our current programs and increasing our social activities. There is a wealth of experience and talent in the groups that would benefit Rotary. People just need to be asked to join.

We welcomed sisters Shishu and Leilee for their last visit before they are inducted as Club Members at our Changeover on Thursday 25 June, at the Quality Hotel Lakeside at 6:00pm for 6:30pm.

Heather reminded Members that she is putting the Club Meeting program together with Cora over the next couple of months and encouraged Members to give her ideas on possible speakers and activities. Ideas on social events would be welcome. Rod indicated that work would commence on the Camp Getaway Memorial Garden on 6 July.

For the Executive, this is a busy period, with Secretary Bernie, Treasurer Peter and I 'tidying up' for this Rotary year, in readiness for Cora's year. Members will be able to see their significant community contributions in our Annual Report, which will be available at the Changeover.

Lindsay Jolley



In-coming President Cora Fuentes-Mahnic



Rod Spitty updating on the Camp Getaway Memorial Garden

Supporting Wheelchairs for Kids

How your donation helps build a wheelchair piece by piece

- Tray, basket & accessories \$30
- Cushions, padding & supports \$55
- Chassis & Wheels \$85
- Frame, brakes & footrests \$130

A Complete Wheelchair \$300

Scan the QR code using your mobile phone camera
 Or go to wheelchairsforkids.org 'Set The Wheels in Motion' Appeal

Wheelchairs For Kids
 Giving freedom & mobility worldwide
www.wheelchairsforkids.org

This year, we provided \$1,200 to Wheelchairs for Kids for four wheelchairs.

Heather Nixon

Eaglehawk Rotary Raffle Support Request

Funds raised supporting Youth and International projects
The raffle will be drawn on Friday 26 June at their Club's Changeover.

A rare chance to win some of Australia's most sought after wine.

GRANGE PLUS RAFFLE

This year's prizes include the exclusive Grange x LaChapelle, not commercially available and valued at \$3,500, the 100-point Penfolds Grange 2018 valued at \$1,000, and a magnum of Penfolds Yattarna 2021, the iconic "White Grange," valued at \$500.

Total prize value of \$5,000 and only 500 tickets are available at \$50 each (or 5 for \$200).

Get your raffle ticket at www.raffetix.com.au/grangeplus

All proceeds will go to the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk's youth and international projects.

Make up a syndicate or keep this opportunity all to yourself!

Rotary Club of Eaglehawk Penfolds

Raffle by subscription only. Prizes are drawn on Friday 26 June at 7.30pm at the Eaglehawk Club. All proceeds go to the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk. For more information contact the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk. Terms and conditions apply. See website for full details.

Keys of Gold Returns This July

July is just around the corner and the Keys of Gold Classical Music Festival returns to warm the winter weekends in July. Four brilliant concerts every weekend in historic churches with historic organs. Check the website for details <https://bendigofinemusic.com>
The brainchild of Festival Director Thomas Heywood it showcases venues in Bendigo, Inglewood, Maldon and Castlemaine, featuring a brilliant array of musicians.

KEYS OF GOLD

2026

FESTIVAL LAUNCH CONCERT

IN ASSOCIATION WITH GOLDEN DRAGON MUSEUM

Soprano Merlyn Quaife joins Thomas Heywood (organ) in music by Wolff, Handel, Mozart, Strauss Sr, Puccini, Strauss Jr and Lehar

LAURISTON CHAPEL, LANGLEY ESTATE, BENDIGO
Friday 3 July, 6pm



BENDIGO FINE MUSIC

FULL PROGRAM DETAILS & TICKETS
bendigofinemusic.com

Member Baby Photo Competition
Thursday July 9th, 2026

Please bring along a photocopy or email Heather your special baby photo for your fellow members to guess who belongs to which photo.

The theme for July is Maternal & Child health, so maybe you could tell us about 1 of your memorable childhood illnesses or vaccination story



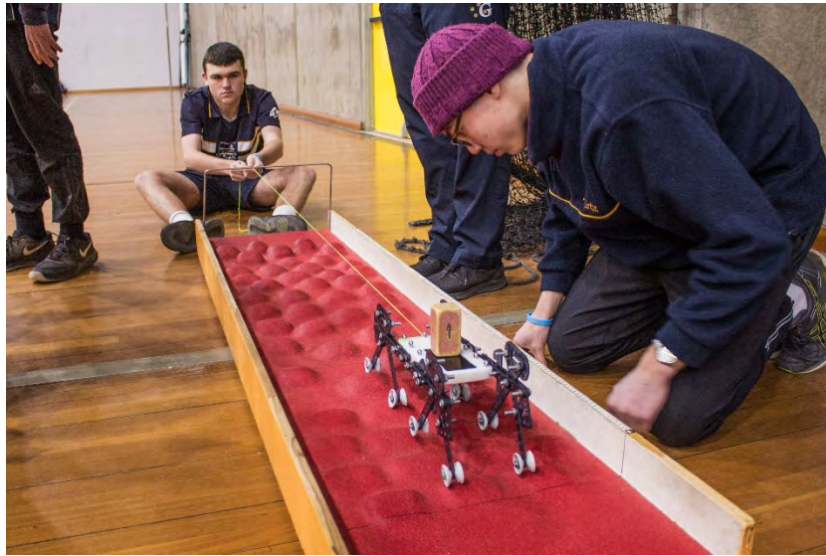
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Science and Engineering Challenge Tuesday July 28

Once again, the Rotary Club of Bendigo South will be conducting the Annual Science and Engineering Challenge for year 10 students from several local Secondary Colleges. This year's event will be held in the multi-purpose facility at Girton Grammar. To ensure this will again be great learning experience for all those students who participate we do need additional activity supervisors. The time commitment is from 8 am until 2.30 pm with lunch provided. Supervisors work together in pairs, sometimes in threes and look after just one activity for the day. Prepared instructions are provided by the University of Newcastle usually 2 weeks prior to the event. Further instructions are also provided in the morning prior to activities commencing at 9.30 am. If you would like to help, please let Tony Plant know by phoning 0408590589 or email to anthony.plant@bigpond.com If you have already let him know of availability or otherwise please ignore this request.



Photos from a previous year



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

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).

Volunteers wanted

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 Club Marist Sporting Complex Junortoun Car Parking 12 noon – 3 pm	3 Volunteers required. BBQ on the same day is cancelled
Tuesday July 14th	Bendigo TAFE Hargraves St Campus NAIDOC week BBQ	10.30am – 1 pm 4 volunteers required.
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 July 26 th	Ironbark Gully Friends BBQ Ironbark Gully Reserve Victoria St Ironbark	10am – 1pm 3 volunteers required
Sunday November 29 th	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 program

Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
JUNE THEME: ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH				
Thurs 25 June	Changeover dinner			Quality Hotel Lakeside
JULY THEME: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH				
Thurs 2 July	Gary Pinner Member talk	Geoff McKinna	Cora & Lee	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 9 July	Member Baby Photo competition	TBA	Shishu & Paul	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 16 July	Men's Shed- Barry Bell	Graham Neivandt	Jan & Ian	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 23 July	Justice of the Peace - Endel Vallak	TBA	TBA	Lake View Hotel
Thurs 30 July	Inner Wheel	Endel Vallak	TBA	Lake View Hotel



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

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