

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 could not have been prouder of how many people brought our changeover together so professionally to culminate in the induction of our 2026-27 President Cora. Seventy-nine people attended, with a good roll-up by Cora's community supporters. MC Merlyn ensured that all went smoothly and the reflections of our guests, DG Nominee Claire Davison and Deputy Mayor Cr Karen Corr, added to the night. Thanks to Alison Bacon, our Rotary Community Group North Central Victoria Leader, for her informative toast to RI. Bernie ensured timely delivery of the items for the various recognitions, Peter provided the slide show backdrop, Leilee was the night's 'official' photographer and Rowena Quirante provided a great singing performance.

The night provided a good opportunity to induct our three new members, Annette Devereaux (Financial Planning) who transferred from the Rotary Club of Geelong East, and sisters Shishu Domondon (Chef Educator) and Leilee Clarke (Hospital Administration).

I was able to announce several recognitions for service. First, we recognised the 40 years and 30 years of Rotary service reached during the year by Graham Neivandt and Anne Peace respectively.

The President chooses the Max Ellis Award recipient. I had no doubt in awarding the perpetual trophy to Sue Duncan for her outstanding work in managing this year's speaker program.

Paul Sherwood was announced as the Royce Abbey Awardee for his positive and solid contributions to our Club in his first few years.

The Board recognised six Paul Harris Fellows (PHFs). Non-Rotarian Daniel Giles OAM was recognised for his work in educating the community about autism. He was accompanied by his father Daryl, who continues to support Daniel's work.

A Paul Harris Fellow Memorial Certificate for the late Ron Devereaux was presented to his daughter Annette.

Trevor Hawking, Glenn Madden, Sue Duncan and Bernie Young were recognised with PHFs for their significant work in the Club, helping it to make a positive difference for our local community and overseas.

The evening ended with inducted President Cora presenting her new Board and outlining her intention to promote greater engagement with Bendigo's diverse multi-cultural communities, while seeking new members from those communities.

Everyone should give themselves 'a clap on the back' for a job well done throughout the year. It was great to announce that Gary had established a committee this week with the other Rotary clubs to progress the possible establishment of an emergency relief centre in Bendigo.

Next week you will get an opportunity to learn more about Gary when he presents his Member talk.

Tony is still seeking activity supervisors for the Science and Engineering Challenge to be held at the multi-purpose facility at Girton Grammar School on Tuesday 28 July. Please contact him if you can help on the day.

This is my last regular Lindsay's notes, as I hand over to Cora. I wish Cora all the Best in her 2026-27 Rotary year, knowing that she has the full support of our Club.

A special thankyou goes to Shireen for her excellent work in getting our Signpost out every week.

Lindsay Jolley



New Board of Directors – 2026-2027

From Left: Lindsay Jolley, Rod Spitty, Bernard Young, Heather Nixon, Gary Pinner, Tony Plant, Peter Kilpatrick and Cora Fuentes-Mahnic



New members.

2nd from the left: Annette Devereaux (Financial Planning) and sisters Shishu Domondon (Chef Educator) and Leilee Clarke (Hospital Administration).



Flower presenters.

From right: Merlyn Newman, Sheryl Manuel and Arceli Cahill



*District Governor Nominee Claire Davison, Nena Romero Herrera, Cora Fuentes-Mahnic, Gary Pinner, Bernard Young and Merlyn Quaife AM.
Cr Karen Corr is standing in the right background talking to Daryl and Daniel Giles OAM.*

City of Greater Bendigo men's health lunch at the Adam St Depot.



Heather Nixon, Geoff McKinna and Paul Sherwood serving, and Tony Plant and Gary Pinner cooking for 250 workers.

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 Snr, Puccini,
Strauss Jnr
and Lehar

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

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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.

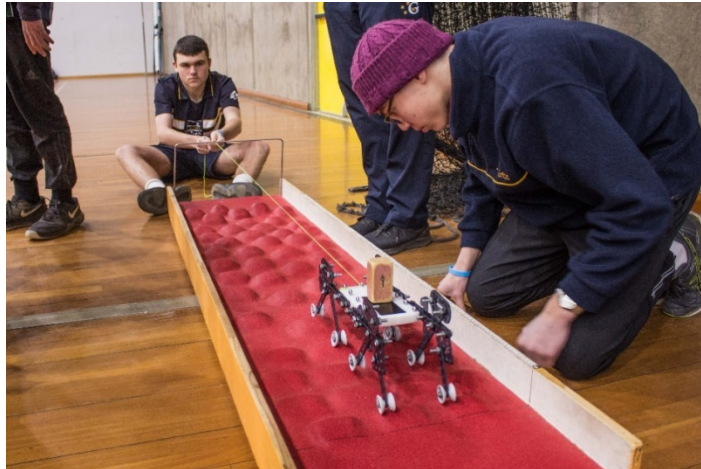
The theme for July is Maternal & Child health, so maybe you could tell us about 1 of your memorable childhood illnesses or vaccination story



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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 previous year



NEWS FLASH: The accommodation needed for two Malaysia Special Education teachers has been reduced to 13 nights, from 20 August to 2 September 2026

The teachers 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 - planttony24@gmail.com) (not to his Bigpond address).

Volunteers wanted

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.
Tuesday July 21st	TAFE Welcome Day Hargraves Street Campus 10 am – 1 pm	4 volunteers required
Tuesday July 28th	TAFE Welcome Day BBQ Charlston Rd Campus 10.30 – 1 30pm	3 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 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

Meeting program

Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
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
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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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