



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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Vice President Lindsay's notes

We had a great night at Gateway Park with the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat. Forty-six Rotarians and partners, Inner Wheel members, and friends of Cora enjoyed Shishu's Filipino cooking. Shishu was helped by two students. Some plastic containers of her tasty desert left the building for seconds. Thank you, Shishu.

We also had Heikhal Hamzah with us. Heikhal is the Head of the Strategic Planning & Communication Division of SEAMEO SEN (South East Asian Ministers of Education Organization, Regional Centre for Special Education Needs). He is visiting Bendigo and Echuca for a week while the Malaysian Special Education teachers are here and is looking at how our Special Education programmes operate.

A big thanks to Shireen, Bernie, Gary, George and Glen for transporting Jing Wen and Nivetha, two of our visiting Malaysian teachers, to and from the Bendigo Special Development School. Also, thanks to Paul S. for taking Jeevi and Aidi, the other two teachers based in Bendigo, to the RC of Eaglehawk meeting. I am appreciative of the welcome given by all Rotary clubs in Bendigo and Castlemaine to our four Bendigo teachers during their club visits.

The visit by the teachers was rounded off with a pleasant Saturday lunch for 26 people at the Lake View Hotel. All eight teachers attended along with school representatives, home hosts, Heikhal and Rotarians, including Dr Nivan and Nitya from the RC of Melawati in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Each teacher received a plaque commemorating their visit.

We will be back at the Lake View Hotel next week to hear Lizzie Mettam talk about DV Phone Safe.

Lindsay Jolley
Vice President



New member and masterchef Shishu Domondon and her two assistants on the tools.



Mmmmmmmmmmmmm!!!! Let's eat Filipino!



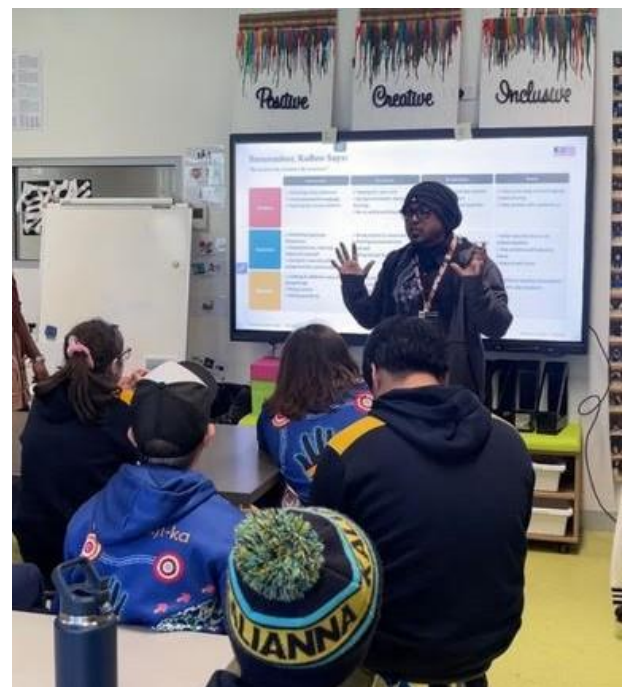
Merlyn was joined by Jan and four of her Chinese student friends from La Trobe Uni.

Out and about with the Malaysian special education teachers



The farewell luncheon celebration for the Malaysian Special Education teachers at the Lake View Hotel on Saturday.

Following pictures: Guided tour of Global Village Learning (GVL) at the Old Castlemaine Goal, led by Reuben; Nur Syazmimie and Jamuan (both are based at Echuca Twin Rivers School) at the Buda Heritage garden; the steam train trip to Maldon; Nevitha, Aidi and Jeevi; Kate Miller (RC Echuca Moama), Rachel and Lindsay Mt Tarrengower Tower overlooking Maldon; Jeevi teaching a class at Kalianna school.



More of Rotary at work



BBQ masterchef Paul S on the tools at the La Trobe Uni Open Day on Sunday 23 August.



Sunday Morning was perfect weather as the club served 350 Egg and Bacon Roles to a large La Trobe Open Day Crowd. The Bushmaster Vehicle was on display. Paul, Gary, George, Trevor, Jam and Rod were kept very busy throughout the morning.

It was a very enjoyable morning with La Trobe University Bendigo who conducted a brilliant Open Day as to what is on offer course wise at the University. There were many people out and about inquiring as to future and current studies at the University.

Rod Spitty

The Club Facebook Page

Send pics of your Rotary activities with captions to Tony's gmail - planttony24@gmail.com

Meeting program

Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
SEPTEMBER THEME: BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY				
Thurs 3 Sept	DV Phone Safe Lizzie Mettam	Merlyn	Peter and Annette	Lake View Hote
Thurs 10 Sept	District Governor's visit	Gary	Glenn and Rod	Lake View Hote
Thurs 17 Sept	Alf Anderson: Life as a UK Bobby	Ian Ellis	Bernie and Greg	Lake View Hote
Thurs 24 Sept	Vocational Visit – JL King – Details TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
OCTOBER THEME: ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
Thurs 1 Oct	Patrice McCarthy Phoenix FM 106.7	Lyn	TBA	Lake View Hote
Thurs 8 Oct	First quarter reporting	Cora	TBA	Lake View Hote
Sunday 18 Oct	Winery lunch	Trevor and Paul		

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Merlyn Quaife

Volunteers wanted

Sunday 13 Aug	Bike Bendigo BBQ, Lake Weeroona	10.30 – 1 pm. 3 volunteers
Saturday 19 Sept	BFL Grand Final Day BBQ	9am–12.30, & 12.30 – 4pm 6 volunteers each shift
Sunday 4 Oct	Bendigo Fire Brigade Open Day BBQ Deborah St Quarry Hill	10am - 1pm 2 volunteers
Friday 23 Oct and Sat 24 Oct	Bendigo Show	10am – 1pm & 1pm – 4 pm 3 volunteers each shift
Friday 20 Nov	La Trobe Uni BBQ	10.30 – 1.30 4 volunteers
Saturday 28 Nov	Activism Against Family Violence BBQ Canterbury Park Eaglehawk	8 am – 11 am 3 volunteers
Sunday 29 Nov	Mandurang Christmas Market BBQ	9am – 12.30, & 12.30 – 4pm 4 volunteers each shift
Monday 7Dec	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

Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee 20th celebration

Dear friends,

We'd love you to join us as we celebrate two decades of friendship and partnership between the Bendigo and Maubisse communities. Planning for the evening is well underway, and we're delighted to present an exciting program featuring Kirsty Sword Gusmão and Her Excellency Ms Inês Maria de Almeida, Ambassador of Timor-Leste to Australia.

We're also delighted to announce that Paulo Almeida and Friends will perform during the evening. A highly regarded Timorese-Australian musician with more than 25 years of international performing experience, Paulo is renowned for music that celebrates Timorese culture, identity and connection.

Hosted by Jonathan Ridnell, the evening will also include historical displays reflecting on twenty years of partnership, opportunities to reconnect with old friends and supporters, and the ceremonial cutting of our anniversary cake.

Friday 18 September 2026, Bendigo Club, 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm.

Tickets are \$36.50 per person and include finger food throughout the evening, with drinks available for purchase from the bar. Book early to avoid disappointment. [Book online HERE](#)

Whether you've travelled to Maubisse, sponsored a scholarship, volunteered your time, supported a fundraiser, or simply cheered us on over the past twenty years, we'd love to celebrate this milestone with you. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Rod Flavell
President

[Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee](#)

Email: bendigomaubissefriends@gmail.com



H.E. Ms. Inês de Almeida
Ambassador of Timor-Leste



Dr Kirsty Sword-Gusmao, AO
Founder of the Aloka Foundation



live music by
Paulo Almeida & Friends
Dill All Stars & Sol Nation



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Friday September 18

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AUGUST IS

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District 9800

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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

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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