



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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President's report

Greetings, First, I would like to thank VP Lindsay Jolley for taking over, whilst I was away, this goes to all Board Members and our fellow Rotarians. We are so fortunate knowing that we have so many members ready to step up on a given time.

Last Thursday, we had the pleasure to welcome our guest speaker, Lizzie Mettam from DV Safe Phone based from Melbourne. Lizzie is also responsible bringing this program to many areas of Victoria, now expanding to regional communities as well as to various states; expanding to SA, WA and Tasmania, working towards bringing this program nationwide, aiming to raise awareness.

Lizzie has given us an insight of the importance of the Safe Phone Program, which majority servicing women and children, experiencing domestic violence situations. Lizzie emphasised that DV Phone Program is a tool, in putting together a safety plan for DV victims leading towards a normal life. Lizzie, explained her many roles attached to this program and her forming valuable partnerships with corporate agencies and community organisations.

So, if you have old mobile phone lying around, collecting dust, bring this to Merlyn.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thanked Rotarian Shishu , for a wonderful job in putting together our Club's first social gathering in partnerships with Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club. Shishu single handedly cooked all the yummy traditional Filipino Dishes to the delights of all guests with the assistance of two young Filipino students. Well done to all people involved.

Members Reports:

- Rod Spitty: Get together at Camp Getaway re: RYPEN Program, sponsoring Jason Moore, (student) more of this topic will be in Rod's Report in Signpost.
- Gary Pinner: Talking about the needs for assistance with our upcoming BBQs... more info will be in Signpost Bulletin

- Lyn Comer: Happily informed members that we are successful for recent funding application added towards the Christmas Market. Lyn also talked about the upcoming Market at Lansell Square.... First Market on Saturday 3rd October...more info will be in our Signpost Bulletin.

I would like to thank our high esteemed Rotarian Merlyn Quaife for Chairing tonight's meeting.

Yours in Rotary
Cora Fuentes-Mahnic
President



Guest speaker Lizzie Mettam from DV Safe Phone with meeting chair and club DV Safe Phone champion Merlyn Quaife AM.

October social event

Trevor Hawking and Paul Sherwood have planned a winery lunch on Sunday 18 October 2026.

Date and time: 12 noon, Sun 18 Oct 2026

Where: Munari Wines - [1129 Northern Highway, Ladys Pass](#) (Heathcote)

Cost: \$40ph for pizzas and charcuterie boards plus drinks.

Tasting Cost: \$10 to taste 6 different wines but free with a purchase of a bottle of wine.

Pay on the day at winery.

Please call or text Trevor - 0428066838 or Paul - 0408512537 if you can come, and how many people please. **RSVP: Fri 16 Oct.**

Bendigo Rotary Foundation Dinner

Tuesday, 27 October, at the Bendigo Club. Please put it in your diary. More details to come.

Lindsay Jolley
Director, Foundation

Power transformer for water supply in Ethiopia

The photos below show the progress on installing the electric power transformer to be used for connecting the Shurmo water supply pump to the electricity grid. Our Club contributed \$2,500 towards the \$16,330 cost for the project. Rotary Clubs provided \$12,500 of the cost, with the community providing the difference. International Need Australia has advised that there had been a delay mostly due to the economic shocks of the past months that hindered transportation and movements in general and that the government, which is in charge of undertaking the electrical works, is under pressure with the many interventions needed in the area.

IPP Lindsay Jolley



Jason Moore RYPEN Club Representative and Outbound Exchange Student

On Saturday 5 Sept I attended the two day RYPEN Conference at Camp Getaway to see RYPEN in action with 36 Youth Participants from two Districts and to meet our Club Representative Jason Moore from Heathcote. The workshop was extremely well conducted. Jason is also being sponsored as an Outbound Exchange Student to the Czech Republic during this Rotary Year. He will be attending a Club Meeting on the 17th September to meet the Club and introduce himself.

Rod Spitty, Youth Director

Invitation: Dementia Alliance's 2nd birthday



We would love you to join us as we celebrate Dementia Alliance's 2nd birthday at Reflections at Eppalock.

It's a wonderful opportunity for us to pause and celebrate just how far we have come, share some of the programs, projects and spaces that have been developed, and most importantly thank the people and organisations who have supported us along the way.

We'll also be sharing some of our plans and aspirations for the future, and there will be plenty of time to enjoy the surrounds, catch up with others and simply celebrate together. We would be delighted if you could join us.

Please let us know if you are able to attend.

Warmly
Sandra Slatter

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 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	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		







EXCLUSIVE EVENT!

UNDERGROUND PIANO CONCERT

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF GOLD IN BENDIGO

FEATURING
YASMIN ROWE & IAN MUNRO

CENTRAL DEBORAH GOLD MINE,
BENDIGO

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2026

YOUR EXPERIENCE BEGINS AT 4PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
bendigofinemusic.com



Bendigo Fine Music event

Bendigo Fine Music Celebrates the 175th Anniversary of the discovery of Gold with a piano concert down the Central Deborah Mine! Never before has a grand piano been put down a mine - plenty of concerts in the adits of mines - but this is a first!!

Merlyn Quaife

Volunteers wanted

Sunday 13 Sept	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

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

Dr Kirsty Sword-Gusmão, AO
Founder of the Alola Foundation

Live music by
Paulo Almeida & Friends
Dili All Stars & Sol Nation

BENDIGO-MAUBISSE FRIENDSHIP INC.
20 YEARS OF SUPPORT 2006-2026
invites you to
CELEBRATE
20 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP
6:00 PM
Friday September 18
Bendigo Club, Strathdale
SCAN HERE FOR TIX:
OR GO TO:
www.tinyurl.com/BMFC20

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

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

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR

Graeme Hope

DISTRICT 9800 NC VIC COMMUNITY LEADER

Peter Shephard

CLUB PRESIDENT

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Tony Plant

CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR

Tony Plant/Gary Pinner

FUND-RAISING and MAJOR PROJECTS DIRECTOR

Gary Pinner

VOCATIONS DIRECTOR

Rod Spitty

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR & IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Lindsay Jolley

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Shireen Yeoh

CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER

Geoff McKinna

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