



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 to my fellow Rotarians and our distinguished guests. It is our pleasure to welcome the visiting Rotarians, their partners, and members of the community, including: President Joy Bruce and Garry Gunnell from Rotary Club of Bendigo, Alf Anderson and his fiancée Sophie Ellis, Vicki Ellis, her mother and beloved wife of our Rotarian Ian Ellis who is our chairperson tonight, Alisha Lakey, Vicky Reyes representing Bendigo Filipino Community, and Heather Nixon's sister Vivian.

We also welcome Jason Moore, RYPEN Club Representative and outbound Exchange Student to Prague, Czech Republic.

Our guest speaker, Alf, delivered an engaging and informative presentation about his experiences as a police officer in the United Kingdom. Through a detailed video presentation, he shared thought-provoking insights into his career journey from the British Transport Police to the Metropolitan Police Service, offering a frontline perspective shaped by more than ten years of public service. Alf concluded his presentation by responding to a range of insightful questions from the audience.

Jason Moore also spoke about his personal journey, including his experiences with other exchange students at training camp and his forthcoming opportunity to participate in a student exchange in the Czech Republic. He also shared his hopes, ambitions, and aspirations for the future. We wish Jason every success as he embarks on this exciting journey in January 2027 and look forward to welcoming him home upon his return.

Fellow Rotarians; Rod Spitty, Tony Plant, Paul Sherwood and Gary Pinner have given us their reports, which are included in our Signpost Bulletin. I would like to thank our Rotarian Ian Ellis, our chairperson for tonight, for a job well done.

With warm regards in Rotary,
Cora Fuentes-Mahnic
President



Guest speaker Alf Anderson, and Alf with President Cora, his wife Sophie Ellis, and other Ellis Family members Rotarians Max and Ian, and Ian's wife Vicki.



Other guests this week were second speaker Jason Moore pictured with Youth Director Rod Spitty, and RC Bendigo members Joy Bruce (President) and Garry Gunnell. President Cora's Filipina friend Vicky also joined us again

JL King vocational visit

The club event for Thursday September 24 is a visit to JL King Wholesalers of fresh food products. Address is [21 Brickworks Road](#), off Murphy Street Bendigo East. Please be there by 5.30pm to commence the tour. It is anticipated the tour will take about an hour and a meal will follow, most likely to be at the Botanical Gardens Hotel in White Hills. Website jlking.com.au.

Accurate numbers for the tour are not essential but to book a hotel for dinner, I need meal attendee numbers a week prior to the event to make these arrangements.

Tony Plant
Club Service Director

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 – 0428 066 838 or Paul – 0408 512 537 if you can come, and how many people please. **RSVP: Fri 16 Oct.**

Rotary at work



The Rotary Club of Bendigo South did a BBQ for Bike Bendigo last Sunday morning. The weather was perfect at Lake Weeroona and the cyclists and general public were deeply appreciative of the BBQ service as the morning ride was about regular cycling and recognising the recent Cycling Pathway Improvements (in the Bendigo Creek Area and Lake Weeroona) undertaken by the City of Greater Bendigo.

Gary, Merlyn and Rod had a fun, relaxing morning providing the BBQ service.

This Saturday, the Rotary Club of Bendigo South combined forces with the Rotary Club of Bendigo to raise funds for Nepal Floods at the Football Finals. The Queen Elizabeth Oval looked a picture under perfect weather. The Event was attended by thousands of supporters in what was a very busy catering project for both Clubs. Bendigo was simply buzzing with the tulips also in full bloom.

Rod Spitty



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

Meeting program

Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
SEPTEMBER THEME: BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY				
Thurs 24 Sept	Vocational Visit – JL King 5.30pm.	Tony		21 Brickworks Rd, Bendigo East
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	Munari Winery lunch 12pm. Ladys Pass	Trevor and Paul		1129 Northern Highway
Thurs 22 Oct	EWASH in Ethiopia	Lindsay	TBA	Lake View Hote
Tues 27 Oct	Bendigo Rotary Foundation dinner	Wayne Smith		Bendigo Club
Thurs 29 Oct	Mental Health. Manorama Shah Bendigo Comm Health	Heather	TBA	Lake View Hote




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
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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

Saturday 3 Oct	Lansell Square market BBQ	10am - 3pm. 3 volunteers
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
Saturday 7 Nov	Lansell Square market BBQ	10am - 3pm. 3 volunteers
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
Saturday 5 Dec	Lansell Square market BBQ	10am - 3pm. 3 volunteers
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

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

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DISTRICT 9800 NC VIC COMMUNITY LEADER

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Heather Nixon

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CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR

Tony Plant/Gary Pinner

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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