Rotary Bendigo South

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... Hello to our esteemed fellow Rotarians and partners.

Last Thursday, we have the pleasure to welcome Julie Sloan and Patrice McCarthy, Broadcasters from our local Community Radio Station, PhoenixFM 106.7 MHz, 128 Reservoir Road, Kennington, also streamed on the world wide web on www.phoenixfm.org.au. (will relocate soon to a new studio at Crook Street, commencing December 2026).

Patrice presents Glory Days Program on every Monday (1:00 to 2:00 pm); whilst Julie is presenting Bats and Banters (Monday 12 to 1Pm) and Tuesday Brunch (10 am till 12 noon). Both, Patrice and Julie informed our members a succinct history about themselves, their backgrounds and the reasons of their interactions with PhoenixFM as well as explaining the intricacies in maintaining a community radio station, run by community volunteers. Adding that PhoenixFM is a remarkable and genuine Community Access radio station, staff by well over 100 Members and Presenters alike who voluntarily contribute their skills, commitments and boundless enthusiasm on every aspects of the station daily operations.

They talked about the varieties of in placed programs catering to all listeners alike, not just locally and within the station's listening areas but all over the world through simultaneous broadcasting on the web. With over 150 hours per week of program content operation presented directly from the studio at Reservoir Road, emphasising the high quality of sound and frequency supported by the highest standard of technical expertise, making PhoenixFM one of the most technically advanced community radio stations in Australia.

Both also enthusiastically informed our colleagues that PhoenixFM are recipients of various awards and accolades from its broadcasting techniques and overall presentations, to program presenters and radio programming from the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA) and from the National Ethnic Multicultural Broadcasting Council (NEMBC) now Multicultural Voices Australia and from Community Organisations. So folks, look no further, listen to PhoeixFM on 106.7 MHz on 24 hours of broadcasting. Happy Listening.

Reports/Reminders:

- On Thursday (next week) 8th October we will have our First Quarterly Report – pointing out what we achieved based on our Yearly Master Plan.
- I would like to request for each Club Directors and Program Coordinators to put together Progress Reporting. Please, forward copies to myself and Bernie.
- Tony – informed members of the roster for Rotary Christmas Raffle Trailer and assistance re: Timor Leste Project (more info on Signpost).
- Paul – informed of the upcoming Winery Tour on Sunday, 18th October, Munari Winery Lunch (more info at Signpost)
- Lyn – reminding that Lansell Square Community Market and BBQ commence this Saturday, 3rd October from 10 am till 3 pm (more info at Signpost)
- Lindsay – reminding for the upcoming Rotary Foundation Dinner on Tuesday, 27th October at the Bendigo Club (more info at Signpost)

I would like to thank our very own Rotarian extraordinaire Lyn Comers for Chairing on tonight's meeting and also thanking Tony McCarthy for joining us tonight... a special mention that Tony and Patrice are cousins, growing up together, that's very sweet to know that 'they are both supporting each other.

Yours in Rotary
Cora Fuentes-Mahnic
President





Guest speakers Patrice McCarthy and Julie Sloan with meeting chair Lyn Comer.

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October social event

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. Pay on the day at winery.
Tasting Cost: $10 to taste 6 different wines but free with a purchase of a bottle of wine.
Please call or text Trevor Hawking (0428 066 838) or Paul Sherwood (0408 512 537) if you can come, and how many people please. **RSVP: Fri 16 Oct**.

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First Lansell Square Market and BBQ





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Meeting program

Date	Speakers	Chairperson	Meet & Greet	Venue
OCTOBER THEME: ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
Thurs 8 Oct	First quarter reporting	Cora	Tony	Lake View Hote
Sunday 18 Oct	Munari Winery lunch 12pm. Ladys Pass	Trevor and Paul		1129 Northern Highway
Thurs 22 Oct	Overcoming poverty in Ethiopia - Kebede Wolde-Giorgis, BBBC	Lindsay	Heather	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

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Volunteers wanted

Friday 23 Oct 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

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Rotary's Work in Ethiopia

Our meeting of 22 October will give you a valuable opportunity to hear from Kebede Wolde-Giorgis [Director of Bole Bible Baptist Church (BBBC)] about Rotary's partnership with the BBBC and International Needs Australia (INA) in Ethiopia. Over the last two years our Club has provided $10,090 for toilet blocks for secondary school girls and $2,500 towards local water supplies. I was fortunate to be able to visit the project area with Kebede in late 2025.

Lindsay Jolley



Kebede Wolde-Giorgis leads BBBC, a long-term partner of INA, based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, with a significant history of helping those most in need in Ethiopia, stretching back to the late 1960s.

With decades of experience in mission and development work including many years leading BBBC, Kebede brings deep, on-the-ground insights into what it really takes to lift families and whole communities out of extreme poverty. Under his leadership, BBBC supports vulnerable women, children and families through effective education, health and nutrition, clean water and sanitation, sustainable livelihoods, and child sponsorship programs. Their impactful work has brought hope and lasting change to tens of thousands of Ethiopia's most vulnerable households.

Kebede is a thoughtful and committed voice on locally led development and what it looks like when international partnerships are genuine and equal, and what it takes to create change that really lasts. His leadership is rooted in his strong personal faith, compassion, and a lifelong commitment to his country and its people.

Bole Bible Baptist Church
Child Care and Community Development

LOCAL LEAD PARTNER OF

ina international needs australia



ROTARY D9800
FORMER GOLDFIELDS CLUSTERS
2026 FOUNDATION DINNER

Rotarians, Partners and Guests are cordially invited to attend our Foundation Dinner to be held on Tuesday 27th October 2026 at 6:30pm for 7:00pm at The Bendigo Club, Park Street, Strathdale.

Come and join Past District Governor Peter Shepheard and District Foundation Director Julie Mason for an evening of great fellowship and a little fund raising for the "End Polio Now" Project.

Tickets: $60 per person for a three-course meal and a welcoming drink on arrival.
Other drinks during the evening at bar prices.
RSVP no later than 20TH October 2026 but earlier advice to
Wayne Smith, RC of Bendigo at chartall@bigpond.com would be appreciated.
Payments can be made by Direct Debit to
The Rotary Club of Bendigo BSB: 633000 Account No: 159 247 410
or via your Club Foundation Director

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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

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FREE EVENT

Walk and run against family violence



Walk for Change. Run for Respect.

Saturday November 28, 2026 • 8am - 11.30am
Eaglehawk Precinct (Canterbury Park event space)

Join us for a free community event featuring:

- 8km Run
- 4km Run/Walk

Free activities

Children's craft activities –face painting – Storytime

Food and drink

Free fresh fruit – $3 egg and bacon rolls (Rotary) – Coffee with a Cop – Coliban Water Refill Station (BYO drink bottle)

Scan the QR code to register

Part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

www.facebook.com/GBAgainstFamilyViolence

Greater Bendigo Against Family Violence

RESPECT VICTORIA

SAFE+EQUAL Standing strong against family violence

SUMMER IN THE PARKS

PETER KRENZ LEISURE CENTRE

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO

Rotary
Club of Echuca Moama

Shop Local Night

Come along for a great night out of shopping and fun!
Grab all your Christmas gifts while supporting local business



⭐ Door prizes & raffles ⭐
⭐ 15+ participating shops ⭐
⭐ Exclusive specials ⭐

Thursday 19 November 2026
Meet from 5pm at Bar Lee
Shopping from 6pm



Tickets: $5 per person
Scan the QR code for tickets or visit:
www.trybooking.com/DQITQ

COMMITTEE FOR 4EM ECHUCA MOAMA

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 Shepheard
CLUB PRESIDENT	Cora Fuentes-Mahnic
VICE PRESIDENT& IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	Lindsay Jolley
SECRETARY	Bernie Young
TREASURER	Peter Kilpatrick
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR	Endel Vallak
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR	Rod Spitty
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR	Heather Nixon
MEMBERSHIP, COMMS and MARKETING DIRECTOR	Tony Plant
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR	Tony Plant/Gary Pinner
FUND-RAISING and MAJOR PROJECTS DIRECTOR	Gary Pinner
VOCATIONS DIRECTOR	Rod Spitty
FOUNDATION DIRECTOR	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

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