Rotary Club of Bendigo South SIGNPOST

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Meets Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Lakeview Hotel (TBC weekly)

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President's Report

We hit 2023 running with a great Meeting at the Lakeview followed by a Board Meeting. Julie Amos, the General manager of BV&E was our guest speaker and filled us in on her most interesting life. Julie is a country girl who grew up in Grafton, one of three girls brought up by a single dad. She is the only one to have left Grafton. As you might expect of a country girl, Julie is a whip-cracking champion and an Equestrian – she still competes in and judges events. Julie also played flute and saxophone and went on to complete a BMus in flute which was followed by a Bachelor of Fine Arts. In her final year she took a subject in Theatre Studies which looked at all the technical aspects of theatre – she was hooked!

She started doing Stage Management, and has worked for an interesting variety of organisations developing expertise in the many aspects of live theatre/music/circus/touring/promotion etc etc which of course makes her the perfect person to become the General Manager of BE&V and move to Bendigo! If you want more detail, check her out on Linkdin.

In only one year Julie has truly embraced her role and already knows Bendigo's theatre history pretty impressively. Last year, post pandemic, saw the Arts really take off and here in Bendigo BE&V had their biggest year to date in the number of events and audience size. BE&V is a not-for-profit organisation that puts money back into the Arts and Artists and creating experiences for the community. Julie is excited about the addition of a children's venue at this year's Writers Festival and thrilled to report that Wagner's Ring Cycle has attracted overseas visitors, something that even the Elvis exhibition didn't do!

No Meeting next week, being Australia Day – we are back at Lake Weeroona with a BBQ, we need many hands, so make sure you've signed up with George.

Merlyn Quaife AM





JANUARY/FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Thurs 26th January No Meeting due to Australia Day

Thurs 2nd February Lake View Hotel

Report of the Second Quarter and Club Forum

Chair: Merlyn Quaife

Sunday 5th February Social visit to Echuca followed by afternoon tea at

Matthew Scott's house

Thurs 9th February Lake View Hotel

Guest Speaker: Andrew Coldwell - Imagine Library

Chair: Tony Plant

Thurs 16th February Lake View Hotel

3 year Plan Development Workshop

Chair: Merlyn Quaife

Meet the DG and For a meal

This Working Bee will be a Cluster hands-on event conducted at the RC Eaglehawk's club rooms at School St., California Gully from 11am until approximately 4pm.

All the Ingredients and equipment required will be coming from Melbourne so all that is required is for as many members as possible to come along and assist with the packing.

A TryBooking.com event has been set up so that we can best keep track of attendees. It takes 2-3 minutes and will be very helpful to the organisers.

https://www.trybooking.com/CFFDL





Visit to Echuca Feb 5

A plan is coming together for our visit to Echuca with afternoon tea at Matthew's home. We are going to take advantage of lunch in Rochester to put a few dollars into the community as they struggle back from the floods. Consider filling up with petrol, buying something in a shop etc

12.00 lunch at The Rochester

1.45ish check out the new bridge in Echuca

We will need to know numbers for lunch by January 31

Please sms Merlyn on 0404 704 705 if you are joining our excursion!!

Rochester House-Sitters

If you are going away for an extended period, consider offering your home to house-sitters from Rochester. Brian Griffiths and his partner Angela are an example of the many Rochester residents who are living in caravans until their homes are once again habitable.





Guest speaker Julie Amos, the General manager of BV&E

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Constructed wetlands guided inspection

Interested members and friends are invited to save the date of Saturday 18 February at 8.30am if you wish to participate in a guided tour of recent works to construct wetlands in a degraded Gully in East Bendigo. The gully is adjacent to the O'Keefe Rail Trail west of Murphy Street, located between the Bendigo Railway Workshops (Southern Shorthaul Railway) and Empire Rubber.

The gully was badly degraded by past mining, weed infestation and neglect, and then burnt in a wildfire several years ago. Subsequently City of Greater Bendigo natural reserves manager Mark Tuohey has implemented substantial earthworks to create wetlands and facilitate revegetation with native species.

The inspection tour, to be led by Mark, has been organised by the Ironbark Gully Friends Landcare Group, and the Riley Street Friends, who are rehabilitating on old clay extraction site nearby in Riley Street. A walk through their revegetation works will also be included. The two groups are developing a collaborative relationship.

The meeting place will be confirmed closer to the date. Give me a call if you have any queries.

Bernie Young Environment Coordinator 0467 619 258













Get ready to Imagine What's Next with Rotary! Rotary members like you are taking action and creating meaningful change in communities worldwide.

At past conventions, you've seen what we can accomplish when we come together and share our passion for Doing Good in the World. We're excited to keep the momentum going in 2023. **Join us in the beautiful city of Melbourne, Australia, 27-31 May** to connect with other people of action. We'll hear from great speakers, enjoy fantastic entertainment, take part in inspirational breakout sessions, and so much more.

Register today to receive the reduced rate. Don't wait, because this rate expires on 15 December.

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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



WHO'S WHO?

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CLUSTER CLUB MEETING TIMES

DISTRICT 9800 GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER ROTARY CLUBS

RC KANGAROO FLAT: Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park

Secretary - Geoff Wakefield 0408510218

RC BENDIGO: Tuesday 12:45pm, Bendigo Club, Park Street, Kennington. Secretary: Kaye Lehmann – <u>kaye.l.lehmann@gmail.com</u> 0418 355 253

RC ECHUCA MOAMA: Last Tuesday of month - 6 for 6:30pm, Rotary Community Park, Rose Street, Echuca.

RC BENDIGO SANDHURST: Wednesday 7am for 7.30am start, Fosterville Gold Tennis Centre, Nolan St Bendigo

Secretary: John Harkin - 0409957000

RC EAGLEHAWK: Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

Contact on 0428468298

RC ROCHESTER: Thursday 6pm, The Court House building, Moore Street (Opp. G. Nelson Motors)

Contact - Heather Watson on 0439842177

RC CASTLEMAINE: Wednesday 6:30pm, The Cumberland Hotel

Secretary - Lyndal McClure 044339116