

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

Under the experienced hand of Keith Ryall our Meeting devoted to our new Three Year Plan went ahead smoothly and efficiently. Many items from the old Plan just rolled over, but others were discarded or slightly altered. Welcome additions are more combined Club activities which we have started to experience with the Christmas Trailer Raffle, Trivia Night etc. We now have the opportunity to join with RC Bendigo and their carpark activities.

Our new Member Shireen Yeoh, an Immigration Lawyer, was inducted and she will do a New Member talk at our next Meeting. We also welcomed Kerri Maybury who is also joining our Club.

I would like to extend my thanks to Glenn Madden for agreeing to take on Youth for the remainder of this Rotary year.

Stay cool!!

Merlyn Quaife AM

Our wishes go to our esteemed Member Anne Peace who recently had a heart attack - fortunately in the foyer of the hospital! Speedy recovery Anne!!



FEBRUARY/MARCH PROGRAM

Thurs 23rd February	Lake View Hotel New member talk & meet Lake View Hotel publican Chair: Merlyn Quaife
Thurs 2 nd March	Star Cinema Eaglehawk A Spirited Journey Seven Women Organisation. See details below.
Thurs 9 th March	Lake View Hotel Guest speaker: Andrew Coldwell – Imagination library Chair: Tony Plant
Thurs 16 th March	NO MEETING in Lieu of Maubisse film night Details to follow
Thurs 23 rd March	Lake View Hotel New member talk & social night Chair: TBA Followed by board meeting

Seven women organisation

Join the International Committee for an inspiring night to learn about the work of the Seven Women organisation in Nepal. The 35-minute award-winning film, **A Spirited Journey (G)**, will be shown at the Star Cinema in Eaglehawk on **Thursday 2 March**, followed by a Q & A with the founder of Seven Women, Stephanie Woollard OAM. Profits for the evening will be used to provide primary & secondary school scholarships for girls in Nepal; each scholarship costs \$250. The film highlights Seven Women's transformational work through the empowerment of sustainable tourism and community development. There will be an opportunity to join Stephanie's tours to Nepal this October or next May, which have limited places available. Please let your friends know.

The cinema opens at 6:30pm for the film to commence at 7:00pm.

All bookings are through the Star Cinema located in the former Eaglehawk Town Hall, 2



Peg Leg Road, Eaglehawk. For the trailer and bookings go to:

<https://www.starcinema.org.au/movie/bendigo-sth-rotary-fundraiser-a-spirited-journey>

or telephone (03) 5446 2025 (Mon-Fri 11am-3pm)

East Bendigo wetlands walk

Merlyn and I joined a group of about a dozen keen nature lovers on a guided walk through some amazing restoration works in the environs of the O'Keefe Rail Trail in East Bendigo on Saturday morning.

The Ironbark Gully Friends Landcare Group organised the walk with the Riley Street Landcare Group and City of Greater Bendigo and North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) staff to share and learn and build connections, and explore potential partnership opportunities.

The two sites are connected on the same waterway, one a badly degraded gully beside the O'Keefe Rail Trail through an industrial area adjacent to the former Bendigo Railway Workshops, the other (the first of the seven 'White Hills') has a long history of use for mining, gravel extraction, and a rubbish dump. Both were burnt out by wildfire, prompting works led by Council staff and the NCCMA to manage weed regeneration, promote native plant cover, and innovatively, create artificial wetlands for habitat and water quality improvement.

The Riley Street Landcare Group formed when local residents wanted to get involved to help in improving the habitat of their neighbourhood.

A guided walk through these areas is very rewarding, revealing the amount of work undertaken to create a variety of stable functional fauna habitats. However what was most astonishing was to find that the (hopefully) permanent deeper pools are being used by Peter Rose from the NCCMA to grow on critically endangered small Murray Darling Basin fish, including the Southern purple-spotted gudgeon, for later release in selected water bodies in the catchment. Peter netted some of the fast growing fingerlings to show the group, showed a net used to capture target fish in the wild, and talked about the NCCMA native fish recovery plan that he is implementing.

It is great to see our land management agencies working collaboratively to repair some of the damage from past land use practices, and encouraging community participation in improving habitats and our living environs.

Bernie Young
Natural Environment Coordinator



Purple-spotted Gudgeon



Riley Street



O'Keefe Rail Trail



Keith Ryall facilitating our next Three Year Plan



New member inducted Shireen Yeoh



National Youth Science Forum 2023

Two Bendigo Senior Secondary College National Youth Science Forum students spoke at the Eaglehawk Rotary Club recently.

Cameron Lee, a past NYSF/BSSC student also attended and Tait's mother Sally. An inspirational talk given by these two students who learnt so much during the NYSF experience in January 2023.

Rotary is thrilled to be able to assist them to achieve their academic and future goals and look forward to maintaining contact with them in years to come.

L-R ...Saad Sabri, Cameron Lee, Lynne Cooper, Tait and Sally Poyser.



NIGHT BOWLS

FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

6:30PM START - BBQ INCLUDED

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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

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 – kaye.l.lehmann@gmail.com 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

