

# *Rotary Club of Bendigo South* **SIGNPOST**

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

**IMAGINE ROTARY**



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## **President's Report**

Back at the Lakeview on February 2 we welcomed Shireen Yeoh who looks like joining our Club. We then proceeded to hear the Quarterly Reports. Of note, the BBQ Committee has been meeting to work towards streamlining our delivery of BBQs. The success of the Australia Day BBQ was partly due to the implementation of changes to the set-up and more refinements are on the way. We also need a new marquee with Rotary and Club signage – a simple way to promote our Club of banners which easily blow over.

Heather Nixon suggested it might be a good idea to have a couple of reserve gardeners for the Annie North team of eight which chugs along every week with two members donating 2 hours of gardening every week. There is a rigorous training program needed to be undertaken to be a volunteer at the Annie North Women's Refuge. Anyone interested in being a reserve along with Heather, let me know.

On Sunday we spent a most pleasant day travelling to Echuca via Rochester. Lunch at the Rochester Hotel saw 17 Club members and partners joined by the Spurlings from KF Rotary, some of the Rochester Members and Kingsley Sexton (with part of his family), an Engineer who worked on the Echuca Bridge for five years. After lunch, Kingsley travelled with us to the Bridge to answer questions and give us some insider details. We gathered under the bridge where we could see the water-line from the recent floods, we also saw the lines for Sugar Glider possums to use to travel under the bridge. Some of us then chose to drive over the bridge and then back to Matthew's home for a sumptuous afternoon tea and tour of his home and garden, long overdue!! Many thanks to Kingsley for joining us and Matthew for hosting afternoon tea, ably assisted by Anne Peace. The weather was perfect for our excursion!!

**Merlyn Quaife AM**



## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> February

Lake View Hotel

Guest Speaker: Andrew Coldwell – Imagine Library

Chair : Tony Plant

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> February

Lake View Hotel

3 year Plan Development Workshop

Chair: Merlyn Quaife

### 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:**

**starcinema.org.au or (03) 5446 2025 (Mon-Fri 11am-3pm)**



### **A Smart Pup for Alex**

Alex and DJ (dog) are becoming best friends. Already proving to be a wonderful thing. DJ stays close to Alex... but just far enough to not get run over if Alex steers off course!! They love 'to high five' each other as a greeting. He sleeps in Alex room, reminds Alex to feed him night and morning and does a great job sliding open the door when Alex is going out. In addition, he muzzles on Alex lap regularly for a pat and is working on picking things up when dropped... not always easy.

When Alex had a seizure recently DJ was most concerned and Emma worked with the dog to 'speak' (he barks) at the time. Hopefully this will develop strongly over time. DJ is a beautiful dog, has a lovely patient nature and is so well trained. It has certainly been worth the long wait in the long run for which we are very grateful.

Thank you again.  
Kind regards  
Jan







### **Christmas Trailer Raffle - *Some Numbers of interest.***

I did provide an informal summary at our last meeting. There was some confusion comparing the actual amount collected via ticket sales compared to our actual distribution figures.

Here are some final numbers from our balance sheet as follows-

Ticket Sales from the direct selling made by our partner groups were

Monday Inner Wheel: 5920.75

Tues. Wildlife Rescue: 5221.15

Wed. Heartbeat: 4683.55 (lost one selling day Bendigo Cup Holiday)

Thurs. Dragons Abreast 5752.00

Fri. Righteous Pups 6079.10 (did have the benefit of selling at Leisurefest on the Friday)

Sat. Bendigo Brass Band 7235.00

Sun. Riding for Disabled 6221.03

Float return 100.00



<b>Nett Total:</b>	<b>\$41 701.55</b>
<b>Additional Sales:</b>	
Rotary Club E'Hawk	\$1600.00
RC. Bendigo Sth.	\$2275.00
<b>Total Sales:</b>	<b>\$ 45 576. 55</b>
<b>Less disbursements to Partner groups. \$2500 x 7 = \$17500</b>	
<b>Less costs</b>	<b>\$4400.79</b>

<b>50/50 split of Nett:</b>	<b>\$23675.76</b>
Bendigo Sth.	\$ 11837.88
Eaglehawk	\$ 11837.88

A carry over sum of \$6000 has been retained in the combined clubs account to fund the next raffle commencing Sept 2023.

The members of raffle committee have asked me to thank those members of our club who sold additional raffle tickets, helped with banking and the daily setting up of the trailer that all positively contributed to a very successful project. Given that the raffle had not been conducted for 2 years and we had many days of wet and cold weather during the selling period a record result on turnover was achieved by a margin of approx. \$1500. The raffle committee is quietly confident with a little bit of fine tuning a turnover of 50k is indeed very possible in future.

### **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

### **Echuca afternoon tea at Matthews house**



Matthew would like to pass on his appreciation of the visit and chance to show off his house.  
Also thanks for all who provided food and tidy up at end of the visit.





Engineer Kingsley Sexton giving a guided tour to club members of the recently constructed Echuca Bridge.



**Rotary**  
Bendigo South Inc.



# NIGHT BOWLS

**FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**

**6:30PM START - BBQ INCLUDED  
SOUTH BENDIGO BOWLS CLUB  
PALMERSTON STREET, QUARRY HILL**

**COME ALONG FOR A FUN  
NIGHT AND CHANGE  
SOME LIVES!**

**\$200 PER TEAM OF 3 PEOPLE**

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# Rotary

## District 9800



### **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



## WHO'S WHO?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:  
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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](mailto: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

