

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

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Meets Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm at the Foundry Hotel, High Street Golden Square.

## **Rotary Opens Opportunities**



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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR SIGNPOST AUGUST 24 2020.**

The new Rotary Year of 2020/2021 has continued on as it started with plenty happening from district news and online events. I was part of a district President's zoom yesterday afternoon and there will be some interesting information to come from this seminar - so stay tuned.

Progress continues slowly on our seed project with **ROTARY EAST GIPPSLAND FIRE AID**. We are still hopeful of a community partnership to make it an ongoing project as we will need to support this project for a few years forward. More details as this project develops.

On another front thanks to new member, John Stewart, and his contacts with Villawood, as the Club has been able to gain several semi-loads of fire wood. Local Transport Company, Dunlop and Pitson, have greatly assisted by donating their trucks and labour to deliver and unload these loads. Club Firewood Expert, Secretary, TONY, has inspected the wood in question and given it the thumbs up. We are hopeful of delivery this week and then some hands-on work when permitted to begin blocking up these loads for resale.

I would like to thank and highlight the great work of all Directors and their subcommittee members for their participation and constructive contributions to all the Zoom meetings held in the past few weeks. The Board also held a meeting last Thursday and the result was a very productive outcome on all levels.

We look forward to another great Zoom club meeting this week with a guest speaker and a new chairperson. Hope to see all your smiling faces then.

Have a great week and stay safe in these challenging times.

Yours in Rotary

PAUL GIBBONS

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South-  
"Connect to the Community"  
PAUL GIBBONS PRESIDENT 20/21



## From the Secretary's Desk.....

### 1) Next Zoom meeting. This Thursday August 27.

Please refer to the agenda included in the Signpost. The link included should be live and get you into the meeting immediately. Sometimes on my PC it asks me to hold down the control key and then click on the link. Other option may be to open up your zoom and click on *join a meeting* and then enter the ID number if you cannot get the link to work. Hopefully we will see a majority of our members on the screen this week. Those who logged into our last meeting would agree it was an hour well spent.

### 2) August Board Meeting and Sub Committee Reports.

Our August board meeting featured a 100 percent attendance and was completed in an hour. This efficient meeting was largely a result of the great work all our directors had done prior organising their respective sub committees with such comprehensive reports. Although we are very restricted in what hands on activities we can do and face to face meetings are out the question the zoom format has been a great tool to re-engage our sub committees. Also having zoom sub-committee meetings at staggered times has also provided the opportunity for some members to participate in more than one committee if they so choose. I would encourage all members to make an effort to support your appointed director by participating once a month in these catch up sessions. Also if you are unable to use zoom you can arrange with your director to use your mobile on speaker and you can hear what is being said and put in your two bobs worth. Shortly you will receive copies of the Sub Committee Director's Reports so there is a great opportunity to learn what each of our committees are doing.

### 3. Declaration Forms.

I would ask everyone to assist me, along with the board directors to get these forms completed so this task can be completed as soon as we are able.

### 4. Wood Cutting and Tree Planting.

As soon as we return to at least stage two we will be recruiting members to start blocking and splitting fire wood and also planting out our tree seedlings. All healthy outdoor activities!!

Tony Plant  
Secretary

# **The Program for August & September**

## **AUGUST**

27th August - Zoom Meeting: Guest Speaker - Mayor City of Greater Bendigo - Cr Margaret O'Rourke

## **SEPTEMBER**

3rd September - Sub Committees Via Zoom or teleconference

10th September - Zoom Meeting: Guest Speaker Smith Family  
Bendigo and possible Bairnsdale ( confirmed )

17th September - Zoom Board Meeting

24th September - Zoom Meeting Steve Leed- East Loddon P12



### **Mayor Cr Margaret O'Rourke is our Guest Speaker this coming week.**

She is an accomplished business woman with extensive leadership experience.

She is a former manager of Telstra Countrywide and is currently a Deputy Director at the Bendigo Kangan Institute and Director at Goulburn Murray Water. Her previous roles include Chair of Bendigo TAFE and a Director for the Tasmanian Ports Corporation and Bendigo Business Council.

Cr O'Rourke was elected to Council on the platform of developing a strong and prosperous future for Greater Bendigo that encourages industry and job development. She looks forward to focusing on improving the retail sector and developing a strategy to drive growth, and believes this work will position Greater Bendigo as a key art and retail destination in regional Australia.

Cr O'Rourke is also looking forward to working closely with our rural communities and ensuring both rural and urban residents are better connected to new technology.

She is a long-time Bendigo resident and lives here with her husband Ray and their two daughters. Cr O'Rourke is serving as Mayor again, which is her fourth term as Mayor.

# **Rotary Club of Bendigo South Inc.**

**Date: Members Meeting Thursday August 27.**

**Zoom format. Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99880057514>**  
**[Meeting ID: 998 8008 7514](#)**

**Opening Time: 6 pm to 6.30 pm** -free time to openly chat with other members.

**Meeting Theme.**

**Zoom Host:** Tony,   **Meeting Chair:** Jan Pagliaro

**Anticipated Guests:** Margaret O'Rourke Mayor City of Greater Bendigo. Members of Rotary Club of Rochester

**-6.30 pm-Meeting Commences:** Zoom Host Tony to welcome all online and then to introduce chair- person Jan.

- 1. Jan to welcome all our guests and then introduce our Guest.**
- 2. Mayor to speak-** outlining major projects planned in the coming years, the impact on COVID 19 within COGB and perhaps ways Rotary may better connect within the workings of the city.
- 3. Opportunity for questions from members.** *We would ask that all questions be relayed to Jan via the Chat forum.*
- 4. Invitation to Rochester members to contribute comments/ information**
- 5. Jan to Introduce President Paul** -to report who may also invite any board members to add any further items.
- 6. Paul to close meeting.**

***Anticipated meeting Conclusion: 7.30 pm.***



## Handmade Face Mask Fundraiser

As you may know, Stella and I run an NGO – **Winds of Hope** – [www.windsofhope.com.au](http://www.windsofhope.com.au) – that provides education and healthcare services to disadvantaged students and families in Uganda.

As a fundraiser, we're importing handmade masks from our friends in Uganda (where Stella is originally from).

Especially for those of us in Victoria, face coverings have become a way of life now, for better or good, and are likely to be mandated for the foreseeable future.

The masks are made with using traditional Kitege material and patterns, resulting in a range of unique and colourful masks!

All proceeds go towards supporting Educational, Healthcare and Vocational Training projects in Uganda.

Check out the styles available at our online shop below. Any support is greatly appreciated, and these are pretty cool masks to be seen in. 😊

Stay safe!

Matthew & Stella

<https://shop.windsofhope.org.au>



## **LUCKY LOTTO IS BACK.**

After a two month break, and due to member demand, we have decided to bring back Lucky Lotto.

It will operate the same as previous except that payments will be made electronically.

I am hoping that with all of the money members have saved whilst not attending dinner meetings there will be plenty of idle cash lying around.

To buy a number in Lucky Lotto you will need to transfer \$50 into the club account.

If your husband , wife or partner wish to be included that is great and everyone is welcome.

Once you have transferred your \$50 into the Club account Greg will let me know who is paid up and I will allocate numbers.

As soon as we have 30 plus entries we will begin weekly draws of \$20.

Last year, Lucky Lotto raised over \$1000 for the Club's Admin account and we are hoping for a similar result again.

Glenn Madden



**The best way  
to find yourself  
is to lose yourself  
in the service of others.**

# 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.

## CLUSTER CLUB MEETING TIMES

### DISTRICT 9800 GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER ROTARY CLUBS

**RC KANGAROO FLAT:** Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park

**RC BENDIGO:** Tuesday 12:45pm, Bendigo Club, Park Street, Kennington.

**RC ECHUCA MOAMA:** Tuesday 6pm, Moama Bowling Club, Shaw Street, Moama.

**RC BENDIGO SANDHURST:** Wednesday 7.30am, Bridge Hotel, Water Street.

**RC EAGLEHAWK:** Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

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

## WHO'S WHO?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:

Mark Maloney

RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR:

Philip Archer

ASS'T GOVERNOR (Goldfields South):

Graeme Lynas

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CLUB PRESIDENT:

Paul Gibbons

SECRETARY:

Tony Plant

TREASURER:

Andrew Palmer

YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR:

Kay McLaughlin

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Heather Nixon

COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Merlyn Quaife

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:

Sue Duncan

CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Rod Spitty

CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER:

Geoff McKinna

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Glenn Madden

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