

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 – Be the Inspiration

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last week was Mental Health week and the club assisted with Headspace by conducting a BBQ and providing a presence in the park between the Library and the Town Hall. This event was extremely well organised by Headspace and thanks to Gary, George, Ken and Bernie for making time available.

On Thursday night the Club had a double guest speaker presentation from both Headspace (Meg Bennett) and Lifeline Bendigo and Mallee (Chair -Helen McMahon). Both presentations were excellent and provided members with a detailed insight into their respective operations, needs and current activity. The questions and discussion afterwards were both interesting and valuable for members to understand how complex and diverse mental health issues are. The attendance by the club at the last two meetings has been 30 plus which is great to see.

At the next meeting the Club is undertaking its review of operations for the first quarter of the Rotary year. Directors and their respective committees will be presenting a status report on progress of goals and objectives and other matters. The club will also be recognising and welcoming Kaye McLaughlin as she transfers from the Rotary Club of Stawell to the Rotary Club of Bendigo South. Welcome Kaye and we hope you have many productive years with our Club.

The raffle supporting Headspace and Lifeline is getting into full swing at the end of its fourth week of operation. Community Services Director Ian advises that the club now has 2000 of its 4000 tickets in circulation. Members are both encouraged and requested to spread the word, capitalise on raffle ticket sales opportunities and generate the targeted sales of 4000 tickets (\$8000) where \$2500 will each go to Lifeline and Headspace.

Don't forget to support the two social/fundraising upcoming events, of the Hight Tea on 11th November and the Bohemian Rhapsody film night on 1st November. Both of these dates are in lieu of our normal meeting as well as the club commitment to the Swap Meet weekend. Mervyn has asked me to gauge the level of interest of the club for supper after the movie at the Coffee Club.

The date for the Annual General Meeting will be November 22nd and Secretary Elizabeth is currently preparing the Notice of Meeting and agenda.

Yours in Rotary,
Rod Spitty.



KEEN BBQ TEAM AT FOCUS ON FURNITURE

LEFT TO RIGHT MAX ELLIS, TREVOR HAWKING AND CLIVE HUGHES HAVE IT ALL UNDER CONTROL!

END POLIO PROJECT UPDATE.

My dear friends and fellow Rotary leaders,

24 October is just a couple weeks away, and I hope all of you are busy planning for how your club will mark this year's World Polio Day. It's just fantastic to see how many clubs and districts have already registered events at endpolio.org, and how much thought and creativity has gone into their planning. There will be lectures, concerts, polio walks, polio rides, and of course, livestream viewing parties. Many clubs are also taking advantage of the [virtual reality films now available](#) and incorporating a virtual reality experience in their World Polio Day activities.

If you haven't yet, be sure to head over to endpolio.org to [promote your event](#), get details on [the livestream](#), and find out what else is [going on in your area](#). Remember that hosting a World Polio Day event can help you earn this year's [Presidential Citation](#)!

One of the things I've heard as I've travelled for Rotary is that Rotarians don't always know how to answer some of the tough questions they get on polio eradication. To help, we've prepared a [brief Q & A](#) outlining some of the basics. The questions I hear most often, though, are the simplest ones: Why aren't we there yet, and why are we still raising so much money for polio?

To answer that question, it's helpful to use a metaphor many of us can easily understand: mowing a lawn. For most small lawns, you don't need more than a push mower. If you've got something much larger—say, half an acre—you'd invest in a riding mower. And you'd be fine.

Now imagine you're faced with mowing an absolutely enormous field—say, forty acres, or about sixteen hectares. Imagine it hasn't been mowed in years, and it's full of weeds, brambles, and thorns. And imagine you need everything on that field cut to the exact same height. You couldn't do it over a period of days: the section you mowed first would grow back before you reached the end. What would you do? You couldn't even think about a push mower. Even a riding mower would take a week and probably couldn't handle it. The only way to do it would be to bring out the big guns, and get a tractor with a six-foot mower in the back—maybe even a couple of tractors.

Now consider the logistics of polio eradication. There are 360,000 babies born every single day in the world. To be fully protected against polio, each of them must be vaccinated not just once, but several times. To stop the virus from traveling, *every child* must be fully vaccinated *all at the same time*—before enough new children are born to allow the virus to travel again.

The only way to achieve eradication is through the massive and coordinated scale on which we are now working: using a vast network of systems to deliver about *430 million* doses of vaccine every year, via mass immunization campaigns. Forget a 40-acre field—we're talking about Africa, we're talking about southeast Asia. Places with vast distances, incredibly remote communities, wars, instability, poverty—and hundreds of millions of children. We need to reach them all.

The only way to finish the job is to give it everything we have, all at once. Yes, it's expensive. Yes, it's difficult. Yes, it is a task of breathtaking ambition and scope. But thanks to you--we are doing it.

That is what all of us need to know, and understand, on this World Polio Day. Now is the time to give it everything we have, to raise the funds, raise the awareness, and *Be the Inspiration* to End Polio Now.

Yours in Rotary,

Barry Resin

President, Rotary International 2018-19

PHOTO GALLERY FROM OUR LAST MEETING.

GUEST SPEAKERS HEADSPACE AND LIFELINE BENDIGO

HELEN MCMAHON AND MEG BENNETT.



The Hard-Working Cahiers at work last week! TREVOR AND TONY ALL SQUARE!



ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH ENJOYING FELLOWSHIP AT OUR LAST MEETING AT THE FOUNDRY.

CLUB PROGRAM		
October 2018 theme: Economic and Community Development		
Thursday Oct 18	Quarterly Report	The Foundry.
Thursday Oct 25	End Polio DAY / Purple Pink's Day	The Foundry.
Thursday Nov 1	FILM NIGHT BOHEMIAN RASPHODY	BENDIGO CINEMAS

Date	Thursday 18 October	Thursday 25 October	Thursday 1 November
Guest Speaker	Directors	Polio Guest Speaker	Bohemian Rhapsody
Chair	Rod Spitty	Anne Pearce	Merlyn
Cashiers	Paul Gibbons Kylie McCalman	Greg Noonan George Ellis	Not required
Room set up	Mathew Scott	Maureen Plant	Not required
Welcome	Heather Nixon	Elizabeth Bell	Not required
Technology	Elizabeth Bell	Bernie Young	Not needed.
Photography	Clive Hughes	Clive Hughes	Clive Hughes

UPCOMING EVENTS			
Date	Event	Location	Contact
Sunday 21 Oct 2018	Great Strides Walk BBQ		Gary Pinner.
Saturday 27 Oct 2018	RACV TINY HOMES DISPLAY BBQ	Rosalind PARK	George Ellis
Sunday 28 Oct 2018	RACV TINY HOMES DISPLAY BBQ	Rosalind Park	George Ellis
Thurs 1 Nov 2018	End Polio Film night fundraiser	Bendigo Cinemas	Merlyn Quaife
Sun 11 Nov 2018	High Tea for Santulino Xavier E Timor scholarship	Belvoir Park Winery	Heather Nixon
22 November 2018	Annual General Meeting	The Foundry	Rod Spitty
29 November 2018	Cluster Foundation Dinner	Kangaroo Flat Sports Club	Merlyn Quaife
2 December 2018	Adopt a Highway Clean Up	AXEDALE ROAD	Ian Ellis.
20 December 2018	Christmas Dinner	Bendigo Club	Rod Spitty
16/17 Feb 2019	Victorian Multi-District Conference	Melbourne	Gary Pinner



George after BBQ helpers please!



Chairman Ian at the microphone!

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 BENDIGO STRATHDALE: Tuesday 6:15pm, Bendigo Club, Park Street, Kennington.

RC ECHUCA MOAMA: Tuesday 6pm, The Mercure, High Street, Echuca.

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:	Barry Rassin
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ASS'T GOVERNOR (Goldfields South):	Cliff Downey
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CLUB PRESIDENT:	Rod Spitty
SECRETARY:	Elizabeth Bell
TREASURER:	Greg Noonan
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR:	Glenn Madden
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR:	Heather Nixon
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR:	Ian Ellis
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:	Tom Campbell
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR:	Gary Pinner
CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER:	Geoff McKinna
ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR:	Merlyn Quaife
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THE FOUR WAY TEST

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned