

Rotary Club of Bendigo South

SIGNPOST



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

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President's Report.

We had 30 members and some partners make the journey out to Camp Getaway this week. Catering was taken care of by member Jennie Hughes with some help from Dowell and Barbara Mitchell who are the caretakers in residence. Long serving devotees in Graham Neivandt and Ken Briggs were also in attendance to provide the history of Camp Getaway and to show us all the many new improvements to the facility since the camp came under the control of our district 9800 in the year 2000. Many voluntary hours provided from a number of our Rotary Clubs in the past seventeen years has resulted in the new dormitories replacing the old Nissen Huts. These also are able to provide modern accommodation including the necessary facilities for guests with some physical disabilities.

More recently a HACCP standard kitchen project was commenced to replace a very antiquated and inadequate facility that was no longer able to be used to cater for the future clients. Once the new kitchen is completed the whole facility will undergo a major clean up to better enhance the booking opportunities within a much wider range of potential customers.

A number of our members support Ken and Graham at regular weekend working bees -namely Clive, Bernie and Ron who have been regulars in recent times. There have been others from time to time as well. All members are always made welcome to spend a few pleasant hours when the call to action is made at various times throughout the year.

George, Clive and I entered a team in the Rotary Club of Bendigo's Annual Night Golf event. Fortunately friend of new member Elizabeth in Jock Catto agreed to join us at short notice to ensure we made up our team of four and more crucially completed the nine holes in a realistic time frame. Jock, being a regular golfer produced many fine shots, with Clive and George having flashes of brilliance on the *odd* occasion. Unfortunately my golfing form was worse than it usually is so my contribution would be best forgotten. We all had a great night and were awestruck as to how our little white balls, when we did actually make contact with them, would light up the night sky. The event was attended by close to 100 players and money raised will provide 30 Cleft Palate Operations. Congratulations to all members of The Rotary Club of Bendigo for organizing such a

worthwhile and successful event for Operation Cleft. I would encourage more of our members and friends to consider joining us at next year's event-plenty of time to do some practice.

This week we return to the Foundry Complex after being on the road for a couple of weeks. Guest speaker will be Jane Anderson, the chair of the Bendigo Hospital Foundation. Two members of the Orthopedics Auxiliary will also be in attendance to receive our cheque from the proceeds raised from our recent boat raffle. A good night to bring some extra guests as Jane will provide lots of information about the recent construction of the new hospital. Also to witness first hand some of the good work we have been doing in our local community. Please remember to let Zoe know names and numbers of any additional guests you are escorting.

Finally I would ask all members to read this latest RDU magazine –start with the article by world President John Germ, then read pages 13 to 16. All touch on the need for Rotary to modernize thinking. They then provide several success stories has to how some clubs have modernized and are now reaping the benefits in increasing membership and deriving overall successes within their individual clubs.

I would like to think much of what has been outlined in these stories reflects positively on the changes our club has made in recent years. Once you have looked at these articles I would then encourage you to read the RDU from cover to cover. It is something you pay for in your annual dues so make good use of it. When finished with the magazines pass them on to non- Rotary friends rather than put it in the blue bin. It is a great easy reference to learn more about how Rotary functions in our part of the world.

Tony Plant

President

Tesselaar Gardens and Plants Expo

Bernie Young has received some free passes to this very picturesque display of tulips up in the Dandenongs for 22 and 23 April which he will bring to the next few meetings. If you are interested please see Bernie.

Pie and Port Night

On Saturday the 6th of May the Rotary Club of Rochester is hosting an evening of fellowship with their Pie and Port night. The evening commences at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. If you would like to participate in the event please see the attached flyer and ensure you RSVP by Monday the 24th of April.

Club Program		
	MARCH – WATER & SANITATION	
Mar 23rd	Dinner Meeting - Jane Anderson from Bendigo Health	Foundry
Mar 30th	No meeting – District Conference in Shepparton	
April 6th	Dinner Meeting - Mayor Margaret O'Rourke	Foundry
April 13th	No Meeting – Easter BBQ & events	

CLUB DUTY ROSTER				
Date	23 rd March	30 th March	6 th April	13 th April
Topic	Dinner Meeting Foundry Hotel	No meeting – District Conference	Dinner Meeting Foundry Hotel	No meeting – Easter BBQ & events
Guest Speaker	Jane Anderson	N/A	Mayor Margaret O'Rourke	N/A
Chair	Rod Spitty	N/A	Tony Plant	N/A
Cashiers	Trevor Hawking Zoe Pocock	N/A		N/A
Regalia/Fellowship	Sue Hawking	N/A		N/A
All Rotarians on duty must arrive before 6pm on the night. If you are unable to complete your duty please arrange a substitute.				
Attendance Officer: Zoe Pocock 0409 514 996 zhpocock@yahoo.com.au				



Past Presidents Greg Noonan and Colin Walton had a chance meeting at Apollo Bay last weekend.



Emily Barton Grace was guest speaker at our March 9th meeting, telling us all about her year as an exchange student in Denmark.



Gary Pinner, President Tony Plant with Emily Grace Barton.



Graham Neivandt and Ken Briggs shared some history of Camp Getaway before a guided tour to see the new and improved facilities. The camp is looking amazing!!



We all enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Jennie Hughes, Dowell and Barbara Mitchell.



The "A TEAM " Clive, Tony, Jock and George playing night time golf, supporting cleft pallet operations, fund raising.



Roundup from our Cluster Clubs.....



Here is a preview of some of the activities to be available during the District Conference at Shepparton in March:

- Guided historic walk of Shepparton
- Settlement Journey
- Scenic walk and cellar door at Tellis Winery in Dookie
- Golf Day

Anniversaries & Birthdays - March	
Happy Birthday to....	Induction Anniversaries
10 Trevor Phillips	15 Max Ellis 17 Clive Hughes 17 Jennie Hughes 23 Anne Peace 26 Merlyn Quaife

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.

ATTENDANCE & MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

DISTRICT 9800 GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

KANGAROO FLAT: Monday 6pm, Rotary Gateway Park

BENDIGO: Tuesday 12:45pm, Bendigo Club

BENDIGO STRATHDALE: Tuesday 6:15pm, Nancy Long Dining Room, La Trobe Uni.

BENDIGO NEXT GENERATION: Wednesday 6:30pm, Shamrock Hotel

ECHUCA MOAMA: Tuesday 6pm, Border Inn, Moama

BENDIGO SANDHURST: Wednesday 7.30am, BRIT Restaurant or breakfast at Café alternate weeks.

EAGLEHAWK: Wednesday 6pm, Mechanics Institute

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

WHO'S WHO?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT: John Germ (USA)

RI DISTRICT 9800 GOVERNOR: Neville John

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS (GOLDFIELDS CLUSTER):

Gary McClure (Goldfields South) & Greg Noonan (Goldfields North)

PRESIDENT: Tony Plant

SECRETARY: Ruth O'Connell

TREASURER: Greg Noonan

CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER: Geoff McKinna

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/ P.R.: Rod Spitty

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Gary Pinner

CLUB SERVICE, SIGNPOST: Ros Chenery

ROTARY FOUNDATION: Merlyn Quaife

YOUTH SERVICES: Glenn Madden

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: Lindsay Jolley

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS: Matthew Scott

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH ATTENDANCE OFFICER

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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
5. ?