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# Rotary

## Club of Eaglehawk



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**Most weeks we meet at the Mechanics Facility, 8 School Street, California Gully for a dinner meeting. However, as this sometimes changes please see below for details on the program for coming Club meetings and activities.**

### Dates and duty to remember

April 16th	Book Shop 10am to 12noon	Alf Thorpe & Mary Preston
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Club dinner Meeting Sandra Slatter – O'Keefe Rail Trail	Bar – John Jones Clean Up – Charlie Cunneen & Jennifer Sanderson



### April Birthday

30<sup>th</sup> *Charlie Cunneen*



## Club Meeting Happenings

Our guest speaker this week was **Rod Flavell**, chair of Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Incorporated, previously known as the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee. Following a restructure of the Local Government Act the Committee could no longer operate as a Section 86 committee of the City of Greater Bendigo and so has transitioned to an Incorporated Association. The Committee was formed in 2006 and has a strong association with local Rotary Clubs, especially Eaglehawk with many current and former members having participated in work parties since 2002. We were heavily involved in the rebuilding program after the devastation that occurred during the Indonesian occupation and subsequent withdrawal.



A key feature of BMFI is the scholarship program and again Eaglehawk is very committed as a club and through individual members. We currently sponsor four university students and ten secondary school students. One of our very early projects was the construction of the 'Bendigo House' with our own Brian Fitzpatrick heavily involved. The house has not been used for about three years because of Covid travel considerations and was being vandalised and so BMFI agreed to a request to hand it over to the local community where it is being used for English language lessons, cooking and sewing classes. This has further strengthened our relationship with local government.

BMFI has also established a strong relationship with the School of Rural Health at LaTrobe University. A visit from Dr Inda, the dentist in Maubisse about five years ago to the dental program initiated the relationship. Dr Inda was sponsored to Australia by our club as she had had no access to any professional development since completing her training in the Philippines. The relationship is being expanded with special thanks to Dr Melanie Bish.

The relationship with Rotary continues to flourish. The knitting program continues and is managed by four local clubs and coordinated by Libby Hughes from RC Bendigo. Goods are being shipped through DIK and managed in Dili by Mario and Judite from RC Dili and employed through RAWCS.

Like most volunteer organisations BMFI faces the challenge of attracting new members to their group but is still very active. A recent film night raised approximately \$1000 and it was wonderful to have Kirsty Sword Gusmao in attendance. She had hoped to bring her mother, a former teacher in Eaglehawk, but she was unable to attend.

Rod provided a most informative address.

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**Did members notice the Coronas in the fridge with the option of a wedge from our locally grown limes?**

## TRIVIA NIGHT



### Only six weeks until our Trivia Night

Thank you to Mandy Costello and Jennifer Sanderson for offering to help.

Other offers of support will be most welcome.

## Our Club at work:

### BBQ at Belvoir Park Golf Club in support of the Imagination Library Program

Last week a good number of our members teamed together to provide a breakfast for golfers at Belvoir Park to raise funds for the Imagination Library program. The decision was taken for our club to meet all costs of the breakfast and this resulted in a very healthy outcome for the project. Well done and thanks to all members involved. Below are some snaps of the activity.







## Coming Events

- 15<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday Book Stall (TODAY)
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April District 9800 Conference
- 27<sup>th</sup> April Board meeting

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Eight members and partners will be off to Albury next weekend, 22-24 April, to participate in this year's District 9800 Conference.

One of the very positive activities will be the handing over of 'large cheques' in support of our District's Foundation contributions program. Our 'large cheque' for this year will be for \$5000. We've long been a leading supporter of The Rotary Foundation.

Well done to our members for their ongoing support.



# Rotary Club of Rochester



Incorporated No. A0021076T

is having an evening of fellowship at the

home of the Rotary Club of Rochester  
**the Heritage Court House**  
23 Moore Street, Rochester  
(opposite Grace Nelson Motors)

President Heather Watson and members  
*invite*

*President Gary & partner, members and partners*  
*Rotary Club of Eaglehawk*

to join them in fellowship  
for the

***Pie & Port Evening***

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
at  
6:30pm for 7:00pm  
\$30 per person

RSVP Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (for catering purposes, thank you)

Please advise Heather of any dietary requirements

Acceptances and apologies to President Heather Watson please.



President Heather Watson (Pie & Port)  
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Please direct debit to:  
Account name: RC Rochester  
BSB633 000 A/c No. 1321 85521  
please reference Pie & Port and your name

or mail cheque to:  
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**APRIL DESIGNATION IS**

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH




*"Every child deserves a chance at a life filled with love, laughter, friends and family."*

Marlo Thomas

Rotary 

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary. Get Involved







Welcome to this newsletter where you will find out a little bit more about the District 9800 Paul Harris Society, of which I am the Chair, and hopefully be inspired to join yourself. Now this is not a secret society and has a very impressive history! On the 2nd of June 2007 the Paul Harris Society, with nineteen members, was chartered under the guidance of Past District Governor Bernie Walsh and District 9800 Foundation Chair Chris Don. In that first Rotary year the numbers grew to thirty members with thirty two members by the end of December 2008.

John and Barbara Rafter provided the inspiration for this initiative. They attended The Rotary International Convention in Denmark and heard about the Paul Harris Society and to this day remain members and indeed Champions of the Paul Harris Society. Inaugural members and partners who are still listed as members include Neville John, Ian Knight, Vicki Teschke, Marjorie Gerlinger, Chris Don, Dino Sapuppo, Bernie Walsh, John Steven, Don and Margery Jago and Hein and Veronica Otten. Keith Ryall December 2008 ,and Gabe Hau November 2008, received their membership recognition and also remain members to this day.

Members of Paul Harris Society make a commitment to the Rotary Foundation to contribute US \$1000.00 each year for as long as they are able to. They can allocate their funds to the Annual Fund, End Polio or approved Global Grants. Members are recognised by an addition to their Paul Harris Fellowship Pin in the shape of wings. We have one hundred and forty three members representing forty four Rotary Clubs and I would love to hear from you if you would like to join this happy group.

**Julie Mason Chair Paul Harris Society** [julie.mason.cats@gmail.com](mailto:julie.mason.cats@gmail.com) mobile 0406196630

**Welcome to our newest members:**

**Jennifer Nunan Wyndham Rotary**

**Angela Ciliberto Balwyn Rotary**





At least once a year members get together to talk about Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. The District 9800 Foundation Chair graciously provides information about the latest programs and initiatives that are funded from the contributions made by the members. In this context thirty members of the District's Paul Harris Society enjoyed a very convivial Christmas lunch at Graduate House on Friday December 10.

Among the attendees were District Governor Dale Hoy, PDG Philip Archer, PDG Grant Hocking and Melissa, PDG Murray Verso and Irene, PDG Keith Ryall and Gabrielle, PDG Ian Knight and Genny, John and Barbara Rafter.

A highlight of the day was the induction of Michael Lishman from the Rotary Club of Woodend into the Society. His partner Deidre Willmott also intends to join. Like so many members of the Paul Harris Society, Michael sees his commitment as an opportunity to support projects and programs that make a difference in the lives of others locally and internationally. He understands and trusts the Rotary Foundation to spend his donation dollars wisely.



**Personal giving to improve the lives of others tends to bring a smile especially when catching up with like minded people. Thanks for your support to the PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY.**





Julie shared her motivation to continue contributing to the Paul Harris Society and encouraged all in attendance to do the same. Two questions provided a focus for the conversation that followed.

**Why did you join the Paul Harris Society?" and "Why do you stay a member?"**

**Some of the responses included:**

I decided to increase my charity giving and decided that the Rotary Foundation offered the best value for money given the low administration cost.

The money is spent by Rotarians on Rotary projects around the world. The donations are tax deductible and when you make a 1000 US donation you don't forget to claim it.

The fact that half the donation can come back to our District helps.

I can give a Paul Harris Fellowship to someone else from the donation that I give.

Strong governance of the funds and global impact and sustainability of the projects completed.

I appreciate the good work of the Rotary Foundation (TRF).

I'm impressed by the high ratings TRF receives from Charity Navigator.

I was tapped on the shoulder.

I want to set an example to others.

I have the capacity to give and very happy to do so.

The programs funded by TRF are very impressive.

**It's cheaper than a case of wine a month and really does help me make a difference in the world.**

**The responses do put a compelling case for us all to talk to others in our Rotary Club about the value of being a members of the Paul Harris Society, so all in attendance were called to take action and tell their story as to why they joined the PHS!**







invites you to join us  
for a special evening  
with football legend **Kevin Sheedy**



**Date:** Monday 9th May 2022

**Time:** 6:00pm for 6:30pm

**Cost:** \$50.00 per person including  
a 2-course meal.

**Venue:** Altona RSL,  
31 Sargood Street, Altona

**Bookings close:** 4th May unless sold out prior

<https://www.trybooking.com/BYCVI>

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*A wonderful evening not to be missed*