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Club of Eaglehawk

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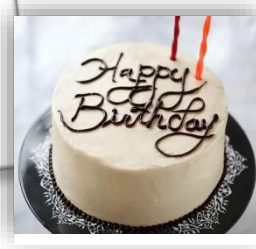
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We meet every Wednesday at the Mechanics Facility, 8 School Street, California Gully for a dinner meeting.

Weekly meeting @ 6 pm for 6:30pm	Wednesday 24th April: NO MEETING – cooking Brekky for Anzac Day Ceremony participants- Thursday 25 th April.
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*Happy Birthday to you in April
30th Charlie Cuneen*



Reminders:

- Saturday 20th April** – Water festival/ Thingyan Celebration and Releasing birds and fishes for Merit- Karen Community event. *Please note- change of venue for Water Festival/ Thingyan Celebration 10am – 1:30pm- It is now being held at the Eaglehawk Secondary College Gymnasium – enter from Bright St Eaglehawk.*
- Wednesday 24th April** – **NO CLUB MEETING** re Anzac Day activity on Thursday 25th April.
- Thursday 25th April- Anzac Day** – Gunfire Breakfast (*following the Dawn Service) at Eaglehawk Fire Station (in Fire Brigade Engine room) – **6 AM START!**
- Friday 3rd May** – 2024 Trivia Challenge (RC Eaglehawk and RC Bendigo South) – St Liborius Centre @ 7 pm onwards.
- Saturday 18th May** – ILLUMIN8 Festival - car parking- 3pm start
- Sunday 2nd June**- Bunnings BBQ
- Saturday 8th June** – catering activity for District Governor’s lunch @ Camp Getaway.

.....Attachments this week: 2024 Trivia Challenge flyer

President's Report:

What a week it has been!

The preparations for the D 9800 Conference have been tested, and the Conference completed.

Was it successful? I think it was one of the best conferences. It showcased Bendigo, Rotary and what we do best, serve the community.

From my point of view there were a few standouts:

- ☺ The outstanding local musical talent that was showcased throughout the weekend (it was obvious that not all talent comes out of Melbourne. There is better in the country, and in our case, in and around Bendigo!).
- ☺ The guest speakers were excellent, especially Costa Georgiadis, who has a particular flair for presenting a 'Power Point Presentation' - when you don't use Power Point! (instead, 17 T Shirts with information printed on them).
- ☺ Along with many other speakers who were all very informative, bringing together a better understanding of what Rotary do both locally and internationally.
- ☺ Some guest speakers shared their own personal story, like Bev Watson, a Polio survivor since 1956. Bev has achieved more than all of us could ever imagine.
- ☺ The attendance of the Central Victorian Lion Team at the Gala Dinner (at the All Seasons Function Centre) was very much appreciated.
- ☺ And last, but not least, the comprehensive Showcase that was running at the same time as the Conference.
- ☺ A biased opinion (a particular Grandson was playing percussion) was the Victorian Youth Brass Band, who topped the billing of artists. They launched the world first rendition of the commissioned 'Rotary Fanfare' – also playing in Rosalind Park at lunch time. This new recording will be available for future promotions of Rotary activities.
- ☺ There is no doubt the volunteers, mainly from our club, certainly helped the Conference run smoothly. So thankyou to all who acted as volunteers prior to and throughout the weekend.

As many would know that from our Club, the organisation committee included:

DG Ron Payne (Host), John Jones (Chairperson), Alison Bacon (Executive Officer), Deb Payne (Catering) and Mandy Costello (Volunteer 2IC). *As a Club we thank them all for the dedication to the tasks that made the Conference the success that it was.*

You will be pleased to know that the next Conference (2025) has been announced. It is to be held in Adelaide.

Thank-you again for the support particularly for the D 9800 Conference Bendigo 2024, along with your continued support to our Rotary Club of Eaglehawk

It is with respect that I acknowledge the life of Past Member, Jack Millonig. Jack passed away over the weekend following his transfer back from Melbourne to Palliative Care. The Funeral is to be held on Monday 22nd. April 2024 at 2:30 pm at William Farmers, Victoria Street Eaglehawk. Our sincere condolences to Judy and the family.

For information past member and PP, Roy Parker has undergone some surgery last Thursday. It is reported that he is doing quite well and hoping to get home next week.

For those members travelling ie Geoff Adcock, who is in Italy, travel safely.

Regards - Eric.

Youth Update:

This photo (below) was taken at our club meeting a few weeks ago.

On Monday 15th April, Ron and I were at BSSC with their team, to take videos of the 6 students who attended NYSF.

Ron spoke and each student presented in a confident, enthusiastic manner. I am also thrilled to hear that 4 of them have applied to NYSF to be 'staffie' at the next program in January 2025.

This involves an application and interview process. So, all the best to them for taking on this next challenge.

I can't recall, that over the past 15 years of my involvement with NYSF, that we have had a student go on to be a 'staffie' at NYSF. It's a great opportunity for them. All the best to each one.

The team at BSSC are terrific. We are also looking at making another video featuring NYSF alumni, to highlight their achievements since the student's graduation and highlight what they have gone on to – as amazing careers.

At Latrobe University Awards and Prizes Ceremony (at UImbarra) on Tuesday evening, I was thrilled to watch Lauren White receive the T.A. McLelland Memorial Bursary for academic excellence in the Bachelor of Science. Lauren was an NYSF participant from BSSC some years ago and is now doing Honours in Maths. Please see her photo below too.

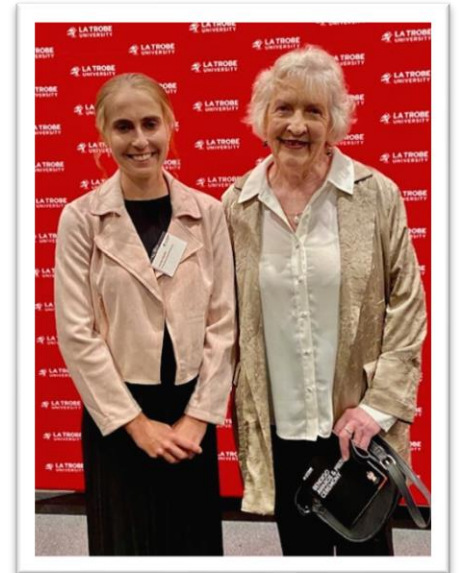
I was at the event as a donor of the Bendigo Regional Occupational Therapy Award. Unfortunately, the OT student who won my award was on placement in Darwin, so could not attend. All the same, it's a pleasure to see the achievements of our local young folk.

That's our news for this week. Lynne Cooper.

Lynne, Ron and the NYSF group.



Lynne and Lauren White – a previous NYSF participant.



[A message from Lynne:](#)

House sitter in mid-May for a week.....

I am wondering if any members know a reliable person who could stay at my home in Strathdale just for a week. I have a lovely very old corgi who needs minimal care but would love some company. Please contact me if you can recommend someone.
Thanks – Lynne

[TRIVIA NIGHT \(FRIDAY 3 MAY\) PROMOTION](#) – please help spread the word and get together a table with family & friends:

The promotional flyer is now on our website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts. Please like, share, comment, it all helps us to spread the information as far and wide as possible.

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The **Rotary International Convention 2024**: Singapore, 25—29 May 2024; mark the date in your diaries; registration is open at <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/registration>



Don't forget the Eaglehawk Rotary Club bookshop is open:

Wednesdays: 10 am – 1 pm

Saturdays: 10 am – 12 noon

@ High St Eaglehawk.

A good book is never wasted!

...lots of bargains – tell all your friends!



Rotary theme for April 2024

Environment month-

Local 'environment' events for this month:

Sat 13 April- Sustainable Open House construction
At Maiden Gully

Sat 20 April- Family Sustainability Day-
Bendigo Library.

More info: www.bsg.org.au



[A thank- you from RIPPR- Iain Wakefield:](#)

Dear Ron and Deb,

I write to send you my thanks and appreciation for all the work you and your Club achieved over your Conference weekend.

Rotary and D9800 should be very proud of what the RC of Eaglehawk contributed.

From my arrival at your house and the host (and others) wearing Pacific shirts, I knew that I would enjoy this weekend and be amongst friends. I did and I was.

I was so impressed with the general bon-homie and spirit during the events at the Gaol and this told me that the district is in good heart with your leadership.

I was delighted to report the good news to your Rotarians during my presentations and the feedback that I received afterwards was so positive.

I need to also thank the members of the RC of Eaglehawk.

Remember, it was not just you working on the Conference!

I hope that I represented World President Gordon appropriately, with an added molecule of enthusiasm and humour.

I look forward to keeping in touch, both this year and into the future. My first experience as a RIPPR was wonderful and this was thanks to you and your members.

Best wishes for the rest of 'your year' and the future.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Iain

Conference fun:

Here's some snaps of people you may know – having fun and *Gathering on the Goldfields* at our District Conference last weekend.



