



Rotary



Club of Eaglehawk

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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 10th April: NO Guest speaker: packing Conference satchels.

*Happy Birthday to you in April
30th Charlie Cuneen*



Reminders:

- Wednesday 10th April** – Working Bee at Mechanics- packing Conference satchels (*at Club meeting*).
- Friday 12th April**- Cluster Dinner at Bunja Thai – Eaglehawk Rotarians invited. Please make sure that you have completed your RSVP.
- Friday 12th - Sunday 14th April** – District 9800 Conference –in Bendigo! *Thanks to the volunteers from our Club to work behind the scenes - confirmed roster will be emailed on Monday!*
- 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.
- Sunday 2nd June**- Bunnings BBQ
- Saturday 8th June** – catering activity for District Governor’s lunch @ Camp Getaway.

Attachments this week:

1. District Conference brochure- with updated details
2. 2024 Trivia Challenge (RC Eaglehawk and RC Bendigo South) -flyer

President's report:

Some members were away this week for various reasons, and we missed their smiling faces. However, there was still good attendance (including some visitors) and the usual enthusiasm of our Rotarians with plenty of things to catch up on.

District Governor Ron Payne (during reports) announced that our own club member, AG Alison Bacon, has been provisionally appointed to the newly developed Community Leader position. In accordance with the established process, this appointment is subject to appeal until COB Thursday, 18 April 2024.

Alison, as a Club we look forward to the confirmation of your appointment as the inaugural RCL, and working together to help get the new structure working.

Our Guest Speaker this week was Levity Camilleri, the 2023 Eaglehawk Secondary College Student of the Year 2023. She gave a very dynamic and polished presentation. I first met Levity at the Eaglehawk Secondary College 2023 Awards Night, late last year, where she figured in many of the awards- in fact most of the awards that she was eligible for! Everyone was very impressed with your presentation and wish you well for your future Levity.

As mentioned last week we have a lot going on during April. First is the District 9800 Conference in Bendigo, commencing next Friday. The weekend activities certainly look good, with notable guest speakers, entertainment, and a Rotary Show Case (in the BSSC Gymnasium Saturday and Sunday)- open to the public. It will certainly promote what Rotary Clubs are doing in the community. Pop down and have a look.

Our club then proudly caters for the Anzac Day 'Gunfire Breakfast' (it's a 6 am start) at the Fire Brigade Engine Room – all help is greatly appreciated.

Prior to the Conference, I sincerely thank all volunteers that have put up their hands to assist with the overall management of the events. We all appreciate your assistance.

Just a reminder- next Wednesday 10th April- our club is packing the Conference satchels with relevant items. The meeting will be along the normal lines, with a surprise in the food department too.

For those members travelling, especially Geoff Adcock (who is currently in Italy), travel safely!

Regards - Eric.

Guest Speaker: Levity Camilleri – 2023 E.S. College Student of the Year

We had the pleasure to welcome Levity to our meeting. She is currently in Year 11 at Bendigo Senior Secondary College. Levity was also accompanied by her mother Lenka, as a meeting guest too.

Levity was invited to speak at our Club meeting, which she took up with enthusiasm. *Our Club would like to congratulate Levity on her thought-provoking power point presentation and the knowledge and confidence she displayed.*

Levity reminded us of the things we can give thanks for living in a developed nation such as Australia, ie. the generosity of opportunity, food and shelter.

She challenged us to think of the priorities that we show as a Nation. Are we more interested in Collectivism (priorities of a group at the expense of individuals) or looking after the needs of all people – ie. Individualism?

Australia rates quite poorly on the world scale of Empathy. Levity reminded us of the increasing social divide affecting Australians and across the world. She also spoke about Peace, the need for optimism and positivity, remembering that pessimism is the 'enemy of Peace'.

Levity reflected on her own experiences during COVID and the benefit of taking up youth leadership roles and continuing her leadership journey as a cycle. She herself is a member of the City of Greater Bendigo Youth Council and is currently undertaking leadership roles at Bendigo Senior Secondary College also.

Levity intends to continue her studies at university. She is the recipient of a Kwong Lee Dow scholarship at Melbourne University- commencing in 2026. *Congratulations Levity.*

Levity touched on many issues that are closely aligned with our work as Rotarians, and we would love to see her involved more closely with Rotary as a part of her future!

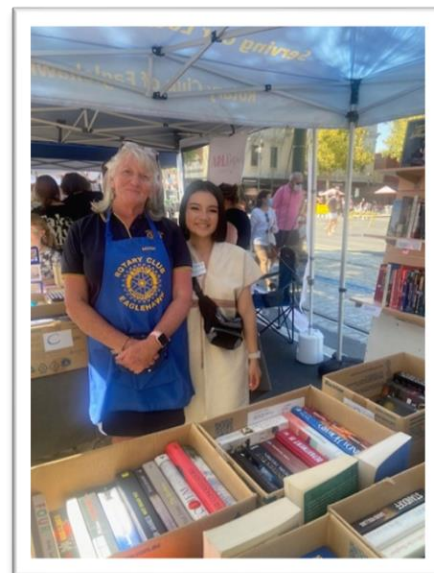
Thank-you Levity for your inspiring presentation – we will continue our work 'adding positivity into the life of others without any ulterior motives'.



Rotarians and friends, contributing to their community at Easter time:



Easter is about family; friends and all the good things Bendigo has to offer – including Rotary!



Would you happen to know this pair at the parade?
They tell us that Gary Frank might know!



An email from Sandi Fulcher re: helping promote the Showcase (at the District Conference) to the greater public:

This event is being called the **Rotary in Action Showcase** and we see it as a great opportunity to invite the greater Bendigo community to see what Rotary does. We have 35 projects **on display at the Bendigo Secondary College** for the Saturday and the Sunday. I am hoping I can ask for your assistance being that it has the potential to encourage interested persons into your clubs.



SHOWCASE

Saturday 13th April - 9am to 5pm
Sunday 14th April - 8am to 12pm

Open to the public & Entry is free

Rotary Showcase open to the Bendigo public

Who do you know who lives around Bendigo and would enjoy seeing what we do at Rotary?

Invite them to join us for the Rotary in Action Showcase



Where: Bendigo Senior School Gym - next door to the Ulumbarra Theatre

When: Saturday 13th April - 9am to 5pm

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[District 9800 Conference:](#)

Here is a link to the D9800 web site promotion of the Conference – it provides all updated information, outlines guest speakers and the Conference Programme and provides accommodation and showcase links! **Please see attached updated brochure also!**

<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/district-conference-bendigo-2024> 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

