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

The next fortnight....		
26 August	Bookshop	Rita & John G
30 August	Club dinner meeting Official Club visit by DG Ron Payne_ partners are encouraged to attend.	Bar- Brian Clean- John P & Jenny
2 Sept	Bookshop	Rita & John G
6 Sept	Club dinner meeting	Bar – Geoff A Clean – Rita & Tim

Happy Birthday to you in August!

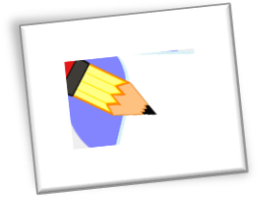
Aug 10th Laurie
Aug 15th John G
Aug 26th John J



Reminders:

1. DG Ron Payne to visit club meeting – **Wednesday 30th August.**
2. Run for Dad – **Sunday 3rd September**- as per attached flyer.
3. Karen Culture Showcase: **Saturday 23rd September – 4- 9 pm.** Karen groups from all over Victoria will be attending and activities include traditional food and a fireworks display. Our Club will be directly supporting this project. Please see the attached flyer and pass on as you see appropriate.
4. Bunnings BBQ- **Saturday 28 October.**
5. **Regional Red Baker's Dozen** – Wine raffle tickets now open @ \$10-00 per ticket (flyer attached) – **to be drawn 22 November 2023.**

President's report:



We have our intrepid travellers, Mick, Mandy, Geoff and Marg still away, and Brian returning to Melbourne during the meeting. This resulted in 18 attending our meeting, including visitors.

Reports from the West, tell us the travellers are apparently still heading south and have called in to Coral Bay for a little snorkelling. Can you just picture Mick and Geoff snorkelling? There is a rumour that sharks were in the vicinity as well!

Our Guest Speaker this week was Alison McClure (accompanied by husband Troy) who spoke with passion about her work bringing refugees to Bendigo (refer to her story below).

I represented our club at the 90th Birthday of the Bendigo Inner Wheel Club, registered as the Number 1 Club in Australia. It was a very pleasant afternoon, with quite a crowd.

The International Treasurer: Sarita Lunani (from India) and Australian President: Susan Chisholm attended, along with a number of senior office bearers from Districts throughout Australia. There were a number of speakers during the afternoon, with plenty of time for interaction and heaps of photos that marked the occasion. It was an honour to be present when PP Judy Miatke bestowed Paul Harris Fellow awards on President Gwen Rankins and Secretary Bernadette Storer for their work in the community and within the Club.

Congratulations to both ladies.

I have received a couple of requests this week which may interest members:

1. The District 9800 Vocational Service Champions Team Chair is looking for some new members to assist in progressing the District Vocational Service Goals. The team meet monthly via Zoom. The next meeting is 4.00pm 28.08.2023. If interested contact Warwick Cavell (E: Warick.Cavell@rotary9800.org or M: 0411 122 860).
2. Chloe Waddell from the Federation University Aust. is undertaking a Research Project for her Doctor of Philosophy project with a focus on the topic of **Ageing Well**. Specifically, what does it mean to age well in today's Australia. Chloe is trying to develop a definition based on the perspective of older Australians (65 +). If you are interested, please contact me so I can pass on more details.
3. Rotary Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot Update: just a reminder about the webinars via Zoom on Tuesday 29.08.2023 at 1 pm, Wednesday 30.08.2023 at 6.30 pm (note this is our club's DG's visit), and Saturday 2.09.2023 at 10am. You will need to register as per the email forwarded by Sec. John Jones. We need to keep up with this matter as it progresses.

We were advised that the Eaglehawk Community Breakfasts that were planned for Fridays during September, have been postponed to October 2023. *More details as they come to hand.*

The Board meeting was transferred from last week with a few things arising. More info to follow.

Next week's meeting will include a visit of our own District Governor Ron Payne. Partners are invited and encouraged to attend. This is a significant night in our calendar so would look forward to a good attendance.

Stay safe this week- Regards- **Eric.**

PS. Carmel is a bit of an Op Shop junky. She happened to be in one recently and found an old Eaglehawk Rotary Mug, then went to the Eaglehawk Uniting Op Shop and found another which is a little different but still old! She paid a high price for both (not sure but perhaps 50 cents). The President encouraged her so that they could be kept as historic items. What we didn't know was that a member of the club was tidying up in the Mechanics kitchen, found these mugs and took them to the Op Shop to get rid of them! The result, said members rolling around the floor (well not quite) in fits of laughter, trying to tell us her side of the story. The mugs are safely placed in the cabinet now.

Meeting apologies: Brian, Geoff G, Mick and Ron

Meeting guests: Carmel F, Troy and Alison Mc Clure

Meeting guest speaker:

Alison McClure: from **Refuge Community Sponsorship in Bendigo**

Alison works with Rural Australian Refugees Bendigo (RAR Bendigo) and Community Refugees in the Immigration and Settlement Program (CRISP)

Alison works hard and with a deep passion to bring refugees as families to Bendigo, from Afghanistan, via a few steps to Australia. This is not an easy process. Firstly, they have to locate suitable candidates with assistance in this area from organisations overseas, particularly the HAZRA Community Inc. organisation. Fundraising is a high priority, whilst the often long, drawn-out process of obtaining a family continues.

When a family is determined, the emphasis changes to obtaining household items, then a house, all with minimal funds. The homeowners in Bendigo are very supportive, giving very generous discounts from the normal rental cost. The community/ neighbours are also very supportive in a multitude of ways. Rotary Clubs have been supportive when requested with house-hold items, mowers etc.

The team have been able to bring two families out so far and have been able to have a house filled with furniture and household goods ready for their arrival. Alison goes down to meet the family as they arrive, generally with very few possessions and next to no 'paperwork'. As soon as they arrive, the ladies start to make the house a home. The significant challenges for both the family and Alison's team: the cost of living, Centrelink (required documents, Medicare etc), learning English, obtaining work, and the lists go on...The team are working on a third family in the near future. Alison also has another project underway. A father is in Bendigo and working very hard, but his family of 3 girls and mother are still overseas in an area that is considered not very friendly, a complex situation. The Bendigo committee are developing a petition to the government to support the re-uniting of this family. Many of our members signed the petition after the meeting.



Thanks, Alison, for your Excellent presentation at our meeting.



Youth Update:

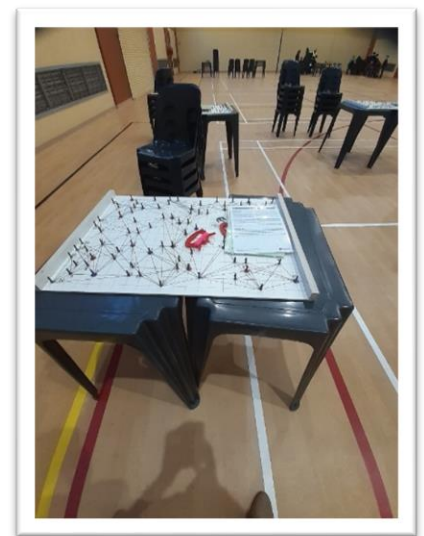
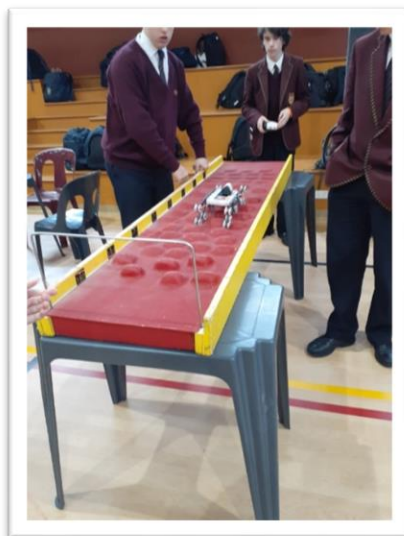
National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) D9800 interviews are being held face to face in Melbourne on 26 August. We have 11 students from three colleges in Bendigo who are keen to win a place. We wish them all the best for their interviews and will be keenly awaiting the outcome to see how many are successful.

Youth Directors cluster meeting is booked for September 5.

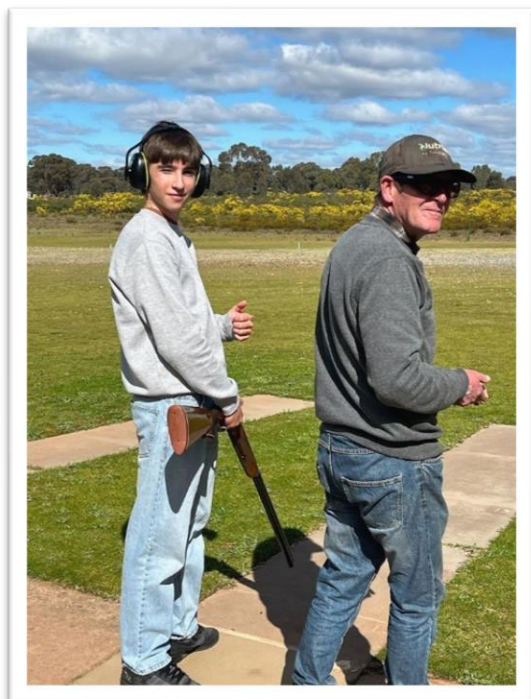
Santos Science Experience for Year 9 and 10 is still open for the coming September/December holidays. Many thanks to John Pearce for liaising with the team at E S College, to determine if we can sponsor 2 students to attend.

Regards- Lynne C

Science and Engineering Challenge – thanks Angela B (from Rochester RC) for the photos. The People of Action page has some more photos also.



Our RYE student Nacho, enjoying some shots at the Clay Target Range at Woodvale (celebrating a classmate's birthday party). We hear he is quite a good shot too!



Reminder: The Wine Raffle is now open! Please see the attachment and pass on to all your friends too.



Regional Reds Baker's Dozen

Enter the draw to win a selection of premium wines to the value of \$1200 from the Bendigo and Heathcote Regions of Central Victoria including the iconic 2018 Wild Duck Creek Duck Muck valued at \$425.00

Only 2000 tickets available at \$10 each.

Get your raffle tickets at: www.raffletix.com.au/regionalbakersdozen2023

All proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk's local and international projects.

All enquiries to John Jones, P: **0419 113 065** or E: Johnpricejones47@gmail.com

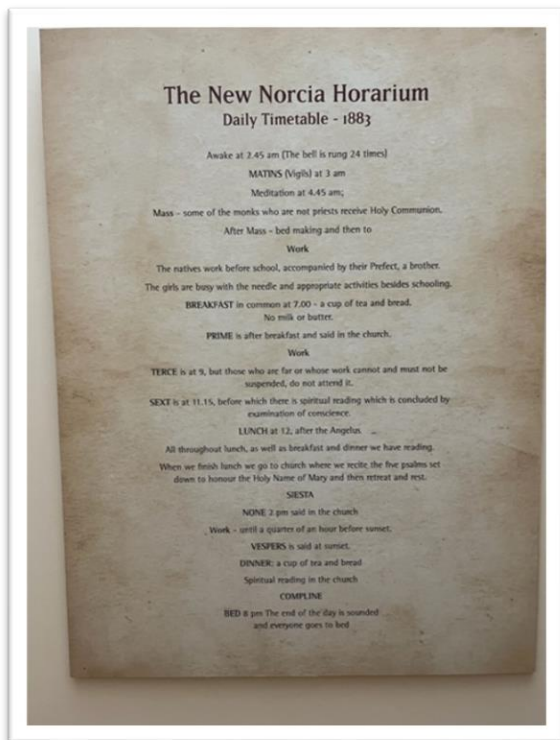
Raffle to be drawn 7pm, 22 November, 2023, 8-12 School Street California Gully.
Winner notified and result published on www.eaglehawkrotary.org.au and
www.facebook.com/eaglehawkrotaryclub. There is an agreement with RaffleTix
Holdings Pty Ltd (ABN 24 623 531 340) to promote or conduct this raffle for reward.

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More adventures with Geoff G and Mick! Marg G and Mandy recovering from the shark encounter too!

Horarium for you all (as discovered by Mick at New Norcia) – and you thought you had it hard!



40 years ago!
Fremantle
Maritime Museum



York Motor Museum



Skywalk at Kalbarri – Mick is out there somewhere?



Red Snapper –
guess who caught
the biggest fish?