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

**ROTARY RESUMES
FOR 2024**

Wednesday 10th January : Fellowship get together @ Golden Square Hotel
Wednesday 17th January : 6pm for 6:30pm meeting at Clubrooms

Happy Birthday to you in December

12th Mandy Costello
14th Gary Frank

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Reminders:

1. ******Raffle Ticket folding – helpers needed- Wednesday 20th Dec @ Clubrooms- 6 pm and Pizza for the hungry ones (as per Alison's email).**
2. Trailer Raffle draw –**Thursday 21st December (please note the date)** - with raffle partners and sponsors.
3. Foodshare activity at Mechanics **Thursday 28th December.**
4. Fellowship gathering: **Wednesday 10th January 2024** @ Golden Square Hotel.
5. First meeting back for 2024: **Wednesday 17th January** at Clubrooms (organising Australia Day Ceremony).
6. **NO MEETING Wednesday 24th January 2024- Australia Day Ceremony Friday 26th January 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>

President's report:

Our regards and best wishes continue to go out to Rita, Charlie, Sue and Tim and Brian and Gail as they face some challenges heading into this very busy Christmas season.

There certainly has been a lot happening and thanks to everyone for their on- going efforts.

The **Christmas trailer raffle** continues to tick over with Geoff, Mick and myself working with RC Bendigo South, to drop it off /collect the trailer to locations across Bendigo and to Alison for her expertise collating the money and providing expert weekly reports. It certainly is a major fundraiser for both our clubs. Thanks again everyone.

The **Borough Block Party** on Friday 8th December was also a resounding success, both with our workers on the BBQ (Nacho, Geoff G, Mick, Lindsay, and Eric) and those helpers at the bookshop (Carmel, Mandy and Barbara). John P wore a 'double hat', keeping everyone entertained with his live broadcast with Phoenix FM and Mary and Laurie again were the backbone, with hands on support as part of the committee. Again, it gave the opportunity to showcase Eaglehawk and our great little community. The Eaglehawk Festival organising committee can be very proud of their efforts too.

The resumption of our **Eaglehawk Community Carols** on Sunday 10th December saw Canterbury Park come alive. The hard work of Gary and his O'Brien electrical crew, saw the new light system installed and operate better than ever! Thanks, Trevor, for preparing all the cutouts and decorations and Mick, Geoff and Eric for putting them up. Mary and Laurie were again instrumental behind the scenes and the night was expertly compared by John P and Janeen. Our appreciation also to Ken Wellard for his work on the committee and co-ordinating the brass band and Sue O'Hara for inspiring the choir. Our local school choirs did themselves proud.

The **Eaglehawk SC 2024 Year 7 Orientation BBQ** on Tuesday 12th December, saw lots of helpers present and Richelle Hollis (the new ESC Principal) offered her personal thanks for our efforts at the annual event. Whilst some of the students were too nervous to eat, the parents and staff certainly appreciated our efforts.

Our **2023 RC Eaglehawk Christmas Break Up** was a good chance to take a breather. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying the company (and games) and thanks to our Caterers for their work this year and the Christmas fare. Thank you to Ron, John J, Mick and Carmel for setting up and everyone for pitching in with the clean-up. That Dunny Roll Cup certainly provided good entertainment – even with Mick's use of the dodgy two tailed coins!

It was pleasing to be able to induct Barbara Leane as our newest RC Eaglehawk member. Her daughter (Ariana) went to enormous lengths to get to Bendigo for the ceremony (don't talk about the trains!) and her efforts in the D R Cup were to be congratulated!

The overall winner of our club's Perpetual Trophy was Gai Porh-when Marg W eventually returned it! Well done everyone.

Congratulations to Geoff A on his presentation of a sapphire, to his Paul Harris Fellow. It was great to have DG Ron Payne in attendance to present it too. Well-deserved Geoff.

As we head into Christmas, I would like to thank everyone for supporting me as President of our Eaglehawk Rotary Club and working so hard across 2023 for our Club.

We can be proud of what we have achieved.

Regards and keep safe Eric.



Education Excellence Awards:

The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk have had a lengthy association with the Eaglehawk Secondary College, supporting the students in their endeavours, to achieve the academic goals that they work hard to achieve.

At this year's Awards Night (Monday 11th December) these achievements were recognised with appropriate certificates.

I was pleased to represent the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk and presented a number of certificates to students.

The Awards that were sponsored by our Club were:

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| • Outstanding English Award -Year 10 | Arlo MacDonald |
| • Outstanding Language Award -Year 10 | Levity Camilleri |
| • Indonesian -Year 10 | Yasmine Trew |
| • Academic Excellence Awards Year 7 | James Robertson |
| Year 8 | Emma Perryman |
| Year 9 | Makkede Kelly |
| | Isabella Mayer |
| | Maddie Renwick-Deards |
| | Chloe Hercus |
| | Latisha Bertus |
| • Community and Leadership Awards | |
| Indigenous Award | Kolysha Taylor |
| • ESC Program Awards – 3556 Program Award | Maddison Martyn |
| • 2023 Student of the Year | Levity Camilleri |

Two students particularly stood out during the presentations were Arlo MacDonald, and Levity Camilleri.

Arlo is a current School Captain and is going on to Bendigo Senior Secondary College and Levity, is also going on to Bendigo Senior Secondary College and then to Melbourne University to study Fashion Design and associated subjects. A young lady that knows where she is going.

Congratulations to all the recipients and we wish them well in their future careers.

Eric Smith – President RC Eaglehawk.

Wednesday 13th December: Guests: Ariana

Apologies from: Tim, Charlie, Rita, Trevor, Lindsay and Gary.

An email message from Sandi Fulcher (+ District Public Image Chair 2023-24)

We would very much appreciate your help with promoting the Conference Showcase - the opportunity for clubs to promote their project/s to Rotarians and the Bendigo community at our Conference in April.

Please see the attached flyer. *Spaces are limited to 35 stands, so we are keen to ensure that everyone is aware of the opportunity as soon as possible.*

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. *Sandi Fulcher*

YOUTH REPORT:

Updates:

Jaiden Brandy was a participant in RYLA in 2016, sponsored by RC of Bendigo Strathdale. He continues to be a leader (which is an amazing contribution) and works at Latrobe University and the Discovery Centre. Anatta was being farewelled by the terrific leaders at RYLA. She had a terrific week and made many new friends. We look forward to her coming to speak at our club in 2024. Early 2024, we are hoping to have a 'RYLA evening' at the club, with some of the past participants joining us and Anatta's Aunt and Uncle, who were involved with Rotary when they lived in Castlemaine. Many thanks- Lynne Cooper



NYSF thank-you messages received:

To the Rotary Clubs of Bendigo,
I am sending you this letter regarding the funding you contributed to me for the 2024 NYFS program. I live in Lockington and last year my family and our dairy farm was impacted by the floods in 2022. From this my parents have sent me to Bendigo Senior Secondary College where I have come across opportunities, like this, which have allowed me to achieve the most out of my secondary education. Your generous combined contribution is very much appreciated by me and my family. Your funding has truly helped us to make this amazing life changing opportunity possible and I couldn't be more grateful. When I found out about NYSF I also became aware that I had friends and family members who were a part of the NYSF Alumni community. This was very encouraging to hear from them what a special opportunity this is.

I am so excited for the trip in January to Brisbane and I am sure it will be wonderful. I hope for other students in the future to also have this experience made available to them with your generous funding, which without would not be possible.

Rotary is a wonderful organization that I highly respect the members of and hope to also be a part of in my future. Thank you once again for your generous contribution.

Kind Regards,
Nissa Wakefield

Dear Rotary Bendigo,
I would like to express my appreciation for the funds that you have offered me to make my National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) experience possible. The financial support I have received has allowed me to be able to take this opportunity to the fullest and be able to travel with my medical condition with fewer concerns. I am extremely grateful that I was chosen to receive these funds. Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to broaden my experience and career visions. I am not only looking forward to but brimming with excitement as I attend the NYSF in Canberra in January 2024.

Kind Regards, Lea Bursac

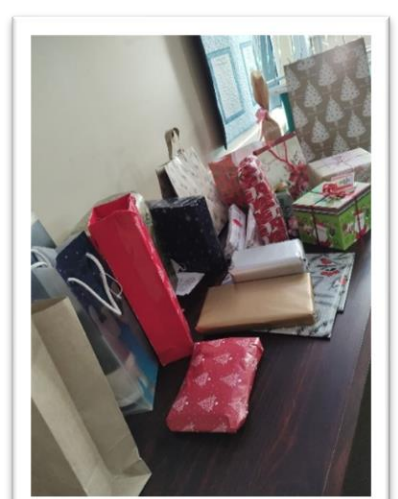
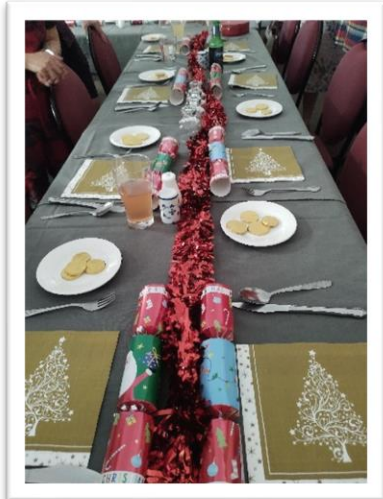
Welcome to RC Eaglehawk Barbara!



Congratulations, Geoff Adcock – recipient of his Paul Harris Fellow sapphire.



Christmas fun- sharing the Christmas spirit and learning new tricks?!



NYSF congratulations!

Congratulations to Saad (NYSF 2023) and Sam (former E.S.College) on winning a number of awards at Bendigo Senior Secondary College 2023 Awards Ceremony this week. Both very worthy recipients- well done!



Also, a reminder that the Early Bird bookings are open for our **District 9800 Conference in Bendigo – 12th – 14th April 2024**. **Early Bird prices are available until 16th December 2023....just 2 days left!!**

Registration: www.trybooking.com/CMCUD

See more details in the advert below.

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District 9800

Bendigo Conference
12-14th April 2024

Earlybird Bookings Now Open
(Earlybird prices end 16/12/2023)

Rotarian, Partners & Friends:	\$340
First-time attendee:	\$250
Rotaractor & Youth Exchange:	\$150
Foundation Breakfast:	\$40

Book now at: www.trybooking.com/CMCUD

GATHERING ON THE GOLDFIELDS



DECEMBER IS

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure.

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TAKE ACTION: Join a Project



Thanks to Allison, our club has now officially entered the 'insta world'. Another way for us to share our club on social media. See link below:

<https://www.instagram.com/eaglehawkrotary/>