



# Rotary



## Club of Eaglehawk

R.I. President – Gordon McNally  
District Governor – Ron Payne  
Assistant Governor – Rob Foran

Volume 59  
Number 21  
Dec 7th 2023

[eaglehawkrotary@gmail.com](mailto:eaglehawkrotary@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/eaglehawkrotaryclub](https://www.facebook.com/eaglehawkrotaryclub)  
[www.eaglehawkrotary.org.au](https://www.eaglehawkrotary.org.au)  
Club No 18317  
ABN 18279406625  
Chartered 8th August 1966  
President – Eric Smith 0438 688 806  
Secretary – John Jones 0419 113 065  
Bulletin – Mandy Costello 0427 468 298

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

**Wednesday 13 Dec  
@ 6 for 6:30pm**

Christmas Break Up – lots of good Rotary things to celebrate!  
Please bring a Kris Kringle gift to the value of \$20-00. *If you are a male- please bring a gift for a male and if you are a female- please bring a gift for a female.*  
**The 'best' Christmas outfit wins a prize!**

*Happy Birthday to you in December*

*12<sup>th</sup> Mandy Costello*

### Reminders:



1. Rotary Foundation **Dinner: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.**
2. **Borough Block Party-** Eaglehawk Rotary Bookshop open and also cooking BBQ at the Victoria St carpark: **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 4:30 – 8:30 pm** (BBQ cooking starts at 4 pm) – see attached flyer.
3. **Eaglehawk Christmas Carols in Canterbury gardens: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 6- 7 pm BBQ tea and 7-9 pm Carols. (\*see flyer attached).**
4. ESC Orientation BBQ for incoming Year 7 students: **Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>** in the gym car park in Bright St. We **set up at 7:30**, start cooking at about 7:45 and serve soon after 8:00am!
5. Trailer Raffle draw – **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December-** *with raffle partners and sponsors.*
6. Foodshare activity at Mechanics **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December.**

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:

Whilst we were lower in numbers this week, it was still a pleasant night of fellowship together.

We need to mention that we have a few on the unwell list, namely Charlie Cunneen (who was notably missed greeting everyone at the door). We know he will be well looked after in the hospital for a little while. Rita O'Brien is also unwell (and in hospital too). We wish her a speedy recovery and to be back home again soon. Trevor Lock was also missed at the meeting, we appreciate all the work he has been doing behind the scenes and hope he feels better soon too.

Some good news, following recent surgery, Susan Watts came home last weekend and is recovering very well. Susan is doing well, Tim appears to be doing all the 'suffering' (the washing, ironing, cooking cleaning etc.) - hang in there Tim! *We keep them all in our thoughts and wish all our club members a speedy recovery and are looking forward to seeing you all back in our midst very soon.*

Thank-you to the Chef for the extra effort with the sweets this week. The little pavlova Santa's were a real treat. (Recipe: a little round pav with chocolate mousse on top. A nice size strawberry on top of that with the point upwards and a little thick cream at the point for a hat. To complete the picture, a sliver of strawberry stuck on the pav and 2 black seeds to look like a face, then some passionfruit topping around the bottom on the plate). Lindsay will attest to the tasty treats (see photo).

The update from Nacho: he finishes school this week and is doing well with the exams. Next week he will be helping other Rotarians, starting with the Borough Block Party BBQ!

Our guest speaker was Gai Porh (GP) La Myint, and I would thank GP for her inspiring address. It is hard to imagine how GP and the family even made it to Australia, but we are most grateful that they arrived in Eaglehawk and for the work that they achieve here, in such a comparatively short time. We very much admire your determination and are grateful that you chose to become a member of our club.

Barbara Leane has also applied to become a member; we look forward to her being a valued member of our Club.

*Please take note of the coming events as there are a number and your assistance will be appreciated.*

Regards and keep Safe Eric.

Wed 6 Dec: Guests: Barbra Leane

Apologies from DG Ron Payne, Brian, Tim, Charlie, Rita, Trevor and Jenny

## Guest Speaker: Gai Porh (GP) La Myint

GP was born in Myanmar, with basically no medical support. She has a younger brother. Her family left their home and walked quite some distance to a refugee camp with very little food, possessions etc. The refugee camp had about 3000 inhabitants, very basic housing (sticks and a grass roof, with an open sided kitchen), no power and water from a pipe, shared with a number of other families.

They did have early years schools and secondary schools. Regardless GP was, a very determined young lady, studying very hard to make good grades. Eventually, with the help of her Uncle, her family ended up in Eaglehawk. GP stayed with David and Judy Richards in the interim, attending school at Weeroona Secondary College and then Bendigo Senior Secondary College.

At school she selected to study Chemistry and Biology and was told this would be difficult- but she was to prove them wrong! She worked hard and progressed to University, graduating and becoming a Pharmacist at Bendigo Hospital. She didn't want to go to Melbourne, she just wanted to stay in Eaglehawk.

She assisted the family making cloth and clothing and working in the shop to support her family.

*A very inspirational story that you would barely believe if you had not heard it from GP herself. We are privileged to have you as a member of our Club.*



## Rotarians sharing the Christmas spirit:



Thanks Trevor, for all your work with the Nativity- its great!

Thank-you Brian for finding the time to drive the bus & spread the cheer in Rochester too!



Even our Caterers were in the Christmas Spirit.



Eaglehawk Town Hall – Christmas Tree display – thanks to RC Eaglehawk.



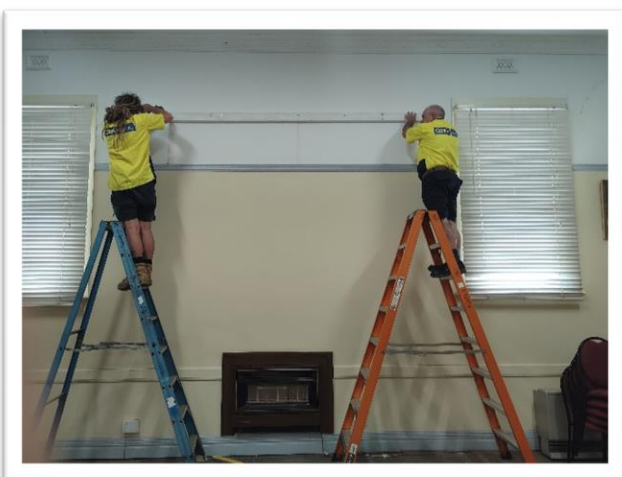




Also, a reminder that the Early Bird bookings are open for our **District 9800 Conference in Bendigo – 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. **Early Bird prices are available until 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.  
Registration: [www.trybooking.com/CMCUD](http://www.trybooking.com/CMCUD)  
See more details in the advert below.

<p><b>Rotary District 9800</b></p> <p><b>Bendigo Conference</b> 12-14th April 2024</p> <p><b>Earlybird Bookings Now Open</b> <small>(Earlybird prices end 16/12/2023)</small></p> <table> <tr> <td>Rotarian, Partners &amp; Friends:</td> <td><b>\$340</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>First-time attendee:</td> <td><b>\$250</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rotaractor &amp; Youth Exchange:</td> <td><b>\$150</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foundation Breakfast:</td> <td><b>\$40</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Book now at:</b> <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/CMCUD">www.trybooking.com/CMCUD</a></p> <p><b>GATHERING ON THE GOLDFIELDS</b></p>		Rotarian, Partners & Friends:	<b>\$340</b>	First-time attendee:	<b>\$250</b>	Rotaractor & Youth Exchange:	<b>\$150</b>	Foundation Breakfast:	<b>\$40</b>	
Rotarian, Partners & Friends:	<b>\$340</b>									
First-time attendee:	<b>\$250</b>									
Rotaractor & Youth Exchange:	<b>\$150</b>									
Foundation Breakfast:	<b>\$40</b>									

*Thank you to Gary Frank (O'Brien Electrical) for the installation of the new TV monitor in our clubrooms. It wasn't a straightforward task, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.*



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:

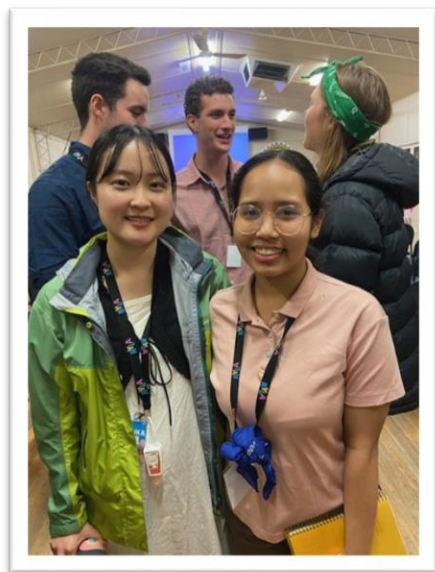
<https://www.instagram.com/eaglehawkrotary/>





A very successful night at the RYLA dinner at Camp Getaway on Thursday night – 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you to RC Rochester for their organisation and to everyone for supporting this group of amazing young people.



## Youth report:

With the school year coming to an end, it provided the chance for our RYLA participants to get together this week at Camp Getaway. Here they are ready for a week of new friendships and adventures!

In the Photo: Anatta, Lynne, Joe, Emmaleigh and Jess are waiting for the bus from Melbourne to pick up and taken them to Camp Getaway.



*\*\*A thank you from a NYSF participant (Abbie Correll) is attached – please have a read too.*