



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 7th February: Guest speaker: Boyd Robertson – wildlife photographer
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Happy Birthday to you in January!

12th Rita O'Brien
25th Lindsay Walkington



Reminders:

1. **Sat 3rd February** – CFA catering activity. Roster as per email from John J.
2. **Saturday 10th February** - Netball BBQ
3. **Friday 15th, Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th March** – Dahlia and Arts activities.
4. **Friday 22nd March** – Imagination Library Breakfast
5. **Friday 29th March** – Good Friday
6. **Saturday 30th March** – Bunnings BBQ

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:

Well, with some concerns (particularly with the rain we received on Thursday) the grounds at Canterbury Park luckily survived.

The 2024 Rotary Club of Eaglehawk's Community Australia Day Celebrations were still able to be held in the gardens. It has been and gone for another year. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success for our local community.

A few highlights for me were:

Our own Gai Porh La Myint being presented with her Eaglehawk Citizen of the Year 2024 badge and plaque, by Councillor- Julie Sloan.

GP's response was certainly from the heart also.

The Karen Dance group's display for us was inspiring, especially when it was so wet underfoot!

The presence of our Eaglehawk Scouts (complete with their own hand-made flagpole construction), which they carried from the Scout Hall.

It was great to have the Eaglehawk Citizens Brass Band and Sharyn McGowan with us, John Pearce as the MC, Cr. Julie Sloan, Anne Conway, and DG Ron Payne, all assisting during the proceedings.

Not to forget the Eaglehawk Fire Brigade supporting as they always do!

Last, but not least, the Club members and a couple of other friends, ensuring that the breakfast was up to standard, so that the members of the community were well fed.

Particular mention should be made to Geoff Gallagher and his efforts pulling the event together and also to Alison for her "Movie tone news" on Instagram -which was very much appreciated by members that were unable to be with us.

Thank you to all that assisted in any way. No doubt that the community of Eaglehawk appreciated your efforts.

This week's meeting incorporated the Special Meeting to consider the updated Constitution and rules, along with the By-Laws; a process that is required to meet our responsibilities.

John Jones opened this formal part of the meeting, then Alison presented the documents, distributed to all members prior to the meeting,

Time was spent highlighting the amendments, together with an explanation of the background for the changes.

Members present approved the changes as presented to the Constitution. Re the By-Laws, members sought some further explanation and then agreed to the amendments as discussed.

Members in attendance unanimously voted to accept the updated documents with minor changes made to the content. The meeting was then formally closed by John Jones.

These will be our new Constitution and Rules along with the By-Laws for our future reference.

Please note, I would encourage you to take your partners or guests out to dinner for the next two weeks, at Rotary, as the Guest Speakers will be worth hearing - wildlife photography and a trip to the Antarctic!

Keep safe and look forward to seeing you next week. Regards- Eric.

Youth update:

Nacho (our Rotary exchange student) has now moved to the sponsorship/shared care of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

We would like to thank Colin, Leanne, and the Anderson family for taking great care of Nacho and offering him a range of experiences, with many memorable moments. Nacho mentioned his enjoyment of Christmas in Australia and yet another ‘colourful encounter’ with a brown snake over the school holidays.

He has also mastered water skiing over the summer break, or more so knee-boarding and the wakeboard. Well done Nacho!

Nacho now commences studies at Girton toward Year 11 (with a new level of homework too no doubt) and has moved out to the rural environs of Lockwood South, to his new hosts: Liz and Jock Bell.

Please feel free to still join in our Wednesday meetings if you are able to Nacho.

Regards- Mick Costello

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

Rotarians at work:

Some photos from the Australia Day celebration in Canterbury Park.

**More photos on our Face book page.....

Eggs & Bacon Brekky cooked by Rotarians and friends....



Thanks to the Karen Community dance group.

Two famous locals...



Also, a reminder for our **District 9800 Conference in Bendigo – 12th – 14th April 2024.**

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



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/>