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We meet at the Mechanics Facility, 8 School Street, California Gully for a dinner meeting. However, as this sometimes changes, please see below for details on the program for coming Club meetings and activities.

Dates and duty to Remember		
25 th February	Bookshop	Lindsay Walkington & Trevor Lock
1 st March	Club dinner meeting	Bar- Ron Payne Clean- Rita O'Brien & Mary Preston
4 th February	Bookshop	Geoff Gallagher & Geoff Adcock
8 th March	Club dinner meeting <i>Mandy & Mick's trip</i>	Bar – Trevor Lock Clean-Geoff Adcock & John Pearce

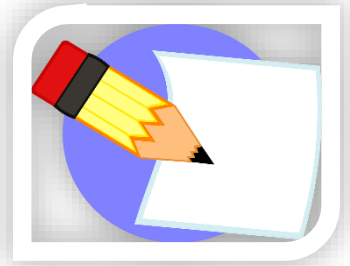
Happy Birthday to you!!

March 1st Alison Mills Bacon
5th Mary Preston
10th Margaret Walkington
31st Geoff Gallagher



President Geoff's report

Another good attendance this week with apologies from Ron Payne, John Pearce and Mary Preston. Mary was able to attend after our meal.



Our Guest Speaker was **Liana Skewes** along with her partner **Sam**.



Liana was given the honour of 2023 Ballarat Citizen of the Year for her decade of work organising the Ballarat Tweed Ride, as well as other volunteer arts contributions to the local community.

A Tweed Ride is a bike ride where a group of cyclists dress in historic and vintage attire. The tradition began in London in the 90s with riders dressing in classic British winter attire and riding

through the streets of London. Similar events are now held all around the world. The first Ballarat Tweed Ride was in 2012 and was attended by 7 friends and it has since become a key iconic part of the annual Ballarat Heritage Festival. It is an all-weather event that cycles through Ballarat's historic streets. At the beginning of the ride, participants register and socialise while being entertained by a fantastic live band. Once everyone has arrived, rosettes are handed out to the best dressed and the best bikes. Those who get rosettes will also be able to collect a prize-winning gift bag at the fair after the ride. The Tweed Fair is open from 10.00 am until 5.00 pm and will have food and drink, music and entertainment as well as speciality shops and stalls.



Next week we will be meeting at the airport where we will be inspecting the firefighting aircraft which are based in Bendigo followed by a meal at Kennington Tavern.

Until next week stay safe.

Geoff Gallagher

Club Happenings



PETS Training

Last weekend our District Support Team (DST) were engaged with our District's President-Elect group for the continued work on their training and preparations for the coming year. The program in Melbourne was very successful in presenting opportunity for PsE to network, share experiences and gain valuable insights into the direction our endeavours will take during 2023-24. Our incoming president, **Eric Smith**, is quietly working away with his preliminary planning and starting some of his strategic planning which will set the scene for us next year.

Lynne's Youth report

Many thanks to everyone for their wonderful contributions and enthusiasm.

Special reminders about the following:

- RYPEN to be held at Camp Getaway for 15–17 year olds. Applications still open but close on March 8.
- Santos Science Experience - 13 places still available at the Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre in April for year 9 and 10 STEM students.
- Youth Exchange - seeking families to host in- coming students (for more information contact Joy Bruce).
- NYSF and RYLA participants are able to come to club meetings to speak about their recent experiences.
- Rotary Sailing Challenge is new and exciting - please contact Joy and Michael for more information.



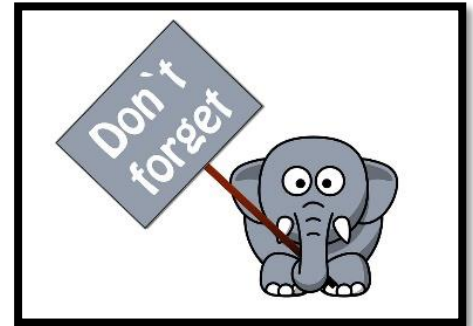
Back row: Lynne, Lyn Comer and Mick Costello

Front row: Stewart Annan, Michael Pearson and Joy Bruce.

Dates to Remember

March

Wed 1st	<i>Airport visit see details below</i>
Wed 8 th	Mick & Mandy Costello UK visit
Wed 15 th	Fundraising forum
Frid 17 th	Dahlia & Arts festival
Sat 18 th	Dahlia & Arts festival Street Parade
Sat 25 th	Bluelight Skate event
Wed 29 th	Bethea Robertson
Fri 31 st	Golf Day breakfast



I'd like to invite you to our upcoming fundraiser, A Taste of Africa, at the Werribee Open Range Zoo, on March 26th from 11am.

Tickets include full-day (9am-close) access to the Zoo, and entrance to our African food, music and entertainment festival within the grounds of the Zoo.

The fundraiser is to support the renovations of the Kyebe Maternity Clinic in Uganda, as well as support the Ugandan Wildlife Conservation Education Centre, a sister of Zoos Victoria.

Early-Bird Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.trybooking.com/CFIEK>

A poster for the 'A Taste of Africa' event at Werribee Open Range Zoo. The background is dark with green foliage on the left and right. The title 'A TASTE OF AFRICA' is in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below it, 'AT WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO!' is in white. A QR code is in the top right corner with the text 'SCAN TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS!' below it. The event details are in white text: 'A food & music extravaganza raising funds for the Kyebe Maternity Clinic and Ugandan Wildlife Conservation Education Centre', 'Sunday 26th March 11AM - 3PM', 'Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Road Werribee', 'Tickets \$68 (includes all-day zoo entry & african lunch)', and 'Visit www.trybooking.com/CFIEK to purchase tickets or scan the QR Code in the top corner'. Logos for Rotary, Zoos Victoria, and the event website are at the bottom.

To learn more about our primary cause, visit our [Kyebe Maternity Clinic](#) site.

We're also looking for volunteers to help out on the day, and sponsors for the event, so please share this invitation.



Bendigo Based Bomber 335 working at Baringhup fire on Thursday 09.02.2023

Guest Speaker - club meeting

Wednesday 1st March 2023

Meet at Club Rooms :

6:00 pm

Depart for Airbase -Car-pooling:

6:15 pm (At Bendigo Airport, next to Air Ambulance.

Map will be provided)

Meeting Starts :

6:30 pm

Guest speaker (Professional Helicopter Service)

Glen – Pilot of Fire Bird 305

assisted by Pilot Bomber 335

Dinner:

Kennington Tavern for dinner (order off the menu).

P/N Bring a camper chair with you

Glen is the pilot of Helicopter Fire Bird 305 from Professional Helicopter Services and is based at the Bendigo Airbase (Bendigo Airport, next to Air Ambulance) on a rotational basis. He will be assisted by the Pilot of Helicopter Bomber 335 (refer photo).

The plan is that we will go out to the Airbase and start at the normal time (6:30pm) and after the talk and look over the helicopters, go for dinner at a nearby place to be confirmed.

Eric

A puzzle to solve !!!

WOW!!! This should keep us busy for awhile

Solve the following (the first one is solved for you – this should give you the idea)

- | | 26 L of the A | 26 Letters of the Alphabet |
|-----|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | 26 L of the A | |
| 2. | 7 W of the W | |
| 3. | 12 S of the Z | |
| 4. | 54 C in a D (with the J) | |
| 5. | 32 DF at which W F | |
| 6. | 18 H on the G C | |
| 7. | 90 D in a R A | |
| 8. | 24 H in a D | |
| 9. | 1 H on a U | |
| 10. | 1000 Y in a M | |
| 11. | 7 D of the W | |
| 12. | 29 D in F (L Y) | |
| 13. | 60 M in an H | |
| 14. | 9 L of a C | |
| 15. | 12 M on the Y | |
| 16. | 3W on a T | |
| 17. | 64 S on a C B | |
| 18. | 5 F on a H | |
| 19. | 6 B in an O | |
| 20. | 13 L in a B D | |





DAHLIA & ARTS FESTIVAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Presented by

**EAGLEHAWK
FESTIVALS** INC.



Media release

6 February 2023

Golden Jubilee acknowledges past, welcomes future Eaglehawk Festivals

The Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival is emerging from the pandemic to remember its golden past while paving the way for a prosperous future including the EUFS Gala Parade in a revised program from 17-19 March.

Launching the 50th festival program, Reece Hendy, Convenor of Eaglehawk Festivals Inc. said long-term community-led consultation meant the renowned festival is back in 2023 and for many years to come.

"For more than 50 years, Eaglehawk has been known for its Dahlia and Arts Festival and this year I am pleased to announce it's back in town with fresh ideas led by enthusiastic volunteers who are building on the past while breathing new life for a sustainable future.

"This year our beloved festival makes a return to celebrate its lost 50th Golden Jubilee after being cancelled in the pandemic. We have heard loud and clear that the community loves the annual street parade," said Reece.

"Celebrating with a 'gold theme' we encourage entries from local schools, community groups, businesses, arts and cultural groups. In fact, anyone is welcome to register their interest – it's part of our commitment to deliver diverse and inclusive activities for everyone.

"We can't thank our previous festival committee members enough for their dedication and enormous efforts in planning and producing this iconic festival.

"But now it's up to the next generations to learn from the previous magnificent work and invest their time and ideas to keep the festival relevant and enjoyable for decades," Reece said.

Following the success of the inaugural Eaglehawk Block Party in December 2022, this year's festival has some old favourites and new additions:

- Festival Opening Party
- EUFS Gala Street Parade
- Eaglehawk Community House Gala Canterbury Park

The Melbourne Convention

May 2023



We have been promoting the Convention to be held in Melbourne next May. Click on the icon below to find out how to go about registering. We would love to see our members trying to be involved in this worldwide Rotary event.



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Yasin's Uplifting Letter

To my generous donors and to my friends from Rotary,

I am writing this to thank you all for your generous donations and helps during past few years . As well as some good news and an updated on what's been happening with me?

Your help has been a lifesaver to me and a huge comfort to my family, The good news is on 15th of December , I was able to graduate with a bachelor of Biomedical Science from Griffith University. This is huge for me, as it means in 2 years' time, I will be eligible to apply for a Permanent Residency. In next two years as long as I work full time in a field related to Biomedical Science, I can get my PR and after one year become Australian Citizen.



I can't thank you enough for helping me to get to this point, I honestly don't know how I could have paid my tuition fee and remain in Australia if I hadn't received your help and support.

In the past few years Iran's situation has continuously become worse and now it has reached a point where, life in Iran is dangerous and unsafe. Almost every day there is bad news coming from Iran, I am constantly worried for my family and friends.

I don't even want to think of how different my life and situation would have been ,if I was forced to go back to Iran.

Although life has been very difficult past few years and I faced lots of obstacles and challenges. As well as not being able to see my parents and little sister for over 6 years. I am glad I didn't give up and appreciate each and every one of you for supporting me , and being there for me and making this possible. I am thankful for being in Australia and I feel blessed and honoured to have you in my life.

I hope one day come where I can return the favour and I can help you you or other members of the community. I hope one day I can make you all proud. Thank you.

Now a little update on my current situation

After graduation I was offered a full-time position at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and I relocated to Brisbane. My plan for next two years is to work full time so I can become eligible for PR, once I obtain that then I will be able to use HECS and go back to university to continue my studies and pursue my goal of becoming a medical doctor. In the mean time I am planning to stay in touch with my professors and University and volunteer to help as a research assistant or tutor.

And lastly here is the best news !! After over 6 years I was able see my parents !!

Since I cannot go back to Iran, we all had to travel in a neighbouring country . So, we decided to come to Oman . I am staying with them for a month and will be back on 10th of March.

Oman is a safe and peaceful country in south of Iran approximately 3 hours away (by airplane) form my home town Tehran and 16 hours away from Australia

A window of opportunity appeared where I could take a month off from work and my parents could also leave Iran to travel to Oman. It took me approximately 38 hours to get here (because of 19 hours layover in Malaysia) . And It's been amazing spending time my family!!

Past few days I have been playing chess with my dad, enjoying my mom's meals and building Legos with my little sister. It feels like dream to be able to sit with them outside of Iran after successfully having completed my degree. We owe this to you.

We all send you our loves and regards

Hope you have a great day
Warmest regards

Yasin



BBQ at La Trobe University

The Rural Health Faculty conducted a BBQ for their incoming first year students.

Everyone enjoyed their lunch and it was greatly appreciated.

What a great day!

Well done to all involved!!

