



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> March:** Guest speaker: Colin Hutchieson – Help X experiences

*Happy Birthday to you in March*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Alison Bacon*  
*5<sup>th</sup> Mary Preston & Lola Frank*  
*10<sup>th</sup> Marg Walkington*  
*31<sup>st</sup> Geoff Gallagher*



### Reminders:

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Dahlia and Arts activities.  
*Eaglehawk Rotary Float on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March.*
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Imagination Library Breakfast
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** (Good Friday)- Easter Book Stall – *Eaglehawk Rotary stall* – all day
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Bunnings BBQ- *members assisting as per roster.*
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**- Cluster Dinner at Bunja Thai – Eaglehawk Rotarians invited.
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** – District 9800 Conference –in Bendigo!

### **Attachments this week:**

- Allocation of clubs to RCGs – Q&As

## President's report:

This month has been the longest for four years - with today being the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. It is a day that some people have as a celebration (which they can honestly say is their birthday) as they were born on that one day that happens every fourth year. *Happy Birthday to those born on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February!*

It has certainly been an interesting few weeks, particularly in Victoria with unfavourable weather “peaking” in the middle of the week, as it did the last couple of weeks. This resulted in significant fires across the landscape, notably, Grampians, Pomonal, Dadswells Bridge the first week (total of 6400 Ha). It was then Bayindeen – Mount Cole area last week (currently at 22,100 Ha.). Although there was a close encounter for the Ballarat CFA Tanker crew while they were undertaking asset protection work at Pomonal. They needed to go into Burn - Over Protection Mode as the fire over ran their position. Fortunately, the training that has been undertaken over a number of years proved effective, and the crew came out the other side with a few minor injuries. As I understand, there hasn't been reports of other significant injuries.

I have no doubt that the communities involved have had a very difficult time with the need to evacuate in many cases, leaving their homes and animals behind. Others were staying to try to save their homes. Whichever choice they made it is a traumatic time- whichever way you look at it.

Our thoughts are with the locals as they try to come to grips with the events they have encountered, and the emergency services that have, and continue to, fight hard to bring the fires under control.

As members would know the ‘O Week’ BBQ was postponed.

However, with much enthusiasm from the students and staff at the Eaglehawk Secondary College, their ‘Burra Day’ BBQ was quite an undertaking, but very successful.

Thanks to our team that assisted. (John J, Mick, John P, Ron, John G, Trevor, Alison, and Carmel). Another occasion where Rotary Club of Eaglehawk fly the flag in their community! There are a few more things coming up which will be communicated to members, notably,

- Regionalisation Project Establishment Meeting, online on Thursday 07.03.2024 @ 7:00pm refer article below for details.
- Malaysia Specialist Teacher Program Commencing 14.04.2024 Refer article below.

Stay Safe as we struggle with the weather and perhaps check on your older neighbours to see that they are okay.

Regards - **Eric**



## Rotary Regionalisation Project:

Dear Club President,

I write to advise you of the next steps in the Regionalisation Pilot and to seek your support in implementing the key elements of Rotary Community Group (RCG) collaboration and Rotary Community Leader (RCL) appointment.

You will already be aware of the Rotary Community Group your club has been assigned to (table at the end of this document).

The next step is to conduct an Establishment Meeting during which our District Governor Team will deliver a presentation clarifying the next steps.

Further, there will be opportunity for you to meet in your RCG to provide feedback to the Steering Group on key questions which will help inform the position description of the RCL.

The detail we need feedback for comes from the core questions:

- What do you want to work on together?
- What sort of leadership and support would help you succeed?
- What arrangements will work for you?

You may wish to hold discussion within your club in the leadup to the Establishment Meeting in order that you are best able to represent your club's views.

We will ask the current AGs to assist with the recording of the views of each RCG discussion session and this will then be fed back to the Steering Group as requested.

It is vital that your club is represented, and we recommend 1-2 leaders comprising, President-elect, President-Nominee or other member from your leadership group along with any member who may be considering putting themselves forward for the Community Leader role.

As you would appreciate, scheduling a meeting to suit all clubs is very challenging and I ask that you ensure your club is represented even if this means those representatives are absent from your club meeting.

We have scheduled this online meeting for **Thursday, 7 March @ 7:00pm** and it is anticipated to take approximately one hour.

We request that your representatives are registered to attend to allow us to monitor attendance.

Please use this Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPRRK> The zoom link will be sent to the representatives during the registration process.

Detailed below is the anticipated timeline for actioning the RCG and RCL elements of the Regionalisation work ahead.

### TIMELINE

#### Rotary Community Groups and Rotary Community Leaders

March 7	Rotary Community Groups establishment meeting on Zoom
March 14	Invitations for Expressions of Interest for Rotary Community Leaders to be sent to clubs
March 28	Close of Expressions of Interest for Rotary Community Leaders
April 8-22	Elections of Rotary Community Leaders if more than one Expression of Interest is received for the relevant RCG
April 26	Announcement of the appointed Rotary Community Leaders
April 27 – May 9	Election objections lodged and decided
May - June	Learning development for Rotary Community Leaders, both online and in-person

You may have questions surrounding this process.

We will endeavour to respond to questions you raise during the meeting and, if unable to provide an immediate answer, will work with the Steering Group to address your issue. The following link will provide you with some of the detail in the meantime.

<https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/s/Allocation-of-clubs-to-RCGs-QA-Final.pdf> (as attached)

If you require more information prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards– ***Ron***

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Of the things we think, say or do: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Zone 8		Regionalisation Project		ROTARY COMMUNITY GROUPS	
District	RCG 1	RCG 2	RCG 3	RCG 4	RCG 5
9800	<b>9800-1</b>	<b>9800-2</b>	<b>9800-3</b>	<b>9800-4</b>	<b>9800-5</b>
	Activate Victoria	Balwyn	Altona	Brunswick Tullamarine	Bendigo
	Albert Park	Brighton	Altona City	Essendon	Bendigo Sandhurst
	Carlton	Brighton North	Bacchus Marsh	Essendon North	Bendigo South
	Central Melbourne	Canterbury	Caroline Springs	Flemington Kensington	Castlemaine
	Collingwood	Camberwell	Eynesbury	Footscray	Daylesford
	Fitzroy	Caulfield	Hoppers Crossing	Keilor	Eaglehawk
	Melbourne	Chadstone East Malvern	Melton	Keilor East	Echuca Moama
	Melbourne Passport	Glenferrie	Melton Valley	North Melbourne	Gisborne
	Port Phillip	Hawthorn	Point Gellibrand	West Footscray	Kangaroo Flat
	Richmond	Kew	Werribee	Yarraville	Kerang
	Southbank	Malvern	Williamstown		Kyneton
	Rotaract E Club of Melbourne	North Balwyn	Wyndham		Rochester
		Prahran	Wyndham Harbour		Swan Hill Sunrise
		Toorak			Woodend

*I have received the following info from our AG Rob Foran and is included for your consideration. Please note the assistance required for the program. If you need further information, please contact myself. - Eric.*

### **Malaysia Specialist Teacher Program.**

Hi Cluster Club Reps,

This email is to let you know that the **Malaysia Specialist Teacher Program** has been agreed by our partner Malaysia Rotary Clubs and can now go ahead.

Australia has been identified by the Malaysian Ministry of Education as a world leader in Specialist Education and they thank all clubs involved for offering an experience for 8 Malaysian Teachers to work within our schools.

We now need to get our planning underway in Bendigo. I am seeking the involvement of clubs to undertake the following:

- **Provide home hosting** for eight teachers, each for a period of two weeks.

This would entail two pairs of teachers for a two-week period, followed by another two pairs of teachers for the second two-week period.

Ideally, it would be good for each pair of teachers to be accommodated by the one host; nevertheless, this might not be practicable.

As per the program, the hosting need is:

**Sunday 14 April - Saturday 27 April:** four teachers. *(Note this period has been shortened by 2 days to fit in with D9800 Conference- EJS)*

**Saturday 27 April – Saturday 11 May:** four teachers.

- Organise and run tourism outings in Bendigo for each group of four teachers on Saturday 20 April and 4 May.

- Organise and run a luncheon/daytime event in Bendigo on Saturday 11 May for all eight teachers, open to attendance by all Rotary clubs and possibly a City of Greater Bendigo Council representative.

If you have any questions and/or wish to assist, please contact Lindsay Jolley (Rotary Club of Bendigo South), the Bendigo Co-ordinator for the program. Lindsay's contact details are: telephone 0416 192 032 and email [lj@joll.net](mailto:lj@joll.net).

It is likely that both Kalianna School and Bendigo Specialist Developmental School will organise the Wednesday visits (17 & 24 April; 1 & 8 May) to the local disability support services once we know the Malaysia teachers' individual interests.

\*We might need some transport assistance during the day on the Wednesdays. Lindsay will update you on this.

*After their time in Bendigo and Echuca-Moama, we intend for our teachers to travel to Melbourne to continue their specialist education experience in Australia.*

I am looking forward to us working together on this program.

Kind Regards, Rob Foran

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## Guest Speaker report:

*Carried over from last week – as provided by Anatta Tri:*

Firstly, I thank the Eaglehawk Rotary club for sponsoring me to RYLA 2023.

Your willingness to invest in my endeavour has made a profound impact on my leadership journey.

At the camp, I have made new friends and met many inspirational guest speakers and young people. Throughout those seven days in the camp, we learned about the importance and how to become a leader, did several group discussions, and presented what we had learned to Rotarians who came to the camp and had dinner with us.

The experience made me feel seen and that I belong.

I have also shared my personal goals of pursuing my career in international organizations and activities I have done to connect and engage in the community since I was in Australia a year ago, such as joining a club and volunteering in city's events.

Regards- Anatta



## District 9800 Conference:

Here is a link to the D9800 web site promotion of the Conference – it provides all updated information, outlines guest speakers and the Conference Programme and provides accommodation and showcase links!

<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/district-conference-bendigo-2024>



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## Bendigo Conference 2024

### 12-14th April

Rotarian, Partners & Friends:	<b>\$390</b>
First-time attendee:	<b>\$300</b>
Rotaractor & Youth Exchange:	<b>\$200</b>
Foundation Breakfast:	<b>\$40</b>

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Rotary District 9800 has designed a targeted Post-Graduate Scholarship to focus on overseas study for a Masters degree or PhD, to a value of up to USD60,000 (or two scholarships at USD30,000 each).

The Scholarship is designed to enhance the profiles of our best graduates in recent years and acknowledges the underlying strength of Victorian University graduates. The field of study must fit one of the Rotary Foundation's 7 Areas of Focus.

Applications are invited from persons normally resident in Victoria and must be made through a Victorian Rotary club. Lineal descendents of current/recent Rotarians are ineligible.

Global Grants are awarded through a globally competitive process.

**Applications close 31 March 2024**

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<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/foundation/scholarships>

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- ◆ Make a difference
- ◆ Become a leader

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-  WATER AND SANITATION
-  MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
-  BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY
-  ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
-  ENVIRONMENT

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## Rotary theme for March 2024


Water, Sanitation and Hygiene month-

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**MARCH DESIGNATION IS**

**WATER  
AND SANITATION  
MONTH**

*"Clean water..... is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives."*

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