



# Rotary

## Club of Eaglehawk



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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		
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Bookshop	Jennifer Sanderson & Lynne Cooper
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Club dinner meeting	Bar- Alison Bacon Clean -Trevor Lock & Geoff Gallagher
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Bookshop	Tim Watts & Brian Fitzpatrick
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Club dinner meeting	Bar- Mick Costello Clean- Mary Preston & Geoff Adcock

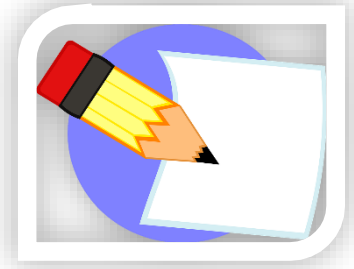
## Happy Birthday

19<sup>th</sup> Feb Trevor Lock



## President Geoff's report 01/02/23

On the 18<sup>th</sup> January we had a great start to the year with a nice meal at the Golden Square Hotel, we had about 16 in attendance a great social night. A fantastic attendance at last week's meeting with 100 % in attendance. It is heart-warming to see our members keen for another year at Rotary.



Australia Day last Thursday was a great success, thanks to the COGB, The Eaglehawk Brass band and Sharyn McGowan. The Eaglehawk Fire Brigade, Anne Conway, Sheamus Haugh, Councillor Julie Sloan.

**Alison Bacon, John Pearce, Ron Payne and Eric Smith** deserves a special mention and of course the many helpers from our club, which made the job a lot easier. Eric made the wooden Australia's that were presented to the citizens of the year along with the "flag poles ". The weather was great and the crowd was good, as it was our first public Australia Day event in 3 years, I didn't know what to expect and with what we have learnt this year I believe we can do even better next year.

It was great to have everything packed up and put away by lunchtime. Congratulations once again to **Mary and Laurie Preston and to Mitch Graham.**



This week we had several apologies, Geoff Adcock, Trevor Lock, Jennifer Sanderson and John Pearce.

We were privileged to welcome **Grant and Melissa Hocking** to our meeting. Grant is District Rotary Foundation Chair for Rotary District 9800. Grant presented us with a letter and a banner from The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International, in recognition of our club's contributions during the last Rotary year. In fact our club was the third highest fundraising club per capita for District 9800. Grant also presented DG elect **Ron Payne** a PHF badge with 3 sapphires. Congratulations Ron.

**Ron** was our guest speaker this week. He spoke of his and Deb's recent trip to Orlando, Florida in the United States. They attended the 2023 Rotary International Assembly which was held over 5 days in early January this year.

Ron said that the venue was "pretty flash "as you can see from the photo below. The assembly was attended by about 500 District Governors elect, their partners and other Rotarians involved in the training programs. The speakers were incredibly inspirational and Ron has gained many helpful ideas to assist him in his pending role of District Governor.

It was hard work over the 5 days with little time off, both he and Deb thoroughly enjoyed the experience, but not the travel. With many airport delays and lost luggage, it was not fun.

Rosen Shingle Creek Orlando, Florida, USA

Until next week

Take care.

*Geoff Gallagher*



## Club Happenings



We welcome our  
**District Governor – Amanda Wendt**  
on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11:00am – 4:00pm  
Saturday at the Rotary Club of  
Eaglehawk  
School Street, California Gully

The DG visit to Bendigo will be a cluster event at the RC Eaglehawk Clubrooms with all clubs and members invited.

**Congratulations to Eaglehawk Rotary Club members for their fantastic efforts in giving to Rotary Foundation and Rotary International last year.**

Ron, Grant & Geoff with our District Award



Grant presenting Ron with a PHF for his ongoing contributions to Foundation.





## Lynne reports:

### Once again great work Lynne!!

This photo shows 5 of our 6 Bendigo students; *Montana, Saad, Tait, Owen and Tia* with Lynne at the station about to head off to NYSF in Melbourne in January.



Thank  
you

Dear Rotary,

I am writing this letter to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity I got to attend the National Youth Science Forum. I've had the best time of my life in this experience. I've met amazing people and made many friendships that would hopefully last as long as I breath. I've learnt many lessons and NYSF helped me to decide what my true passion is. I've had so much fun and I am going to remember this wonderful experience for my entire life.

No words could explain how grateful I am. I will try my best to express my appreciation by giving back to the community. I would be more than happy to participate and volunteer in future rotary activities and help the society as much as I could.

Thank you so much!  
Best regard,  
Saad Sabri

Saad

Dear Rotary,

I write to thank you for providing myself and my fellow NYSF participants with accommodation for the NYSF program held in Melbourne earlier this month. It was a great experience visiting different universities and institutions to broaden my horizons to different potential career opportunities. I am grateful for the organisation and friendly volunteers that we had access to on the trip, it made for a smooth and enjoyable experience and I thank you for that.

The science forum was an awesome event. We got to meet Nobel-Prize winner Peter Doherty and have a tour of the Doherty and WEHI medical research institutes. We also had a tour of the Defence Science technology sector out in Fisherman's bend which was really eye opening. I got to make so many great connections as well along the trip and once again, I am thankful to

Rotary for allowing this to happen.

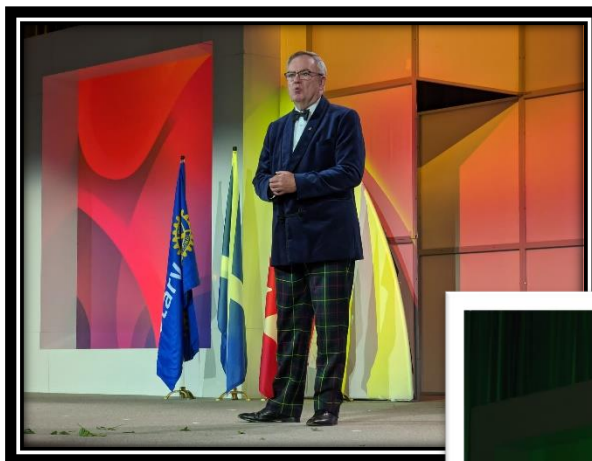
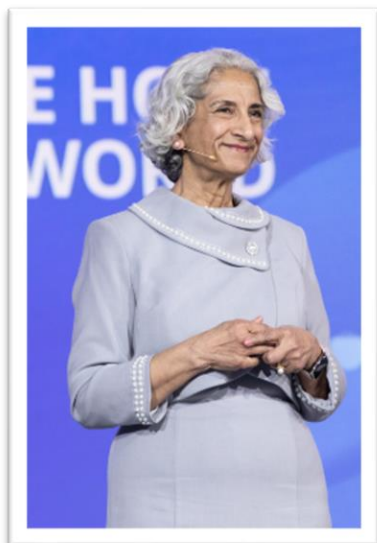
Regards  
Tait Poyser



*Our six NYSF participants*

## DGE Ron & Deb's International Assembly journey

2023-24 RI President Gordon  
introduces his theme



Two very inspirational women.  
Dr. Geetha Jayaram's (L)  
Current RI President, Jennifer Jones (R)



Meeting incoming Rotary  
International President  
Gordon McNally and his lovely  
wife, Heather

Some of our Zone 8  
incoming Governors  
and partners







Some outstanding keynote presentations were featured on each of the four days



The cultural night provided plenty of colour and wonderful interaction



## New Orleans French Quarter



We enjoyed some downtime  
on the way home



We loved the vibrant atmosphere of the  
wonderful French Quarter where we stayed







Garden District

Deb's in heaven!!!

Beautiful examples of the old Southern architecture were a highlight



Zooming around the swamps on an airboat looking for alligators was great fun



Swamp Fever!!



The effects of past hurricanes were still evident





\*\*\*\* Newsletter Assistance \*\*\*\*



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If so, please send your article to [eaglehawkrc.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:eaglehawkrc.newsletter@gmail.com) by Thursday so that the LATEST EDITION can be sent to you on Friday morning each week.

## 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.



REGISTER FOR THE RI  
MELBOURNE CONVEI



# NIGHT BOWLS

**FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**

**6:30PM START - BBQ INCLUDED**

**SOUTH BENDIGO BOWLS CLUB  
PALMERSTON STREET, QUARRY HILL**

**COME ALONG FOR A FUN  
NIGHT AND CHANGE  
SOME LIVES!**

**\$200 PER TEAM OF 3 PEOPLE**

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Bendigo

