



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 14th February: Guest speaker: John Stewart- Antarctic photographer

Happy Birthday to you in February!

19th Trevor Lock



Reminders:

1. **Saturday 10th February** – at Soccer Complex at Epsom (Soccer & Netball registration n event)- BBQ catering.
2. **Wednesday 28th February** – O Week @ La Trobe Uni- catering: 12- 2 pm
3. **Thursday 29th February**- Burra BBQ at Eaglehawk Secondary College – details tba.
4. **Friday 15th, Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th March** – Dahlia and Arts activities.
5. **Friday 22nd March** – Imagination Library Breakfast
6. **Friday 29th March** – Good Friday
7. **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:

It was pleasing to welcome Sue Watts back as a visitor this week, following her recent surgery. Certainly not running around Lake Tom Thumb just yet, but great to see her up and about.

It was also a little surprising to see Mick Costello in our midst. As most would know, Mick went into hospital last week for some minor surgery. But he missed the part where you get into the Theatre, just goes to demonstrate the dedication of some towards Rotary. The word around the traps is that they will catch up with him again shortly!

With a fair bit of secretive work in the background, we were able to surprise Secretary John Jones with the presentation of a Paul Harris Award with two sapphires.

District Governor Ron Payne explained the award and made the presentation. Thank you again Ron for undertaking this role for us.

Following on in the same theme, I was privileged to present District Governor Ron Payne with his Paul Harris Award with five sapphires, a magnificent effort which ever way you consider, and measure it.

Congratulations to both John and Ron on your continued dedication to Rotary and thank you for your service. You are certainly both an inspiration to members of this club and all Rotarians in general.

The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk are very much appreciative of the number of Paul Harris awardees within our Club and would encourage members to consider the Paul Harris story and what it may mean for you.

It was also great to hear from our guest speaker, Boyd Robertson, when he talked enthusiastically about his photographic equipment and the resultant magnificent bird and animal photographs. His work editing and collating his presentation was certainly appreciated by everyone in attendance.

Please note, I would encourage you to bring your partners or guests out to dinner next week, at Rotary, (John Stewart-Guest Speaker) will be sharing his trip to the Antarctic.

Keep safe and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Regards - Eric.

Guest Speaker: Boyd Robertson

Boyd's photo presentation had everyone in awe of the detail involved and his expert photography skills of birds.

He said photography was his passion, with "an interest in birds of late"! Boyd explained that he heads out weekly with 8 other members from the Bendigo Camera Club, to differing venues locally and sometimes further afield. Some of his photography sites have included: Western Treatment Farm, Crusoe Res, Terrick Terrick NP, Mt Korong, Kakadu, Darwin, Cairns and some animals in the wilds of Africa!

Boyd explained the value of plain clothing, understanding the habits of birds (and snakes), patience and lots of editing skills to get great shots. His photography is amazing, and he likes to share his photos on his Face Book page. We were all speechless – **Thanks Boyd!**



Proud presentations at Eaglehawk Rotary Club meeting last Wednesday



DG Ron presented John J with his Paul Harris Fellowship Award with two sapphires- congratulations!



Club President Eric presented DG Ron with his Paul Harris Fellowship Award with five sapphires- congratulations!



President Eric was able to formally acknowledge our Club member, GP, as the recipient of the Eaglehawk Australia Day Citizenship Award.

Promoting Rotary in our Community:

Two of our local Rotarians (Ann and Michael) and local Rotary exchange students (Freja and Nacho) were interviewed by Ann Conway on Phoenix FM last week.

Eric has a copy of the recording for everyone to share at our Eaglehawk Club meeting next Wednesday.

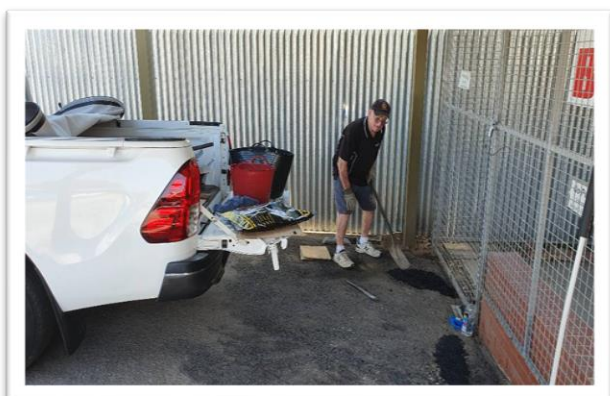
For others, here's the link:

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Rotarians at Work:

Our appreciation and THANKS to Trevor for his time and efforts repairing the surface at the back of the Rotary bookshop....it will now be much safer for everyone – *thanks especially from Rita, Carmel, John and Mandy !*



[D9800 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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District 9800

Bendigo Conference 2024
12-14th April

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

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Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

