



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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**Club meetings are held at the Mechanics Facility, 8 School Street, California Gully.
As this sometimes changes, please see details below for the coming program of Club activities.**

Dates and duty to remember

February 2nd

Club dinner meeting

Bar – Geoff Adcock

Clean Up – Lindsay Walkington / Alison Bacon

Welcome Back to all Rotary members, partners and friends

We have had some wonderful social get togethers over the last couple of months with our end of the year Christmas function at the Bush Pig Inn and, more recently, our dinner at the Hibernian Hotel. It was great to see so many happy and engaged faces enjoying each other's company. I hope that going forward we keep this feeling going and support each other with any projects we undertake in the coming months to finish this Rotary year.

President Gary

Happy birthday to you !!

January

12th Rita O'Brien

25th Lindsay Walkington



THINKING OF YOU TREVOR

*We all pass on our wishes for a speedy recovery to Trevor Lock who has been in hospital recently.
We hope to see him up and about soon.*



A look back at our Christmas function.



What a fun night we had for our last get together for the year. We all enjoyed a delicious meal together with lots of fun and a bit of frivolity. A big thanks to Gail and Brian Fitzpatrick for organizing this night and to our 'Masters of Fun,' Mick and Geoff, for the games.

REMINDERS

Saturday 29th February

Bunnings BBQ

(John has sent an email with the roster, please check the time you need to be there. One more helper required at 11:00 - 1:30pm Thanks to all who have volunteered).

Saturday 5th & Sun 6th February

CFA BBQ lunch 11:00 - 2:00pm

Saturday 19th February

Bunnings BBQ.



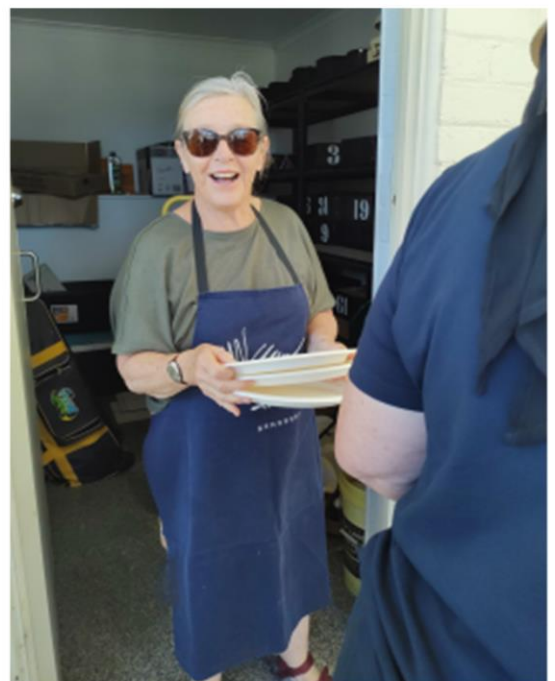
The hard work of Trevor Lock was on show again at Christmas time. The nativity scene was at its finest! Many hours of work was appreciated by all that saw it on display in Eaglehawk. Thanks again Trevor. The nativity scene attracted a lot of interest and special mention to Rotarian Rita O'Brien for her generosity and assistance in providing the Rotary Book Shop Window for this wonderful traditional display to be continued.



Christmas BBQ –Stroke Association



We need to thank John Jones, John Gurr, Mary and Laurie Preston and Alison Bacon for their catering efforts with a Christmas BBQ for the members and guests of the Stroke Association. Well done !





REST IN PEACE

HOWARD OSBORNE



Sadly we lost one of longest serving members and dear friend, PP Howard Stanley Osborne, PHF (with sapphires), just prior to Christmas. Howard had courageously battled serious illness for some time and the family hoped to share one last Christmas but that was not to be.

Howard was a member of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk for forty years and made an enormous personal and professional contribution. His engineering expertise was often called upon and he was always generous in his response. He was also involved in numerous projects across the City of Greater Bendigo and beyond. When I joined Rotary Howard was International Director and I soon took on the role of Youth Director and there was significant overlap – hence we developed a close working relationship and friendship.

His passion for education and for young people led to the ROSE program. I believe about twenty young people from seriously disadvantaged backgrounds had a life changing experience as a consequence of his generosity. A unique feature was the way in which he managed to engage with families from across Bendigo to host these young people. His capacity to build partnerships was unique.

Get the idea and make it happen – the Christmas Stocking raffle was established to fund the program for I think 16 years. Again it was the relationships that made that such a success – but it was not just the relationships it was his strategic planning and attention to detail.

His other huge project was the skate park and again his professional skills and contacts allowed that to come to fruition – we plan to run an annual event in his honour.

After an address from Heather Ridge he pledged the Club's support for the scholarship program in Maubisse, Timor Lester. With funds available he recommended that we fund four tertiary scholarships for young people from Maubisse for the duration of their studies– the first two have now graduated.

Not all our ideas were successful. One such idea was 'Wrestling for Rotary.' A huge logistical effort involving wrestlers from the USA, setting up a venue, catering, marketing etc. Unfortunately we didn't make a profit but that did not phase him – we had a go.

In my time we shared a passion for youth and international portfolios and one area of fundraising was movie nights. I think it may have been at the premiere of Mao's Last Dancer, we were in the foyer until the last minute and made a belated entrance to the theatre and Viv remarked to Marj – and here comes Dumb and Dumber – a title I continue to wear with pride. But I believe we made a great team.

We plan to perpetuate Howard's legacy with an annual scholarship to the Father Ray Foundation in Pattaya and this has already commenced. We are also planning to host an annual event at the McKern Skate Park to acknowledge his contribution – it could not have happened without him.

When Howard became aware of his condition he chose to resign from the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk, a decision he shared with me over a coffee at the Old Lion Tamer . His reason was simple. "If I can't give it one hundred per cent then I will not do it!" Such was the nature of the man.

Howard and I shared many common values and also a somewhat risqué sense of humour. He had a very quick wit and could be quite cheeky.

'Service above Self' is the foundation on which Rotary is built and that was the epitome of Howard. I will treasure the many memories we have created.

Our sympathies are extended to Viv, Lara and Michael. The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk, together with the Greater Bendigo Community and beyond, will be forever indebted to Howard and the Osborne family for their enormous contributions.

John P Jones
Secretary.

CONGRATULATIONS to JOHN PEARCE our Eaglehawk Citizen of the Year

Secondary College teacher, John Pearce, will be bestowed the honour of Eaglehawk Citizen of the Year for 2022 recognising a 50-year teaching career in and outside the classroom.

Mr Pearce has made a significantly valuable contribution to the personal and professional development of Eaglehawk's youth across five decades during times of immense change.

Joining Eaglehawk Secondary College in 1972, Mr Pearce notched up 12 years in the classroom followed by another 30 years as Student Welfare Coordinator and the last eight years as Transition Support Worker for newly enrolled students.

"John is well known for his highly unique and valuable engagement skills with students and their families and has a special knack for relating to challenging students and motivating them," said Geoff Gallagher, Director of Community Services, Rotary Club of Eaglehawk.

"For 50 years John Pearce's name has been synonymous with Eaglehawk as has his reputation as not only an excellent teacher, but a trusted mentor to thousands of students. John has been at the leading edge of significant change and challenges in education and society and the Eaglehawk community is indebted to him for his influence and care of three generations of families.

"On behalf of the Eaglehawk community and the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk, I congratulate John for receiving the honour of Citizen of the Year and thank him for his dedication to his community," Mr Gallagher said.

Mr Pearce also combined the sport of volleyball to assist in student development having been behind the formation of the Eaglehawk Volleyball Club in 1978 and being elected inaugural club president.

In the early 1980s, Eaglehawk Volleyball Club had more than 200 members and 36 local junior and senior teams.

For many years Mr Pearce has volunteered as compere for the Carols by Candlelight at Canterbury Gardens and for the Dahlia and Arts Festival street parade.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Australia Day celebrations at Canterbury Park have been cancelled, and a presentation ceremony will take place at a later date.



Australia Day Honours

Our congratulations are extended to two of our past members who received awards in the Australia Day Honours this year.

Well done to Peter Cox and Heather Ridge. We salute you both.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE



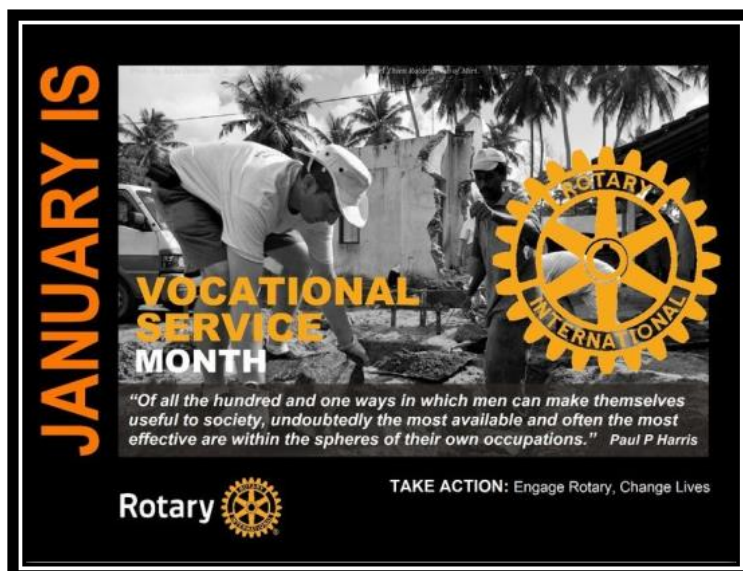
Our District 9800 Conference is coming up on the weekend of 22nd to 24th April.

We strongly encourage all Eaglehawk Rotarians to participate as there is much we can all learn and enjoy from this event. As we will be very closely involved in the 2023-24 Conference organisation and conduct, this is an excellent opportunity to not only develop a good understanding of the conduct of a Conference, but a great chance for members and partners to interact with each other and develop new relationships with other Rotarians across our District.

Conference Registrations are now open and below are the details:

For further information go to: [District Conference Albury 2022](#)

Bookings now open at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWKQC>



Message from Our Youth Director - Lynne

Dear Youth Directors and supporters of RYLA,

It is with great sadness that we, on behalf of the District 9800 RYLA Committee, write to let you know that the committee has made the very difficult decision to **cancel the RYLA program scheduled for February 13th-19th.**

Our committee has been working tirelessly over recent weeks to create a COVID management strategy that would minimise risk to participants and our team of young volunteers; however, after consulting with the team and as many applicants as possible over the past week, we came to the conclusion that even with the precautions we were planning on putting in place, the likelihood of a positive case during the program was unacceptably high given the current level of community transmission, particularly amongst young people. It was decided that given the high level of interaction between participants during the RYLA week and the dormitory accommodation, a single case of COVID during RYLA would result in having to shut down the program early or mid-way through the program after we would have already laid out significant expenses. This would have meant being unable to offer full refunds to sponsoring clubs, which we deemed an unacceptable outcome.

Additionally, a significant number of applicants and team had indicated that they, or members of their household, had conditions which made them vulnerable to serious illness from COVID and that they were concerned about possible exposure from attending the program. This, as well as people becoming ill before the program started may have resulted in withdrawals during the weeks prior to the program meaning we may have had insufficient numbers to run RYLA.

Finally, the recent announcement of a Code Brown for hospitals made us reflect on the pressure on our healthcare workers at this time and we felt that it would not be in line with the values of the RYLA to run a program within this context.

We understand that this is very disappointing news and after a year of preparation, including a postponement, we are truly devastated that we will not be going ahead. We have made the decision to cancel rather than postpone again to enable us to have sufficient time before our **next program which is scheduled for the 27th of November to the 3rd of December 2022 at Camp Getaway.** All of the participants registered for the February program will be telephoned this week by our team to notify them of the decision and will be offered a place in the December program. We encourage clubs to stay in touch with applicants throughout the year.

We thank you again for your support of the program and look forward to getting in touch in the lead up to the next program.

Warm regards,

Wayne Hunter (Acting Chairperson - 0424 971 775) and Jessica Wheeler-Thomas (Chairperson on maternity leave)

CONGRATULATIONS



The NYSF kids are doing great things!! Rory Van de Zand represented Echuca Moama RC in 2021, and has also been named Dux for Echuca College.

I graduated from LaTrobe University with a bachelor of biomedicine. I also just got accepted into honours and will be doing a year of research.

In 2018 I went to NYSF and was in the medical science group.

Emily Major



Upcoming Events

❖ **DEI Workshop "Gender and Sexuality"**

Feb 05, 2022

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

❖ **2022-2023 AGs pre Capability Session 1 catch-up**

Feb 05, 2022

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

❖ **PETS In Person**

Feb 12, 2022 5:00 PM –

Feb 13, 2022 4:30 PM

❖ **RAWCS Project Information and Showcase**

Rowville International Receptions

Feb 19, 2022

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

❖ **2022-2023 District Support Team Strategy Session**

Feb 19, 2022

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

❖ **Multi-District PETS / Capability Session 2 - Day 1**

Mar 05, 2022

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

❖ **Multi-District PETS / Capability Session 2 - Day 2**

Mar 06, 2022

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM





DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION WORKSHOP 3 – GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Saturday 5 February 2022, 10.00am - 12.30pm

This **FREE** workshop will cover presentations from experts,
workshops, Q and A session and Discussion

**Save the Date or
Register NOW via Trybooking**
<https://www.trybooking.com/BWRNT>

More details will be provided soon.

Help Build a Better Rotary

The workshops are for Rotary Club DEI Champions or Rotarians who have an
interest in creating change and ensuring their Rotary club is more inclusive
and supportive of the community.



Newsletter Publication

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