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We meet every Wednesday at the Mechanics Facility, 8 School Street, California Gully for a dinner meeting.

<i>The next fortnight....</i>		
29 July	Bookshop	Rita & Jenny
2 August	Club dinner meeting	Bar- Geoff A Clean- John P & Mary
5 July	Bookshop	Rita & John P
9 August	Club dinner meeting	Bar – Trevor Clean – John G & Alison

Happy Birthday to you in July!

*July 1 Deb Payne
July 23 Marie Lock
July 25 Tim Watts*



Reminders:

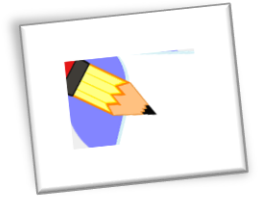
1. Footy gate duty- **Saturday 29th July- Eric and Gary**
2. Bonfire at Gary’s – **Saturday 12th August- please see attached flyer.** Members are welcome to bring a guest, and Gary has organised some musical entertainment.
3. Regional Engineering Challenge –**Friday 18th August.**
4. Car parking event at the Atisha Centre - **Saturday 26 August.**
5. Ron to visit club meeting – **Wednesday 30th August.**
6. Bunnings BBQ- **Saturday 28 October.**
7. Safe travels to Brian and Gail to Greece and Italy.
8. Hope your trip to Qld has been lovely John, and that you bring back some sunshine please!

****Message from Lindsay re remaining roster: Eaglehawk Football/Netball Club Gate Roster**

If anyone can assist the members listed below on the following dates, please either contact Lindsay Walkington or directly with the members listed:

29/07/23: Eric Smith & Gary Frank
05/08/23: Mary & Laurie Preston
19/08/23: Lindsay & Marg Walkington

President's report:



Certainly, a different meeting this week, with 15 attending, a drop from last week, but still a healthy number! (**Editor- it's because they all keep going on holidays!*). Our guest speaker was Bernadette Storer of the Inner Wheel Club of Bendigo. Bernadette gave us an insight into the history and workings of this amazing club that quietly works away in the background, achieving things way beyond what you would expect of a group of ladies of mature age (*no offence intended please*). I am sure there will be more about the Inner Wheel Club later in this edition.

It was good to welcome Carmel Fitzpatrick back again. The rumour mill has it that she has hopped into the 'work force' at the Book Shop already. Thanks, Carmel, for offering to help! Rita must be relieved to have a new helper too. I did happen to see an application form under Carmel's arm as she left...stay tuned.

As you would remember there was mention of our very own TV star last week. Well, it seems that stardom was short lived in that there was only the one appearance. So as the story goes, 'the show must go on'. So has Channel 10's Hunted. They continue to track down the fugitives, including the two that were in Bendigo. Sorry Gary, better luck next time.

I had the opportunity to attend the Rotary Club of Bendigo's dinner meeting on Tuesday night. The guest speakers were three of the Bendigo team from BSE. They crewed the sailing ship One for All, from Adelaide to Melbourne and return journey to Adelaide, as a feature of the International Conference. They were very enthusiastic about their adventure, and it certainly has changed them all for the better. I have invited them to visit our club soon and tell us their story too. Definitely a win for Rotary supporting our youth!

It was with some concern that we were able to send off our intrepid adventurers as they head towards northwestern Australia, (well I understand that's the plan?!). I am sure Geoff and Mick will run amuck with a 'she'll be right' and Marg and Mandy will be flat out busy trying to keep them in line and on the right track! However, we wished them all well in the adventure, and hope they all have a safe journey.

Please refer to the reminders for what's on in the coming weeks.

Take care this week. Regards- Eric.

Meeting apologies: Brian, Mary, John G, John P, GP and Ron

Meeting guests: Carmel F.

Youth Report:

The NYSF closing date for Year 11 STEM student applications is July 31.

We have possibly 4 students from other colleges who are in the process of applying, with the assistance of Rotary Clubs of Bendigo and Bendigo Sandhurst.

There are a number of students from BSSC interested, but exact numbers are uncertain at this stage. We continue to encourage applicants and would love to see more students take up this opportunity.

Regards- Lynne and Mick.

Our meeting guest speaker:

Bernadette Storer (Secretary- Rotary Inner Wheel)

The Inner Wheel club was started by Rotary member's wives. It originated in Manchester in 1924.

The Bendigo Inner Wheel Club (ID Number 1) was the third chartered club in Australia. It was chartered on 19th August 1933.

It is the largest friendship and service organisation for women in Australia.

The key objective is to promote true friendships.

Bernadette herself, has only been living in Bendigo for the last 10 years.

The Bendigo group is going strong, inducting 4 members last year.

Congratulations- what an effort!

Next month the Inner Wheel Club will celebrate having been in existence for 90 years in Bendigo and as the longest surviving Club in Australia.

Their fundraising focus to support cord blood research.

They have raised almost \$30,000-00 this year and continue to provide scholarships (Australia wide) into cord blood research.

If you know someone who is interested in joining:

innerwheelaustralia.org.au



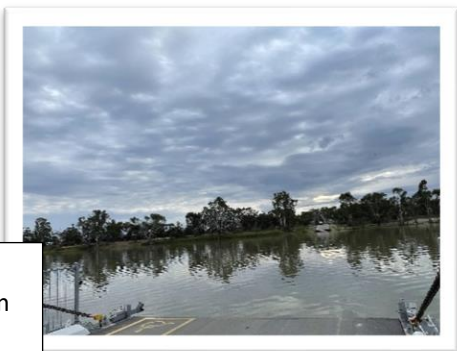
Nacho's adventures this week to a farm and sheep spotting too!



Seeing double?

The Intrepid travellers...

Crossing the Murray at Swan Reach



FYI: Updates about our Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Group Scholarship Programme:

There have been quite a few developments with the Scholarship Program this year, so I thought it was time for a general update.

This year we (you) are sponsoring 96 high school students and 30 university students! It is a great achievement, and we sincerely thank all of you who have made this happen.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EVALUATION

While the scholarship program is going very well and we believe it is having a great impact in Maubisse, we have no external and impartial evidence to support this belief. As a consequence, we have entered into a partnership with LaTrobe University Department of Social Enquiry to conduct an evaluation of the program in the last half of this year. The student conducting the evaluation is Neil Montagnana-Wallace who is completing the final year of his Masters of International Relations Degree. He will be supported by Tom McNamara, who is Deputy Director of the Masters of International Development program. I have attached a flyer for those of you who might be interested to find out more.

GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS TRIAL

As many of you may be aware, the committee was originally providing scholarships to the local government agricultural high school but terminated that arrangement as the school was not providing us with annual reports as requested. Last year we were approached by the principals of the Agricultural High School (new Principal) and the Government High School at Maulau to see if we could include them in the scholarship program. As a consequence, we are trialling five scholarships in each Government school this year, with a view to expanding the number next year.

NEW REPORT FORMAT

In view of the large number of scholarships in our program now and the move to include the two government high schools, I have developed a simplified report form which is in both Tetun and English. While it is a simple "tick a box" report with room for comments it should be much easier to administer. Sister Henrietta was very pleased when she saw it, and it means that the high schools should have fewer problems with it. The other change about reporting is that I am only requesting one report per year, again for the same reasons as above.

A team of us went over to Maubisse early in the year in part to set up these arrangements, to re-establish personal contact with Sister Henrietta and Father Feliciano and to talk to the Principals and scholarship students at the government High Schools. At the same time, we were able to present the certificates and photograph the scholarship students from all three schools. Sister Henrietta informs me that the certificates are highly valued by the students and their families.

Once again, thank you for your involvement in the scholarship program,

Kind regards,

Milton

Milton Long
BMFC Scholarship Program Co-ordinator

