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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 10th July: Guest speaker: Sarah Watts, sharing her recently published book about Childhood Epilepsy.

JULY:

Happy Birthday to you - July

10th Deb Payne

20th Kylie Campbell

23rd Marie Lock

25th Tim Watts



Reminders:

The week ahead –

- Rotary Bookshop Saturday 10-12noon
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Attachments this week:

1. COGB Managed Growth Strategy (MGS) - public consultation meetings- invite
2. This is Eaglehawk- Annual Celebration invite for Wednesday 14th August.
3. Combined Youth Services Directors meeting minutes – 18 June 2024

President's Report:

What a great start to the new Rotary year. Members and guests closed out the last Rotary year at a very enjoyable club changeover, followed by an extra special D9800 Changeover where PDG Ron and Deb celebrated the successes of the past year. Our club have been fortunate for the past year being 'the home of the District Governor' a year during which we supported Ron and highlighted what a great club we have.

An album of photos of the club changeover has been uploaded and can be viewed on the club website – <http://www.eaglehawkrotary.org.au>

Also on the club website is a copy of the Annual Report, summarised by PP Eric at the changeover but now available in full on the website. Some great reading, a showcase of what we achieved for the year and a 'brag worthy' summary of the financial assistance our club has provided out into the community.

Presentations were made to those who had been unable to attend the club changeover – Board Director's badge to Lindsay Walkington, a fantastic inclusion onto the board for the year, thank you Lindsay for continuing your commitment to leadership within the club. The Golden Eagle was presented to Charlie Cunneen, an annual recognition afforded to a non-board member who has displayed outstanding commitment to the club, congratulations Charlie, you are the face of our Club and it's always a pleasure to hear your 'Welcome to Rotary' upon arrival at our meetings.

PP Eric also took the opportunity to acknowledge both Lindsay Walkington and Mick Costello for their contributions to the club board over the last 12 months.

Our guest speaker was Victor Saelens, formerly hosted jointly by our club in partnership with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South as an Exchange Student in 2017/2018. Victor is back in town, catching up with the families and Rotarians who hosted him. A wonderful opportunity to catch up with Victor as he spoke glowingly of his experience, highlighting the impact it had on decisions he has made since. Victor clearly is a great ambassador for Rotary and the Youth Exchange Program. Hard to believe it was seven years ago, where did that time go? speaking with him was just the same as before, he still talks fast, has an accent that is mesmerising and a personality that is infectious. Victor has agreed to a radio interview with John Pearce and myself this Friday, this will be another opportunity for us to have a catchup chat and share with the listeners another wonderful aspect of rotary youth programs.

Meeting attendance numbers are important for many reasons, but ensuring the caterers feed us all being high on the priority list. Throughout this week Mick Costello will be meeting with Carmel Fitzpatrick for the handover of this weekly task. More information will follow. There remains a couple of vacancies within the club, always on the radar is our need for succession planning, and this is highlighted by the need for us to lock in a President for the year 2025/2026. Please give this consideration and have a chat to fellow members should you be interested.

The most immediate pressing position that needs to be filled is that of the Program Co-ordinator. As highlighted, our proposed calendar for the year allows for 20 guest speaker nights – there are already potential speakers that simply need to be locked into one of the available dates, so this provides a good starting point for the next coordinator.

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A heartfelt and huge thank you is extended to Mandy Costello, Mandy's commitment to our club over the past 12 months as bulletin editor has been greatly appreciated. The bulletin editor job is not easy and especially when, as a non-member, you may not always be at the meetings. Mandy did a marvellous job, and we are all extremely grateful. It's wonderful to be able to announce and extend our club appreciation to PP Geoff Adcock for having stepped up to the plate and volunteered his services as bulletin editor going forward. Geoff has undertaken this role in the past and is fully aware of what is needed. Geoff will be taking over as from the next edition; submission of information remains via the bulletin email address of eaglehawkrc.newsletter@gmail.com

President Alison

Congratulations to Gary – PHF with 3 sapphires



Congratulations to Rita – a worthy recipient of the Royce Abbey Award.

Thanks, Ron, for a great job.



Our last club visit by Nacho – safe travels home next Tuesday!

'The Eagle' - well deserved Charlie!



Thanks for your work, Lyndsay and Mick!



A great presentation Victor.



A message from IPDG Ron Payne:

“With my year as District Governor now over I’m spending time completing necessary reporting requirements and attending a number of club changeovers still to be completed. Part of my responsibility is the preparation of a District Annual Report which will be compiled and made available in November. I am also preparing a summary of District Changeover which will be in the next edition of *Networker*. No time to put the feet up just yet!

The year has been a whirl with Deb and I constantly on the road or living out of suitcases in Melbourne as we undertook the challenges of supporting and visiting all 62 clubs in our District. The Governor role afforded us opportunity to fully witness the magnificent work of Rotary. We got to experience it at the local, national and international levels. The impact of the collective work of all members in our clubs has been so positive and life changing for many, most of whom we will never know.

In time I will come to reflect on the experiences of three years as a member of the District 9800 leadership team and of the last twelve months in particular. All of this would not be possible without the wonderful support Deb and I have received from the members of RC Eaglehawk. Over the course of this year, the face of our club has changed and it’s been lovely to be greeted by new members we are yet to fully come to know. We look forward to again working locally and being part of this wonderful club which is such a support to our community. Our thanks.
Deb & Ron Payne”

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?

Want to know the latest Eaglehawk RC news:

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<https://twitter.com/EaglehawkRotary>

RC Eaglehawk Changeover celebrations:



Youth Update:

Eve Gray (BSSC student) participated in NYSF in 2019 and since then, has completed a Bachelor of Science (Honours) majoring in infection and immunity at the University of Melbourne. She just has the good news of her appointment to a research position at St Vincents Institute in a gut microbiology laboratory. It is not easy to win these positions, so we are thrilled to hear of her success. She celebrated with Dr Catherine Wheller, NYSF National Communications Manager. Congratulations Eve and we hope to keep in touch.



NYSF applications close on July 15. Youth Directors have been in contact with all the Colleges that teach Year 11 students, to encourage applications to be done online. It will be interesting to learn at some future date how many of our Bendigo students are successful.

Anne Peace usually presents a session on Phoenix FM monthly but as she is unwell Tony and I were asked to stand in for her. We were interviewed mainly about Rotary and Youth programs but were also able to promote the membership opportunities available.

We also took the chance to speak about Bryan Griffith's contribution to Rotary and Rochester and how much he will be missed by all those who knew him.

Just a word of thanks to Josephine Falzarano who contacted the Rotary Club of Carlton and found a homestay family who can host Courtney Campbell while she attends an NYSF program at University of Melbourne in the coming school holidays. Many thanks to Ian and Anne Ada whose son participated in NYSF a long time ago also.

Back Packs 4 VicKids. I have requested Dot Smith to arrange a time when those who are interested can go to the Baptist Church in Junortoun to see the container housing these back packs. More info soon.

Lynne and Tony at
Phoenix FM

Regards- Lynne Cooper



ROTARY IN KIND

2024 Open Day - Saturday 10th August –
10.00am to 3pm.
Store tours every hour. Book for catering.



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Find out how you can volunteer here.



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Enjoy a range of food, tea & coffee, soft drinks and conversation



An invitation for all Rotarians:

The Victorian Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA) committee has completed the judging process and are pleased to announce the finalists for 2024.

1. **Duncan Rooney - Ambulance Victoria**
2. **Garry Luxford - Country Fire Authority**
3. **Mario Cocola - Emergency Management Victoria- Coast Guard**
4. **Emma Atkins - Life Saving Victoria**
5. **Anthony Tregenza - Red Cross**
6. **Faye Pyke - Red Cross**
7. **Shanleigh Meldrum - SES Victoria**
8. **Fillip Pritchett - St John Ambulance**
9. **Sashi VAGADIA - Victoria Police**
10. **Tom Rose - Victorian Council of Churches**

We would love to see you at the **Vic RESCA dinner event on Saturday 3rd August at Hyatt Place Essendon Fields.**

Tickets are \$95 per person and includes 2 course dinner, drinks and parking.

It will be a wonderful night of celebration and I am sure each finalist would love to see you and members of their community at the dinner event.

Every finalist will receive a plaque, and two winners will be announced on the night- Rotary Victoria Emergency Service Officer of the Year Serving in a Volunteer capacity and Rotary Victoria Emergency Service Officer of the Year Serving in a Paid capacity

Tickets can be purchased via <https://events.humanitix.com/copy-of-rotary-emergency-service-community-awards-victoria-resca-vic>

It would be appreciated if you could share this across your networks and encourage attendance at the event.

For more information on the RESCA program visit the Vic RESCA website
- www.vic.rescawards.org.au/

I look forward to seeing you at the Vic RESCA dinner.

Kind Regards

Grant

Grant Hocking ASM

District Rotary Foundation Chair - Rotary District 9800

Victorian Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (Vic RESCA) - Chair

Community events:

Run for Dads Bendigo

The Annual **RUN FOR DADS** BENDIGO is to be held on Father's Day. 1st September 2024 at the Bendigo Racecourse, which will have a **Superhero** dress up theme and a Fun Day also. Assistance is sought for a couple of areas: to join the committee which currently is a committee of 3, they also need some arms and legs on the day to assist with the running of the event, (Marshalls, Guides, assist with registrations on the day and even a participation team ?!) Entry fees are to be allocated as funds for the Prostrate Cancer Foundation. The costs to run the event, participation medals, are allocated from sponsorship and donations,

Let's all – as Rotarians- get behind this very worthy cause!



Dear Eaglehawk Community,

Empowering Eaglehawk is excited to announce our 2024 Annual Celebration Night will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, from 6pm-7:15PM.

This is our time to show our community what Empowering Eaglehawk has done in the last 12 months. This night, we will present our 2024 Empowering Eaglehawk Community and Sport awards, have guest speakers and present our annual report. We will have catering available and drinks at bar prices.

Registration is essential for all attendees, so please register now at

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/empowering-eaglehawks-18th-this-is-eaglehawk-annual-celebration-2024-tickets-923351979627?aff=oddtcreator>

Please share this email with all contacts you know to make this the best celebration ever! We can't wait to welcome all to our annual celebration and present to our community the real Eaglehawk.

Kind regards

Mitchell Graham

President and Chair of Empowering Eaglehawk

Click the links to the latest Rotary news:



***July is Rotary- Maternal and Child Health Month...more info to follow next edition.**



A message from Rochester Rotary Club- in memory of their President Bryan Griffiths (who sadly passed away recently), members are invited to please donate to End Polio Now.
<https://my.rotary.org/en/polioplus-fund>