



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

R.I. President – Shekhar Mehta  
District Governor – Dale Hoy  
Assistant Governor – Graeme Lynas

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Most weeks 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 each Club meeting.

# Rotary

## Club of Eaglehawk



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### July Birthdays

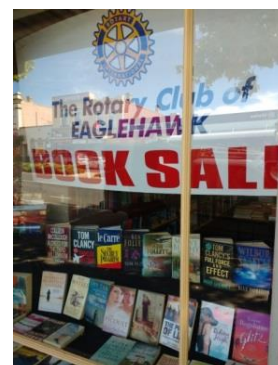
10<sup>th</sup> Debbie Payne  
23<sup>rd</sup> Marie Lock

Dates and Events for Your Diaries -		Club Members Duty Roster -
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Club Dinner Meeting -	
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bookshop Roster 10am – 12noon	
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	RC Rochester Pie and Port Night	See info later in bulletin
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Club Dinner Meeting -	
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bookshop Roster 10am – 12noon	
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Club Dinner Meeting -	
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bookshop roster 10am – 12noon	
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bunnings BBQ	** Volunteer Needed **
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	District Governor, Dale Hoy's Club Visit	
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Chrysler Car Club Catering	** Volunteers Needed **

### Rotary Book Shop



Don't forget to see when you have been rostered for the book shop – it's a two hour shift on a Saturday – if it's not convenient then see who you can swap with.



A few snaps from our fantastic changeover evening last Wednesday night.









## Celebrating 100 Years of Rotary 'Our Acts of Kindness' ~ 2020-2021

1. Our club contributed \$5000 to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Program Fund to support educational, humanitarian, and cultural programs and projects throughout the world.
2. PP Alison Bacon undertook the making of cloth masks to support our member's endeavours of complying with Covid-19 restrictions while making a few dollars for the club at the same time.
3. President-elect Gary Frank has been regularly phoning members during the current pandemic just to check that they are going OK.
4. Realising that fundraising will be difficult during lockdown, PP John Jones has organised another Grange raffle in an endeavour to boost the club's finances.
5. PP Ron Payne undertook the 'End Polio Walk' with family and club members sponsoring \$1128 towards the cause.
6. Lola Frank paid for the coffee of the people in the car following her through the McDonald's drive-through.
7. Trevor Lock spent many hours touching up the paint work of the figurines in the Nativity scene which has been put on display at Christmas in Eaglehawk for many decades.
8. President Mick Costello is helping his invalid mate Geoff recover from surgery by taking him for a walk around the lake each morning.
9. PP Alison Bacon donated 60 insulated grocery bags to the Eaglehawk Community House for them to use for their community meal distributions.
10. Deb Payne put together a grocery hamper and donated it to Bendigo Foodshare.
11. Rotarian Trevor Lock brought along his ukulele to provide wonderful entertainment for our club's Christmas function this year.
12. PP John Jones drove to Melbourne to deliver the prize in our recent Grange Raffle. This completed an outstanding fundraising project on his behalf for the club.
13. PP Ron Payne prepared, submitted and was successful in a \$22,000 Australia Day grant for the combined Rotary Clubs of our Super Cluster.
14. PP Doug Harrison and PE Gary Frank did an outstanding job in cleaning up the surrounds of the Mechanics building in preparation for our 2021 Australia Day celebration.
15. Rotarian Geoff Gallagher took on the role of coordinating our Australia Day 'Citizen of the Year' program and, with a team of willing helpers, did an outstanding job.
16. A lovely example of honesty. Rita O'Brien reported of a customer at her Bookshop who had selected quite a few DVDs on sale for \$1.00 each. Rita offered him a box and asked him to keep count. Leaving the shop, he gave her \$41.00. A good sale! Sometime later he returned and gave Rita \$1.00 as, on checking, he had 42!
17. PP Alison Bacon spent some time visiting with an elderly resident last week who needed someone to talk to about her current family situation and the challenges her and her husband were facing as they are getting older. Alison didn't need to do anything - just listen. A nice message there!
18. A group of our Rotarians; Geoff Gallagher, Lindsay Walkington, John Jones, Geoff Adcock, and partners; Mandy Costello and Deb Payne willingly donated their time and/or food to provide lunch for our cluster presidents and presidents-elect at a meeting in February.

19. PE Gary Frank bought a coffee for one of the locals who spends much of his time on the street. Nice touch Gary!
20. PP Ron Payne kept an eye on his neighbours' home, collecting mail and putting bins away while they were on a short holiday.
21. To support international Women's Day, Deb Payne donated a package of Feminine Hygiene products to the program called 'ShareTheDignity.'
22. You probably had to be there to fully appreciate this one, but our enthusiastic president helped pull his mate Geoff out of the river after he fell in fully clothed, boots and all with his phone in his pocket. Then helped retrieve his boat motor that also fell in the river.
23. President Mick, PE Gary and PP's John, Alison and Ron all spent a few hours doing a thorough clean-up of our storage shed. The "might come in handy one day" gear now resides elsewhere.
24. A young, disabled girl was struggling to pay for her purchases at the register in Kmart. The cashier very kindly tried to assist but it was a challenge for all involved. PP Alison Bacon's offer to pay on her behalf resulted in a positive outcome for a difficult situation.
25. Rotarian Charlie Cunneen's regular and ongoing support of St. Vinnie's certainly is one of the unsung acts that really deserves a mention.
26. A local elderly Vietnam Vet had to take his car to a dealership in Ballarat but he was unable to make the trip. PP Alison took it for him, and ensured that the issue he was experiencing was resolved.
27. Rtn. Geoff Adcock has been involved with the Bendigo Volleyball Association helping Karen boys become involved in the Junior Volleyball.
28. President Mick and PE Gary assisted an Eaglehawk resident by moving furniture and boxes to allow easy access for repainting to be undertaken – a great Mother's Day effort – well done guys.
29. Lynne has finally, after more than a year of searching, managed to source a new toy poodle for a friend who lives alone and has no family. It's wonderful that she will now have the company of this pooch over the winter and for years to come.
30. A personal donation was made by a member to the RI Foundation annual fund to further the good work being done internationally by Rotary. Thanks John Gurr.
31. Alison located and returned a Pianola to the Eaglehawk family that had been the original owners but who had reluctantly sold it at auction some years ago.
32. Rotarian Eric had the opportunity to assist a neighbour last week, who had purchased two large plants from Sunbury. Turned out that the job was a bit bigger than anticipated but in true Eric style, it got done!
33. Rotarian John G assisted an elderly neighbour when his family were unavailable – took him to the hospital and helped him with his admission.

#### Four-Way Test



#### The Four-Way Test *of the things we think, say or do.*

- 1 Is it the truth?
- 2 Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4 Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



## Welcome to the New Rotary Year



Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

Welcome to the new Rotary year and I am honoured to serve as your Governor for the next twelve months. As Rotarians we share a vision for what we want to achieve. The 24 word Rotary vision statement applies to Clubs, Districts and Rotary International, **"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."**

In line with Rotary's vision incoming Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta (2021-2022) President's theme "Serve to change lives" is consistent with the values and aspirations of all Rotarians.

Based on Rotary's universal vision and this international theme, the goal of Rotary District 9800 (comprising 64 Rotary clubs in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria) is:

**"To grow the relevance of Rotary in the communities our District serves including increasing impact, visibility, regeneration and innovation".**

I look forward to working together in the coming Rotary year as we strive to achieve this goal.

I also look forward to meeting many of you and connecting with all the clubs in D9800. Until then.....

Dale Hoy  
District Governor

## Thank you for a wonderful year 'Opening Opportunities'!



We are now in the peak of club changeovers and DGE Dale, DGN Amanda, DGND Ron, partners and I have been greatly enjoying every event. I know I speak for all the G-train members when I say how amazing it is to see the incredible spread of Rotary activities across the District; to take in the atmosphere of every club; and to learn about the many successes that clubs have achieved during the 2020/21 year with the projects they have undertaken that make such a difference in the world. We are also buoyed by the plans that club leadership teams have for the year ahead.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all Centenary Presidents and club leadership teams for your incredible efforts in 'Opening Opportunities' through what has been a challenging year.

My gratitude also goes to the District Board and Leadership Team for all that you have contributed to ensuring the incredible work of Rotary in D9800 has continued over the year, despite the pandemic...you have been inspiring!

To the *Networker* team...every week you have ensured Rotarians have been kept informed about the many projects, clubs, members, and partnerships happening in our District and I thank you for this and to accommodating my communication strategy in a year that has seen us in lockdown and in need of connection. It has been a tremendous team effort and I know first-hand from the many members such as PDG Des Hosking and Rotarian Elaine Bird from Rotary Williamstown (pictured), how they look forward to reading *Networker* every week with interest and pride.

I would also like to thank all District 9800 Rotarians for giving me the opportunity to be your Governor this past year. While it has been a year of challenges, especially under COVID, it has also been a fantastic year because of each one of you and the passion you have for Rotary. Tricia and I have so enjoyed the last three years as I have moved from District Governor Nominee to Governor. I have no doubt that we will continue to enjoy our Rotary journey for many years to come.

To District Governor-elect Dale Hoy and Maureen, I know you will have a tremendous year ahead. I also know that the District is in very good hands as you both "Serve to Change Lives."

**Again, thank you to all and...enjoy the week in Rotary service!**

**Rotary District 9800 Governor Philip Archer**



The Rotary Club of Bendigo South and the Ulumbarra Foundation  
presents a concert fundraiser featuring

# Merlyn Quaife

with the  
**Victoria  
Welsh Choir**

Sunday August 15, 2pm  
Ulumbarra Theatre Bendigo

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South and the Ulumbarra Foundation presents a concert fundraiser featuring soprano Merlyn Quaife with the Victoria Welsh Choir. Led by Faleiry Koczkar OAM and accompanied by Lorna Ogilvie, VicWelsh is a traditional Welsh male voice choir, singing in four-part harmony. Most of the choristers are from Melbourne but there is also a thriving Bendigo chapter and a budding Ballarat group. The choir has regularly toured interstate and internationally. They are joined by well-loved soprano Merlyn Quaife who now calls Bendigo home. Come for an afternoon of glorious music, listening to the choir's beautiful harmonies along with popular arias and songs performed by Merlyn.

Proceeds from this concert are shared by the Ulumbarra Foundation, providing special grants for up-and-coming performers and the Rotary Club of Bendigo South's Scholarship program.

Hear two previous recipients at this concert: singer Morgan McDermott and percussionist David Stockwell, both Bendigo Senior Secondary College graduates.



**Sunday August 15, 2pm**  
**Ulumbarra Theatre Bendigo**

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or phone 5434 6100







## Combined Clubs of Eaglehawk and Bendigo South

### **Attention of all club members Rotary Clubs of Eaglehawk and Bendigo South.**

The combined committee of the two clubs are busily preparing the first trailer raffle after inheriting this Community Funding Event from the Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale.

The selling of tickets will commence on September 13 and be completed by December 20.

**Prizes:** The committee will purchase the majority of the prizes including a 6' x 4' registered trailer. The trailer is then filled with a variety of items such as power tools, small kitchen appliances and numerous children's toys. Once again these items will be purchased from local businesses.

Before the committee makes these purchases it was thought it would be reasonable to appeal to all members seeking any donations of small items that may be at home surplus to requirements that could be deemed suitable as a prize. Sometimes we are given something that would be useful to someone else but it never gets unwrapped or we purchase something and it turns out we have no use for it. We do stress that any item put forward as a donation must be unused and look like new.

As the raffle is geared towards families no donations of wine or any alcohol will be accepted. We stress that we are not asking members to annoy businesses for donations of goods in these tough economic times. However sometimes we do get offers from people we may know in business who are prepared to support a Rotary Project in some small way. As the saying goes- *Let's not look a gift horse in the mouth.*

Anything you think may be suitable will be gratefully received by the committee if we deem it to be an acceptable item.

Mick Costello,

John Jones,

Geoff Gallagher

Alison Bacon



National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Report –

Hi Lynne,

*My apologies for the late email. I will do a report on the first day, as I didn't attend the second day.*

*The NYSF Connect was a wonderful experience and provided a range of opportunities. I only attended the first day of the Connect program (at Melbourne University), where our day began with a talk about the university and the different university pathways available. As a cohort, we were followed up with a talk from a maths professor about her experience with math and how she translated her work into art. The talk was very intriguing, though confusing as the expertise level is far higher than our own. During the wait between the two talks, I spoke to previously made friends and spoke to new people. Once the talk was complete, we were split into four preassigned groups, and we took a tour of the university campus. After lunch, we attended our first group session. My group's session was focused on food science, which was interesting. For our second group session, 2 groups combined, where we listened to another professor (Andrew Ooi), who spoke about aerodynamics. His speech was super interesting and interactive, where he engaged humour and prizes for participants. The topics which he spoke about were interesting and complex. We then wrapped up the day and left the university. Overall, the experience was memorable and interesting, and I had a fun time interacting with other students and professors.*

*Thanks, Lynne, I hope you're having a good day.*

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*It was really interesting to attend NYSF program in Melbourne, I met like-minded people who had the same interest as me in science. it allowed me to explore what science has to offer and gave me more options when considering my career pathway. I discussed science with other people and gain a different perspective from a range of poeple. I met professors and researchers over there. at the starting of the program, we had information season about Melbourne University, the courses that we can study and other opportunity which is available like scholarships, then we had a couple of lecture theater and a small workshop about science food and food processes.*

Kind regards:

Khatima



Bunnings BBQ – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July – a few more snaps of our members and helpers (thanks Tony Mannix) having way too much fun!

