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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 20th June: GUEST SPEAKERS:
RUN FOR DAD- Keith Mc Donald, Mary and Laurie Preston.

JUNE:

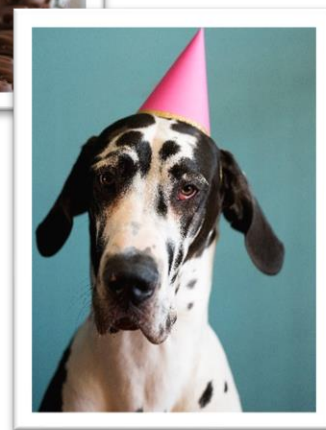
Happy Birthday to you - June

1st John Pearce

4th Eric

8th Brian

10th Ron



Reminders:

1. **Wednesday 26th June** – no meeting
2. **Friday 28th June** – RC Eaglehawk Changeover
3. **Sunday 30th June**- District Changeover (see details below).

Attachments this week:

1. Minutes from Youth Services Directors meeting: February 2024.
2. This is Eaglehawk- Annual Celebration invite for Wednesday 14th August.

President's Report:

We had a good attendance last night, with 23 people enjoying fellowship and a meal.

We had a Spanish theme, Mick dressing appropriately and an added Spanish touch to our pre- nibbles and our meal.

Nacho advised that he thought the Paella was up to standard too! Thanks to our catering company for all their extra efforts.

We were pleased to have Ignacio Goicoa Gonda (Nacho) as the Guest Speaker for the evening (thus the theme). It is a little sad to acknowledge that Nacho is due to return home to Spain soon – he departs on Tuesday 9th July.

Where did that time go?

It was also pleasing to have a few visitors: Colin, Leanne and Oliver Anderson, (Rylie was an apology- the Andersons were Nacho's host family), Karen, and Mandy. Nacho's other host family (the Epskamps) unfortunately were unable to join us.

It was noted that PP Gary Frank has been let out of Glasgow and returned to Australian last week too.

The Guest speaker this week was Nacho who spoke to us about the exchange student's recent Safari Adventure to Western Australia that he was part of. Please see report below.

It was interesting to sit back and take note of how Nacho has progressed in his time with us. He now stands up and confidently addresses a group with clear precise verbal English and shows expert preparation. I'm not sure if his family will be able to understand him when he gets home to Spain?! However, I am sure that they will be very proud of his achievements here in Australian, as we are too.

Thankyou Nacho for being part of our Rotary Family and for what you have taught us.

It would also be appropriate to thank the Host Families, the Epskamps and the Andersons. Both families generously took Nacho under their wing and ensured that Nacho has the best experience whilst here in Bendigo. The Rotary International Youth Exchange Programme has been previously supported by both these families too.

The Walkington's are still overseas on their trip, which I am sure they will enjoy. You could have asked for assistance with your luggage, with plenty that would offer, but didn't need help in that regard!

For those travelling or are planning too, take care, and we will see you all when you return.

Regards- Eric

Guest speaker- Nacho!

Nacho attended our meeting last night and provided us with an honest and humorous reflection of his recent Safari trip to Western Australia.

The Safari covered nearly 4,000 km in just over 18 days, covering a loop commencing in Perth, heading North-East through Meekatharra, Tom Price, Newman and Karijini NP, then following the WA coast south from Coral Bay.

Nacho recalled many favourites moments of his Safari trip -including a great range of photos and drone shots too.

Nacho particularly enjoyed the opportunity to swim in some of the fresh-water gorges, walk the NP gorges and share and understand more about the local Indigenous culture (at a school visit just north of Meekatharra) and explore the reef fish at the natural reef at Coral Bay- where you can just walk out from the beach to see it.

A particular highlight was swimming with the whale sharks and sting rays. He even had video footage as evidence!

Nacho mentioned that he was not so keen on the bush camps in the heat- there was not much to do (and too hot to play football!) and the flies that came out of nowhere! He even swallowed some. *The great Aussie experience Nacho!*

They often travelled 400 km days and some of the scenery didn't change much while they were on the bus.

He now realises the size of the Australian continent and how isolated a lot of it is. It was a great trip.

Nacho totally enjoyed the Safari experience and would recommend it to all future exchange students!



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Youth Report:

NYSF applications are now open and will close on July 15. I have had several meetings with students and staff from BSSC. Stewart has met with staff from Marist and Michael is following up with CMC.

The National Communications Manager Catherine Wheller was in Bendigo a few weeks ago and met with students at BSSC and 2 staff from Victory College. She also came to our Eaglehawk club meeting. That was all we could fit into one day!

Applications are all online this year. No interviews.

Youth Directors are asked to please confirm with their board that your club will contribute the annual fee, as we have all agreed in the past. Hopefully the whole process will be much easier this year.

Next Youth Services Directors meeting is 18th June.

Regards- Lynne

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





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An invitation for everyone:

The Rotary D9800 Changeover is on Sunday 30th June at the Ultima Function Centre, In Keilor Park. Cost is \$79/pp and includes a 2-course meal and entertainment.

Our Club has enjoyed the year with our own member PP Ron Payne at the helm as District Governor and Deb joining in with the District functions and activities.

This is our opportunity to share with both Ron and Deb a celebration of the year.

Booking details are on the flyer.



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Sunday 30 June 2024
12:00 PM - 3:30 PM

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June is Fellowship month!



JUNE IS
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"Don't adventures ever have an end? I suppose not. Someone else always has to carry on the story." - J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring

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Rotarians at work!

Gate duty at the Eaglehawk Footy grounds.
Lynne and Kylie can still muster a smile- as always!



Delivering donations to Backpacks 4 Vic Kids. As mentioned, Lynne is happy to collect more!



Community events:

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

We hope you will always remember your Safari adventures Nacho!

Thanks for cooking all the BBQs (and the onions too) Nacho!



We hope you enjoyed the Costello camping trips too Nacho!

Its not good- bye but adios por ahora Nacho!