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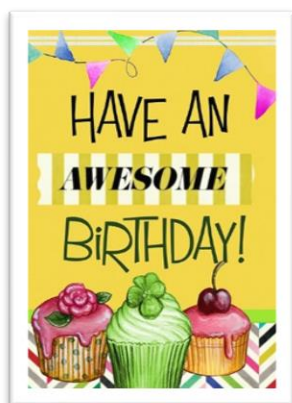


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Most weeks we meet at the Mechanics Facility, 8 School Street, California Gully for a dinner meeting. However, as this sometimes changes please see below for details on the program for coming Club meetings and activities.

Dates and duty to Remember

June 4th	Bookshop	Eric Smith & Brian Fitzpatrick
June 8th	NO CLUB DINNER MEETING	IN LIEU OF 'THIS IS EAGLEHAWK'
June 11th	Bookshop	Tim Watts & John Gurr
June 15th	Club dinner meeting <i>Guest speaker: Georgie Redmond</i>	Bar- Geoff Adcock Clean-Up – Alison Bacon & John Jones



Happy Birthday to you!

4th Eric Smith
8th Brian Fitzpatrick
10th Ron Payne

Get Well Soon

Best wishes to Eric Smith who has suffered some complications after contracting Covid recently. He has had a spell in hospital but was due to be discharged on Thursday. We all hope to see you soon Eric.



Welcome Back

Welcome back to Rita O'Brien after some challenging health issues in recent times.

Club Meeting happenings

This week our guest speaker was **Andrew Coldwell**, coordinator of **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**, Bendigo. Andy prefaced his address with an acknowledgement of the incredible range of activities in which we are involved after hearing reports from directors and others. He also expressed his appreciation for our support for providing a barbecue breakfast at the Imagination Library Golf Day – it provided a wonderful atmosphere and was greatly appreciated by golfers. The day was a great success and generated more than \$11,000 for DPIL in Bendigo.

Andy has a background in education and, before retiring in 2001, was a teacher at Kennington Primary School. While still teaching he and a friend, Stan Kluzek, launched Kluwell Publications. From humble beginnings the company grew exponentially and its publications are now sold across Australia, New Zealand and the UK. The success of the company prompted his early resignation from the Department of Education. His publications are designed and printed in Bendigo.

Imagination Library was launched in Bendigo in 2015 and since then has raised about \$134,000 to distribute 17,000 books to families who would not normally have access to books. Andy shared a story from a kindergarten teacher about a young mum who had a collection of unopened books – her rationale was her baby was too young to have books – such are the challenges in getting the message of the importance of early years literacy to some vulnerable families.

Andy shared recent research about the program and some of the challenges being faced in the current fundraising environment.

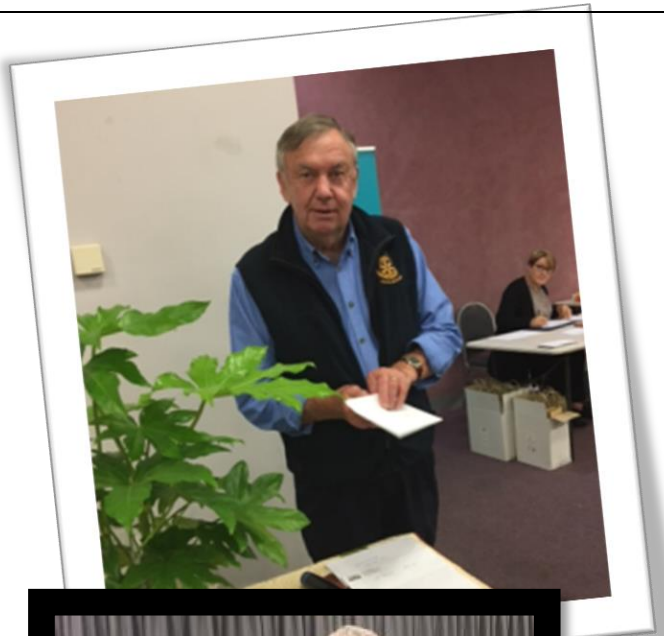
It is an amazing program, still enthusiastically supported by Dolly Parton, and currently supports 271 young children within the City of Greater Bendigo.

At the conclusion of his presentation Andy was presented with a cheque for \$3000 from the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk to support the program. These funds were generated by the Rotary Bookshop and so it was wonderful to have Rita O'Brien back with us to share in the presentation.



June Reminders

- ❖ ***Saturday 4th*** **Car parking for Illumin8 at the Great Stupa 5:30 – 8:30pm**
Please advise Mick and cc John of your availability
- ❖ ***Wednesday 8th*** **NO CLUB DINNER MEETING IN LIEU OF**
“This Is Eaglehawk” (see flyer)
- ❖ ***Saturday 11th*** **Sunflower Project fund raiser movie night “Jurassic World”. (see article)**
- ❖ ***Sunday 12th*** **Catering for Midstate Moto event (catering tba)**
- ❖ ***Wednesday 15th*** **Guest speaker dinner meeting: Georgie Redmond**
“Heart Matters”
- ❖ ***Wednesday 22nd*** **Club Changeover**
- ❖ ***Saturday 25th*** **District Changeover**



The Trivia Night in association with Bendigo South was a great success and congratulations to one of the Bendigo South teams on their success. What a fun night had by all at our TRIVIA NIGHT. Many thanks to John and his band of workers!





INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
27-31 MAY 2023
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

May 2022

2023 RI Melbourne Convention Launch 4-8th June 2022 (Houston, USA time)



SPECIAL REGISTRATION FEE – 5 DAYS ONLY – <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

Ensure you register for this once in a lifetime RI Melbourne Convention between **4-8th June (Houston time)** to get the cheapest and best registration rate for this amazing Convention. Registration fee goes up by AU\$70.00 on 9th June.

ACCOMMODATION - <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

If you are seeking accommodation in one of the many RI block booked hotels for the Convention it is recommended you book this at the same time to ensure you get the best accommodation within your price and distance range from the two Convention venues – Rod Laver Arena at Melbourne & Olympic Park and the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, (MCEC) on Spencer Street.

CONVENTION EVENTS - <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

The Melbourne HOC is hosting several exceptional and exciting Special (night-time) Events, including Host Hospitality during the Convention. Tickets for these events will be sold on a first come basis, so it is important that you choose the events you want to attend and lock them in ASAP to ensure you get to attend what you really want to experience!!

In the meantime, you can visit the HOC Website at <https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/index>

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Service Above Self

☀ SUNFLOWER PROJECT ☀

2022 was meant to be better right?! Severe flooding and devastation here at home; continuing threat of a global pandemic; an ethno-nationalist despot invading sovereign European territory - yeah right! It's hard not to feel overwhelmed that history is repeating. (Time for a sequel to 'We didn't start the fire' I think Mr. Joel!!). Many of us have watched the atrocities unfold across Ukraine and wondered what we can do to help - and many of you already have in generous and inspiring ways!!! So today, on Dad's first heavenly birthday we are launching the Sunflower Project in his honour, because we know he would've been motivated to help in some small way. ☀ We are asking anyone who wants to contribute, donate, lobby, or leverage their talents in any way to get in touch. ☀ Thank you to ABC Regional radio for having me this morning to chat a little about what we've been up to and what's to come. ☀ What's it all about? Inspired by the brains trust behind **Ukraine Take Shelter** (an independent platform helping to connect Ukrainian refugees with potential hosts and housing), we've been in regular contact with individuals/families who've fled Ukraine (or are seeking safe passage out) and wish to relocate to Australia. ☀ We are sourcing funds to provide appropriate temporary accommodation and support services to settle these families into two Victorian communities: North Melbourne and Bendigo. These communities have refugee centres, educational, vocational, and trauma support resources, established Ukrainian expat communities and most importantly people ready and willing to help their assimilation and spread some kindness and compassion. What we, the world, all need more of right now! ☀ Money donated will cover these families' initial housing and living costs (if required) while establishing themselves in Australia. Additional funds will cover assistance required on a case by case basis. Any unused funds will be donated to aid organisations on the ground assisting families unable to escape the horrors of war. ☀ Across the coming week, we'll be announcing a major fundraising event to be held on Wednesday, August 24th (Ukrainian Independence Day - mark your calendars now!), sharing more about other fundraisers such as 'Jurassic World: Dominion' screening (Saturday June 11th), Trivia night (TBC), various draws including 'Party like it's 2019 packages' - concert tickets, luxury dinners, plane flights (remember those) etc, succulent drive, kids competitions - and more! ☀ In the meantime, if you're seeking a direct way to assist, please consider contributing here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helping-ukrainian-refugees-settle-in-australia> Any amount, large or small, will be greatly appreciated and go a long way to helping people resettle and rebuild in communities where they can make a positive contribution. * The first 10 people to donate \$25 will receive a free potted succulent (text name, address and 'plant' to 0410 749 020). Melb & Bendigo drop offs only. * The first 10 people to donate \$50 will receive a free double pass to Jurassic World: Dominion (6.20pm session on Saturday 11th June, Bendigo Cinemas). (text name, address and 'park' to 0410 749 020). * The first 10 people to donate \$100 or more will receive all of the above, plus popcorn combo AND two tickets in the on night raffle (text name, address and 'premium' to 0410 749 020). If in Melb tix to a future cinema experience will be provided. Families happy to host a refugee family or individual for short or longer terms are also being sort - more to come . UA ☀ UA

The fundraising night is as follows:

Movie: Jurassic World: Dominion

Time: 6.20pm session

Date: Saturday 11th June

Where: Bendigo Cinemas

Ticket price \$25.00 are available from Lara.

Lara Osborne





Empowering
EAGLEHAWK
"Building Eaglehawk Together"

'THIS IS EAGLEHAWK' BUSINESS GALA

WEDNESDAY JUNE 8TH, 2022

5:30 PM - 7:15 PM


EAGLEHAWK FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
SOCIAL ROOMS - CANTERBURY PARK

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