



Rotary



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

The next fortnight....

1 July	Bookshop	Rita, John G & Brian
5 July	Club dinner meeting	Bar- Geoff A Clean- Mick & John J
8 July	Bookshop	Rita, John G & Geoff G
12 July	Club dinner meeting	Bar – Mick Clean – Lindsay & Tim

Happy Birthday to you in July!

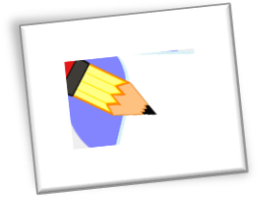
July 10 Deb Payne
July 23 Marie Lock
July 25 Tim Watts



Reminders:

1. Request for assistance for the [Regional Engineering Challenge](#) as activity supervisors. Need 8 pairs of clever Rotarians to assist [Friday 8th August 2023](#), *please advise Eric if you are available.*
2. *Reminder (as per last week) - Echuca- Moama Changeover- 5th August – Info on attached flyer!*
3. Update: car parking event at the Atisha Centre Sat 8th July- arrangements currently being confirmed– please watch your email from John J!
4. *Please let Lynne know if you are interested in borrowing her cricket book (as per last week) or hosting a student as part of the home stay programme.*

President's report:



What a week we have had with District 9800 and cluster club changeovers well to the fore. Members have attended the Bendigo South and Bendigo Rotary changeover functions over the last week also.

Last Saturday morning, we took our bus trip to the District 9800 changeover function, along with all the table decorations, 15 passengers and Coach Captain Tim. On arrival all the table decorations were arranged in record time, and they certainly set off the scene! Thanks particularly to Marg and Mandy for their leadership and everyone for their efforts, at Essendon. Thanks also to Tim for his expert driving skills. I should also mention that Ron was most impressed with the 2023 Mercedes from one of the sponsors, he even took it for a drive!

The District Change Over was a great experience. A number of Paul Harris Fellow and Foundation awards were presented. This was all followed by the formal part of the afternoon with IPDG Amanda Wendt inducting our own DG Ron Payne. During this process I was presented the 'Home of the District Governor' banner from the Rotary Club of Melbourne. I presented an Eaglehawk banner to the Melbourne Club in return. I understand it is the start of a new tradition.

Ron Spoke very well setting out his plans for his term and included a video of Rotary International President Gordon McNally, outlining his reasoning behind the 2023-24 theme **CREATE HOPE in the WORLD**.

Congratulations Ron and Deb as they set off running for the next twelve months. As a club, we will readily assist Ron when and where we can.

We have received a request for assistance for the [Regional Engineering Challenge](#) as activity supervisors. The requirement is for 8 pairs of clever Rotarians to assist on [Friday 8th August 2023](#), *please advise if you are available*.

This week we had members of our local Karen community address us (*please refer to the article about their fundraising initiative attached*). They gave us an insight into their culture and their vision in Eaglehawk. As a club we are looking at how we can support their ventures, particularly in the form of collection of 10c returnable containers. Stay tuned for more information.

Take care during the week and look forward to catching up next week.
Eric.

Meeting apologies: Brian, Trevor, Ron, John P, Mary, Jennifer and Lindsay.

Meeting guests: Moonie, Gai Porh, Marco and Gary.



Our meeting guest speakers: Gai Porh Soe La Myint and Moonieinda Ashin.



Thanks to Gai Porh and Moonie for their efforts to help us understand more about the great work they are undertaking in our local Bendigo Community. Gai Porh spoke about many activities being supported by members of the Karen community on a regular basis, including: EAL classes for adults (as translators), cultural presentations (including dancing) at local weddings, fundraisers and ceremonies, collecting newly arrived families from the airport and assisting them to secure housing, access to support during COVID, employment support and welcoming Burmese families and assisting them to get Visas. An enormous amount of voluntary support! Moonie shared his story of his journey to Australia, and his work and connections as a Monk. We are so lucky to have him in Bendigo. The association supports over 2500 Karen residents currently residing in Bendigo. Moonie then explained their latest fundraising initiative (collecting refundable/ recyclable bottles for the 10-c deposit), the proceeds of which will go toward further building of their community house in Pine St Eaglehawk. *Please see attached flyer for contact details to support these members of our local community.*

A message from Ron:



Last Saturday we journeyed to the Hyatt at Essendon Fields for the annual Changeover of District Governors.

Deb and I were thrilled at the number of people from our club who supported my induction as District Governor for 2023-24 with your presence. The magnitude of this honour has not really hit me yet and the real work is yet to come, however we are very much looking forward to this journey of helping to make the world a better place for others, many of whom we'll probably never know.

The manner in which our club members pitched in and supported with small, but important, duties throughout the day was hugely valued. Of particular note was the comment by quite a number of guests appreciating being welcomed and directed by our members on arrival. A nice touch, well undertaken.

The work of Marg, Mandy and their entourage of helpers with the provision and setting up of the table decorations also added to the occasion and was met with positive comment by many. This added to the wonderful presentation of the venue for this occasion. Well done to all!

I was also delighted that members from clubs within our Goldfields cluster joined with our team and made the trip to share in the occasion. This bodes well for my desire that our clubs continue working closely on projects of impact.

While our attendance may be infrequent this year due to official duties, we look forward to the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk continuing to grow under Eric's guidance and kicking goals in the manner to which we have all become accustomed.

Sincere appreciation. **Ron Payne District Governor 2023-24**

District 9800 Changeover photos....

