



# Rotary



## Club of Eaglehawk

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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 20<sup>th</sup> March: Guest speaker tbc**

*Happy Birthday to you in March-*

*1<sup>st</sup> Alison Bacon*

*5<sup>th</sup> Lola Frank*

*6<sup>th</sup> Mary Preston*

*10<sup>th</sup> Marg Walkington*

*31<sup>st</sup> Geoff Gallagher*



### Reminders:

1. IT'S A BIG WEEKEND IN EAGLEHAWK: Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Dahlia and Arts activities. Eaglehawk Rotary- with our special guest entry in the parade on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, selling doughnuts in the park and our Rotary bookshop is open too! *Lots of people needed to help make it all happen!*
2. **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Imagination Library Breakfast
3. **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** (Good Friday)- Easter Book Stall – *Eaglehawk Rotary stall* – all day
4. **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Bunnings BBQ- *members assisting as per roster.*
5. **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**- Cluster Dinner at Bunja Thai – Eaglehawk Rotarians invited.
6. **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** – District 9800 Conference –in Bendigo!

## Attachments this week:

1. District Conference brochure- with updated details
2. Water Festival/ Thingyan Celebration 2004 and Bird and Fish release at Lake Eppalock (from GP).

## President's report:

It was great to see everyone on Wednesday night. Our President, Eric, was an apology – we all wish him a speedy recovery and hope that he is up and about again soon.

We have a busy weekend ahead with the annual Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Parade and other D&A Festival activities. Members will be involved in escorting our special guest and carrying Rotary banners in the Parade on Saturday, some will be cooking doughnuts in Canterbury Park on Saturday and others are helping at the Bookshop, it will be open most of the day. It takes an enormous effort and lots of people helping on the ground. Thanks to everyone who has committed- *extra hands are still needed to help with the doughnut stall – please contact Geoff G.*

GP has provided a flyer outlining 2 activities being held by our local Karen community: *Water Festival/ Thingyan Celebration* on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 5 Murdock St California Gully and *Releasing Birds and Fish for Merit* at Lake Eppalock 4- 5:30pm on that day also. Everyone is invited! *Please see attached flyer for more details.*

*A reminder that registrations for our District Conference close on 28<sup>th</sup> March – that's only 14 days away. The programme is jammed packed, and it is a great way to showcase Bendigo too. Please see the- attached flyer for the full programme!*

Our own Rotary DG- Ron Payne was interviewed on Phoenix FM by the 'ever famous' John Pearce today. Thanks to Ron for finding time amidst your other commitments. We will endeavour to get the recording link for next week's Bulletin!

On Wednesday night we had a visit from Lyndsay Jolley (RC Bendigo South) who explained about the hosting programme for the 8 Malaysian Special Education teachers visiting Echuca and Bendigo in April/ May. It sounds like a great opportunity for the visiting teachers to get hands on experience in our Echuca and Bendigo Special Schools, and if you can assist, please contact Lyndsay – *see contact details below.*

Regards – Geoff Gallagher PP and Acting President for this week.

## Guest Speaker report: Lyndsay Jolley (RC Bendigo South)

Lyndsay outlined the future visit by 8 Specialist School teachers (from Malaysia) to Echuca and Bendigo. They will be visiting Echuca and Bendigo Special Developmental Schools and Kalianna Specialist School, for practical experiences over 4 weeks (14 April – 11 May). Hosts are needed for 2-week periods at a time, and it is preferred that 2 teachers are accommodated with the same host. Volunteers are also sought to take the visiting teachers to some local attractions on the Saturdays whilst they are here.

If you are able to assist,

please contact Lyndsay Jolley (International Co-ordinator – RC Bendigo South): 0416192032 or [lj@joll.net](mailto:lj@joll.net) asap!



*\*\*Update form Eric: a couple of items from DG Ron Payne (received this afternoon) which are of interest to members:*

1. Ron has advised that the Challenge Period has passed, and he is now able to confirm the appointment of **Past President Graeme Hope** of the Rotary Club of Camberwell, as District 9800 Governor Nominee (Designate) to serve as Governor 2026-27.  
Ron has extended best wishes to Graeme and Sue on behalf of us all.
2. Ron also advises that **Expressions of Interest** are now being invited for the Regionalisation Project, Zone 8, Position of **ROTARY COMMUNITY LEADER**.  
EOI will close at Midnight, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024, with Ron Payne, District Governor D9800.  
I will forward the whole document, which has more details, to members for their attention.

## Youth Report:

RYPEN - Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, is a weekend camp at Doxa in Malmsbury for 15–17-year-old students to be held March 22-24 (and again in October).

We are in the process of enrolling 2 Karen students from ESC and are *seeking assistance with drivers to transport them.*

We had hoped for a group of Bendigo students, but it seems our ESC students are the only ones enrolled- so car transport will be the best option.

If you can assist, please contact either John Pearce or myself (Lynne). They need to depart from Bendigo on Friday in time to arrive at 5pm and the pick-up on Sunday is just after lunch time.

*We are hoping this is the beginning of regular groups of Karen students from ESC attending RYPEN which is a great experience taking place in a bush setting.*

Many thanks - Lynne and Mick.

## **And an invitation to all those supporting and interested in Youth programmes:**

Dear Youth Service Directors, District Governor, and others who have an interest in Youth Service,

I would like to invite you and your partner to an evening meeting of the Rotary Club of Bendigo, which will be held at The Bendigo Club, Park St, Strathdale, on Tuesday, 19 March 2024 at 6pm for 6.30pm.

The evening will have a focus on youth, and our speakers will include young people who were recently sponsored by our club to take part in the National Youth Science Forum and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Past and present Youth Exchange students will also be sharing their experiences.

Please feel free to invite any members of your club who may be interested. I am sure that we will have a great night of fellowship.

Please let me know if you can attend, so that I can pass on numbers to the caterers.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Regards- Michael

*Michael Pearson*

*Youth Service Director*

*Rotary Club of Bendigo*

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## [District 9800 Conference:](#)

Here is a link to the D9800 web site promotion of the Conference – it provides all updated information, outlines guest speakers and the Conference Programme and provides accommodation and showcase links! **Please see attached brochure also!**

<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/district-conference-bendigo-2024>



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### Bendigo Conference 2024

## 12-14th April

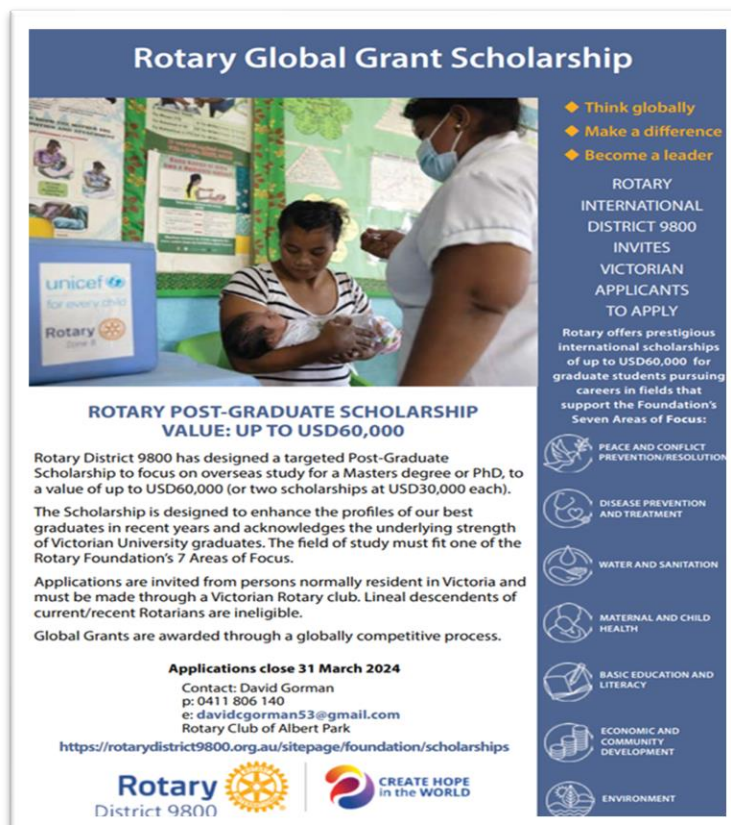
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First-time attendee:	\$300
Rotaractor & Youth Exchange:	\$200
Foundation Breakfast:	\$40

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**Applications close 31 March 2024**  
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<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/foundation/scholarships>

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## Rotary theme for March 2024

Water and Sanitation month-

