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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

March 19th	Book Shop 10am to 12noon	Mary Preston & Geoff Gallagher
March 23 rd	Club dinner meeting & forum Club Board meeting	Bar – John Jones Clean Up - Alison Bacon & Alf Thorpe
March 26 th	Book Shop 10am to 12noon	Charlie Cunneen & Geoff Adcock
March 30 th	Club dinner meeting	Bar- Alison Bacon Clean Up - Jennifer Sanderson & Lynne Cooper

Happy Birthday to you !!

1st Alison Bacon
2nd Alf Thorpe
5th Lola Frank
5th Mary Preston
10th Margaret Walkington
31st Geoff Gallagher



Club Meeting Happenings

Members and partners enjoyed a wonderful social evening at the home of [Brian and Gail Fitzpatrick](#). A highlight was a tour of Brian's most impressive wine cellars where Secretary John was invited to select a couple of bottles – Osicka's and the Taltarni were excellent choices. The [Gallagher family](#) prepared and cooked a superb selection of pizzas and delicious sweets. Through the generosity of Brian and Gail we will be able to make a donation to a program to be decided by the Board.

Thank you Brian, Gail, Geoff & Marg.

A busy weekend this weekend with the bookshop opening for extended hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in association with the Dahlia and Arts weekend. We will also have a book stall featuring gardening books at the Dahlia Festival at the Senior Citizens building in Darling St. on Saturday from 9:00am. Community Service Director, Geoff, is managing this and would appreciate support, even if only for a short while. On Sunday we will have a presence at the Family Fun Day to distribute book vouchers to be redeemed at our book shop. Again, support would be appreciated.

We have a Board meeting on Wednesday evening so Directors' reports to Secretary John by CoB on Monday would be appreciated.

Photos for Inclusion

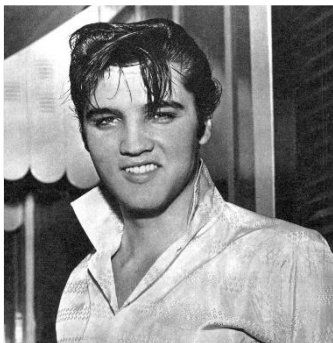
If you wish to have photos included in the newsletter, please email them to eaglehawkrotary@gmail.com

We have been having some difficulty in converting files sent from a range of sources, much to the editor's frustration.

Many thanks.

Deb

Reminders



- We want to update the window at the bookshop – looking for any **Elvis** or **Shane Warne** bits and pieces.
- Board reports to John by CoB Monday.
- Helpers needed for Bookshop. Refer earlier report.
- District Conference registration. Time still available for you to join club members attending.

Bendigo Maubisse Scholarship Program.

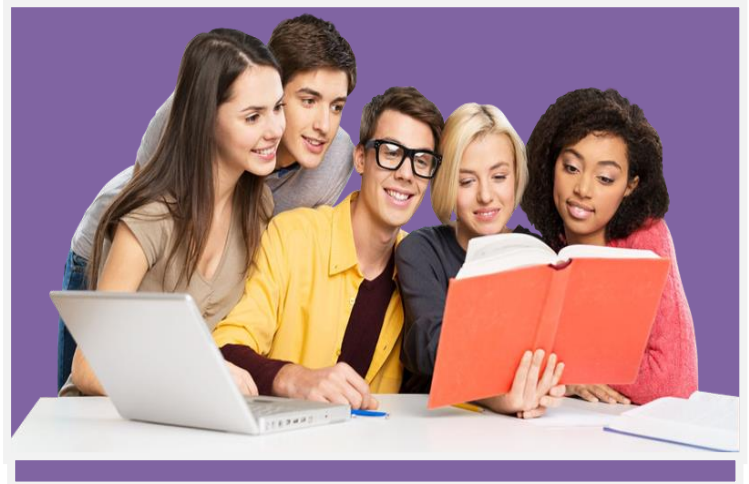
Our club has a very strong association with Maubisse and an ongoing commitment to the provision of scholarships for students there. We have committed to fund ten secondary scholarships and we continue to fund University scholarships which were introduced during PP Howard Osborne's time as International Director.

BMFI Scholarship Program Co-ordinator, Milton Long, has sent us this update on the students we are supporting.

"I would like to thank you very much for your club's continued involvement in the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Incorporated Scholarship Program. This year we will be sponsoring 81 High School students and 23 university students! This is an excellent achievement in itself, but in the middle of a pandemic it is even more so. The committee would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the Bendigo and wider community for continuing to want to make a difference in Timor Leste."

Student allocations have been completed and the students your club will support this year are as follows:

Idelmiero Barreto Orleans dos Reis Pereira (5 th year university)
Mario Barbosa Soares (3 rd year university)
Paulo Mendonca da Costa (first year university)
Aderito Martins de Almeida (new student year 12)
Agostino Tilman Mendonca (new student year 12)
Cesaltina Cardosa Lopes (continuing student year 12)
Esmerelda Pereira (continuing student year 12)
Izaquel da Conceicao (Lopes/Soares) (continuing student year 11)
Lucia Maria Miguel Mendonca (continuing student year 12)
Ramero de Deus da Silva (new student year 10)
Serafin da Conceicao (new student year 10)
Teofila Amaral Barreto (new student year 12)
Zelio da Conceicao Soares (continuing student year 12)



Sister Henrietta has not confirmed the university placements yet, but these should stand. If not, I will let you know.

Once again, thank you so much for your club's generous support."

Milton Long

THANK YOU RC EAGLEHAWK FOR YOUR SUPPORT

To my generous donors and to my friends from Rotary,

I am sorry it's taken so long to hear from me. It's not an excuse, but I've been busy at both work and studies. But your help has been a lifesaver to me and a huge comfort to my family.

May I give you an update on what's been happening with me?

1. I am in my last year of Bachelor of Biomedical Science. I have obtained a good GPA (6.6) so far and I hope it gets even better after I finish my remaining courses this year.
2. I'm quite proud to say that last week I was awarded the Griffith Academic Excellence Award.
3. I'm also involved in a project at Menzies Institute, studying the effect of SARS-CoV-2 on the nervous system. Fascinating work.
4. I was also lucky to get a second job at Queensland Health in the Microbiology Lab . During the Covid surge, I worked 14 days straight including night shifts, but it was a real learning experience and we helped Covid patients in crisis. We also learned about how to protect health care workers from Covid.
5. In my last research project, on "The role of glycosylation in transmission of zoonotic diseases" I am proud to say I am now published with my research colleagues in the FASEB Journal.

As you know, my father in Iran is a skilled oil engineer, but because of the embargo he has been unemployed and unable to help me. So, these jobs, and your generosity and kindness, has gotten me where I am today, only two semesters from graduating. Then I can continue my studies with HECS support and hopefully, become an Australian doctor.

It's been hard the last six years to not see my family, but if not for your help, I'd be back in Iran, in mandatory army service, and none of my education here would be recognised. My parents are proud of me sticking it out, even if it means missing my little sister so terribly.

I really hope I can make you all proud and become someone who can help our community to repay your generosity. We are almost there.

Sorry I went on so long, but what I really want to say is thank you, thank you for trusting in me and supporting me and giving me this opportunity to pursue my dreams.

Please stay safe

Warmest regards

Yasin MojtahedinYazdi

Third-year student

Bachelor of Biomedical Science

Griffith University Gold Coast, Australia

"My Rotary" website is full of relevant information. Have a look and see what we Rotarians as a group achieve around the world.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-projects-around-globe-march-2022>



MARCH IS

A banner for Rotary International's Water and Sanitation Month. It features a photograph of two people, a woman in a blue patterned dress and a man in a grey shirt, filling yellow jerrycans from a public water pump in a rural setting. A large yellow Rotary gear logo is overlaid on the right side of the image. The text "WATER AND SANITATION MONTH" is written in white over the photo. Below the photo, a quote by Michel Jarraud is displayed. At the bottom left is the Rotary logo, and at the bottom right are several small circular icons representing different Rotary programs. The text "TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Be a People of Action" is at the bottom.

WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

"Water and sanitation must be clear priorities if we are to create a future that allows everyone to live healthy, prosperous and dignified lives."
Michel Jarraud

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TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Be a People of Action

A poster for the Rotary Four-Way Test. It is a square divided into four quadrants by a white cross. The top-left quadrant is light blue and contains the text "OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO:" and "The TRUTH?". The top-right quadrant is dark blue and contains the text "Is it... FAIR". The bottom-left quadrant is medium blue and contains the text "Will it... build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?". The bottom-right quadrant is dark blue and contains the text "be BENEFICIAL". The numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 are placed in the center of each quadrant respectively. On the right side, the text "...to all concerned?" is written vertically. The Rotary logo is in the bottom right corner.

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The **TRUTH?**

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3 4

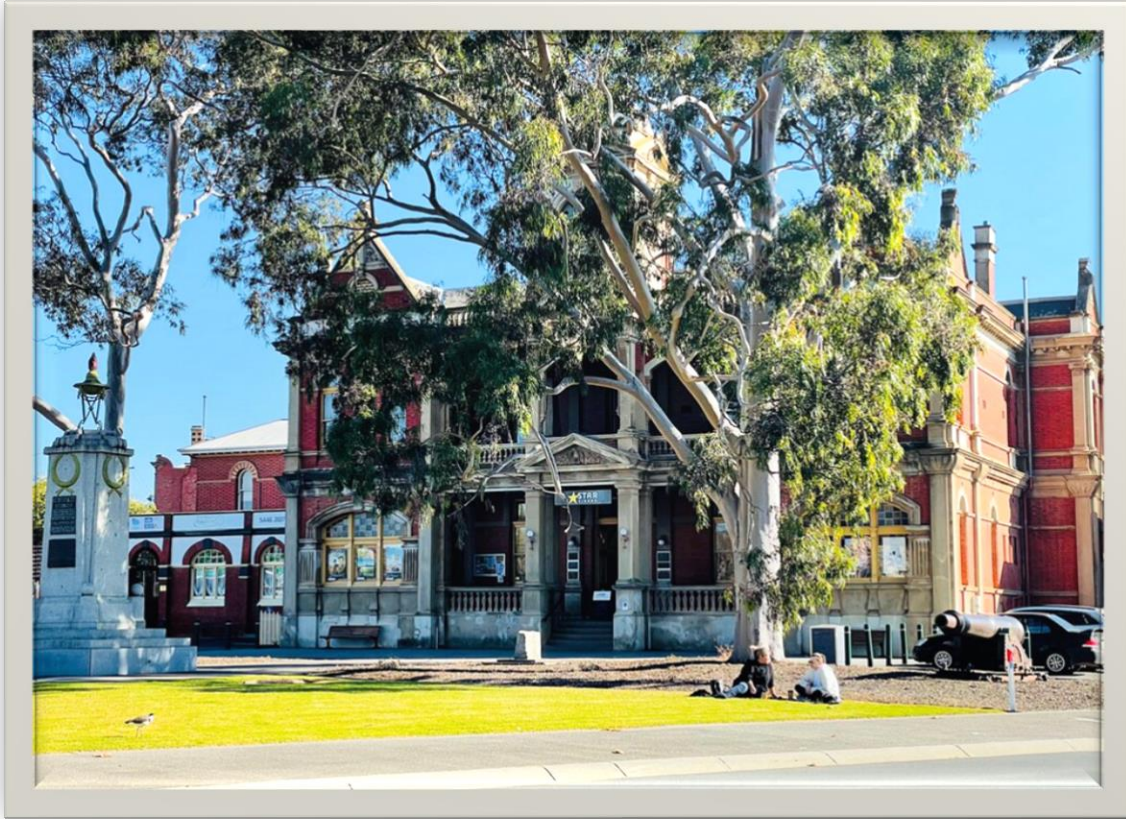
Will it... **be BENEFICIAL**

build **GOODWILL** & **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

...to all concerned?

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Inaugural Eaglehawk Community Breakfast Invitation



GUEST SPEAKER: *Cr. Andrea Metcalf*

Mayor City of Greater Bendigo

PRESENTATION EAGLEHAWK CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 2022
MECHANICS FACILITY,
8 SCHOOL STREET, CALIFORNIA GULLY**

ARRIVAL 7:20 AM. BREAKFAST 7:30 AM. CLOSE 9:00 AM.

DISTRICT GRANTS

Last year, twenty-five (25) projects were approved for District Grant funding and eighteen (18) scholarships for \$1000 each were given to clubs for use by Year 11 - 12 students. This year we will have USD70,000 (i.e. AUD99,000) in our Block Grant to fund District Grants such as these.

However, so far in the first half of this Rotary year, applications for grants have been surprisingly low. Only two District Grants totaling AUD5000 have been approved and thirteen (13) scholarships have been awarded.



Does your club need funds to get a new project up and running?

For more information click [here](#)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Eaglehawk Rotarians are encouraged to consider participating in the upcoming conference as there is much we can all learn and enjoy from this event. As we will be very closely involved in the 2023-24 Conference organisation and conduct, this is an excellent opportunity to not only develop a good understanding of the conduct of a Conference, but a great chance for members and partners to interact with each other and develop new relationships with other Rotarians across our District. Please give your attendance serious consideration!

Conference Registrations are now open and below are the details:

For further information go to: [District Conference Albury 2022](#) Bookings now open at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWKQC>

Trybooking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWKQC>

Accommodation Link: <https://www.visitalburywodonga.com/app/uploads/2022/03/Accommodation-Avails-ANZAC-weekend-2022.pdf>

Information for Partners

District 9800 welcomes partners to attend our District Conference and encourages participation and attendance at the sessions. However we also appreciated that not all partners will want to do this.

Hence there is the option to attend the Gala dinner only.

This means that the partners will have time during Saturday and Sunday morning to see the local area and take in some local experiences.

This could range from visiting a winery, walking along the river, visiting some shop or going for a bike ride.

We hope to have organised tours, subject to numbers.

More details to follow.

We plan to issue an expressions of interest for Rotarian partners who would like to attend partner events.

There are many suggestions listed here:

<https://www.visitalburywodonga.com/rotary-district-conference-april-2022/>



**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
27-31 MAY 2023
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**

GET READY IT'S LOOKS LIKE FUN



BENDIGO MAUBISSE FRIENDSHIP INC.

BERGMAN ISLAND

MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Thu Mar 31st, 2022 | 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Star Cinema, Eaglehawk

FEATURING NEW RELEASE

BERGMAN ISLAND

TIX \$22 BOOKINGS ONLINE
WWW.STARCINEMA.ORG.AU

Funds raised assist BMFI's strong & ongoing
friendship with the community of
Maubisse in East Timor ☐☐