



Rotary Club of Eaglehawk



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Meet Wednesdays
 6.00pm for 6.30pm start
 at California Gully
 Mechanic's Institute
 Eaglehawk.

March 18th – April 15th

Chair	<p>Dinner Meetings and Rotary Functions cancelled until April 15th.</p> <p>This will be reassessed as required and members notified accordingly.</p>
Invocation	
Duties	
Fellowship	
Bar	
Program	

MARCH

Birthdays
 1st Alison Bacon
 2nd Alf Thorpe
 5th Lola Frank
 5th Doug Harrison
 15th Peter Ludeman
 18th Joe Cogo
 26th Ann Scott
 31st Geoff Gallagher

Inductions
 1st Bill Slee (1975)
 10th Leon Scott (1976)
 12th Rod Hanson (2008)

Anniversaries
 27th Trevor & Marie Lock
 11th Peter & Trudy Holden

Dates for Your Diaries	
March 20 th	BBQ — St. Josephs Primary School
March 21 st	Dahlia & Arts Procession
March 27 th /28 th /29 th	D9800 Conference at Ulumbarra Bendigo
April 18 th	Burra Bowl Trolls 2020 Wildlife Fire Relief Fundraiser – Skate Competition
May 16 th /17 th	Great Aussie Camping Swap Meet
June 7 th	Chrysler Car Club BBQ 8am-1.30pm
June 24 th	RC Eaglehawk Changeover
June 27 th	D9800 Changeover

Requests to all Members

- Apologies to John via text or email only prior to 10am on the Wednesday of the meeting

President John's Report

While we have suspended dinner meetings our community service continues. Last Sunday we supported the local CFA championships at the Dick Turner track at Lake Weeroona. The attendance was much less than expected with about ten 'no show' teams but we did enjoy great support from those who were there. We were thankful for the early notice of reduced numbers and so did not over cater. Thank you to Graeme Lock, Mick Costello, Ron Payne, Geoff Gallagher and Caz Robinson for your support. Thank you also to Rod Hanson, Trevor Lock, Gordon McKern and Gary Frank who offered support but given, reduced numbers attending, were not required. I am confident this will lead to further opportunities in the future.

On Monday and Tuesday afternoons we collected furniture from White Hills Primary School and Specimen Hill Primary School to relocate to a storage facility in Golden Square pending shipping to Timor Leste. Thank you to Walter Lourie, Graeme Lock, Chas Cunneen and Ron Payne for your support. The Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee really appreciates the support we provide. The furniture was due to be packed into containers in mid-April but, like many other things, this has been postponed due to changing and uncertain circumstances.

Last week, together with a number of other members and partners, I attended a screening of Stephanie Woollard's recent documentary on her experiences in Nepal. She has achieved so much but there is still much to do. The event was organised by RC Bendigo South and generated a small profit. Stephanie expressed her desire to fund three hundred scholarships for children in remote communities. The board has agreed to partner with Bendigo South to fund four scholarships.

We had planned to support the St Joseph's PS fair on Friday evening but this has been cancelled as was the BMFC screening of the Miss Fisher movie on Thursday.

The Board Meeting proceeded on Wednesday evening and the early start allowed for some extended discussions on a range of issues, the most significant being membership. We accepted with regret resignations from Seamus Haugh, Robert Hansford and Peter Holden, all of whom shared similar reasons. Ron Moss has also submitted a resignation but is believed to be reconsidering and so that has been held in abeyance. This has led to casual vacancies for the positions of Secretary and Membership Director. Thank you to Gary Frank who has taken on the role of membership director in addition to fellowship. I have been given the Secretary's role and am very indebted to Alison for agreeing to help out in yet another additional role.

Over recent years there have been a number of resignations with a major consideration being the tensions generated between our traditions and our past as opposed to our relevance to younger members and the future of our Club and embracing the future.

Other significant decisions included a decision to cancel the Great Aussie Camping Swap Meet in May.

No-one knows what is in store in the short, medium and long term future. This generates a query as to the immediate future of fundraising and financial support for community groups. Our major fundraisers have been the Grange Raffle, Trivia Night and Christmas Stocking Raffle, all of which are uncertain at this stage. We have also had a number of cancellations of booking for the Mechanics which, in turn, has financial implications. Further, we are not sure what lies ahead for our local community into the future and the consensus was that this should be our immediate focus. This will have significant implications for discretionary giving at the end of this financial year.

We also resolved to withdraw from Youth Exchange at this time. Health considerations, travel arrangements, hosting and limitations on schooling options are all considerations taken into account. Bendigo South RC have also withdrawn from the program for this year.

I have had communication from Brock Gravenor with respect to the breakfast program at Eaglehawk PS and those who have offered support have been advised. Again this is a very fluid situation.

The D9800 Conference due to be held here in Bendigo on the last weekend in March has also been cancelled.

We will continue to publish the Bulletin on a weekly basis and encourage you to support each other in these challenging times.

Stay safe,

John P Jones,
President 2019/2020