



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 27th March: Guest speakers: Students from BSSC presenting their involvement with NYSF.

Happy Birthday to you in March-

1st Alison Bacon

5th Lola Frank

6th Mary Preston

10th Marg Walkington

31st Geoff Gallagher



Reminders:

1. **Friday 22nd March** – Imagination Library Breakfast
2. **Friday 29th March** (Good Friday)- Easter Book Stall – *Eaglehawk Rotary stall* – all day – helpers needed!
3. **Saturday 30th March** – Bunnings BBQ- *members assisting as per roster.*
4. **Friday 12th April**- Cluster Dinner at Bunja Thai – Eaglehawk Rotarians invited.
5. **Friday 12th - Sunday 14th 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).
3. Letter from Swap Meet organising committee.

President's report:

We had some members away this week, but all those attending certainly displayed the usual enthusiasm that is common at our gatherings. It is obvious to anyone that takes the time to observe our members when 'on the job', that we do enjoy what we do and are pleased to be able to give service to our community as part of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk.

This was demonstrated at the Dahlia and Arts Festival. It was particularly appropriate that the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk sponsored our special guest. The Eaglehawk Brass Band, along with a number of other community groups, acknowledged **our Centenarian Mr. Peirce Grenfell** during the street procession on the 16th March 2024.

From a Rotary point of view, I am pleased to acknowledge that Peirce was a Charter member of our Eaglehawk Club and served with distinction over many years as a member and President. He also spent many years as a playing member of the Eaglehawk Brass Band, playing the Last Post for services at the Cenotaph for longer than I can remember, and somehow fitted in being an Eaglehawk Borough Councillor, with a period as Mayor. Mr. Grenfell spent some time in the military during World War 2 also.

I have lost count of the number of people that have indicated that they either worked in Mr. Grenfell's Butcher shop or that he had direct influence on their young lives in some way. This also included some current members of our Club.

It should be well considered that 'our Mr. Grenfell', over many years, influenced the culture of the community of Eaglehawk, for which we are very grateful. It is also suggested that Peirce should be known as Mr. Eaglehawk. It is a privilege as a Club and as part of the community, to have had Peirce as an active member, and for anyone that met him, an inspiration to know him.

Congratulations to Mr. Peirce Grenfell on reaching the fine age of 100 years.

During our time together on Wednesday night, we also spent time finalising the events which are occurring over the next few weeks: including the Imagination Library Breakfast, District Governors Luncheon, Anzac Day Gunfire Breakfast, etc.

We also had some constructive discussions on the proposed Garden Expo. The next step is to make further contact with industry leaders to get their guidance and input followed by more detailed planning. This project, like most we undertake, will not be achievable unless members get involved and behind it. Preliminary thoughts were expressed as to the possibility of revitalisation of the Camping Swap meet also.

There are a number of members traveling or planning a weekend away, so we wish them safe travels and look forward to catching up on their return with many stories to tell.

Eric.

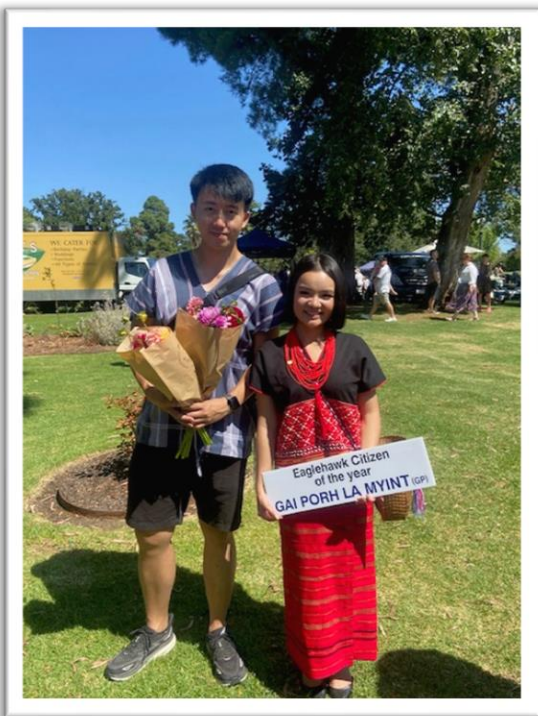
We spent the time working on club priorities – thus no guest speaker this week.

Rotarians in action – our local Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Parade (with Pierce Grenfell as our special Rotary Guest), Bookshop fun and selling doughnuts in the park!



LINK TO VIDEO of Pierce in the 2024 D&A procession here:
<https://youtu.be/ZL1JHir8qL0>





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 THIS WEEKEND, March 22-24 (and again in October).

We are in the process of enrolling 2 Karen students from ESC and thanks go to John Pearce for assisting with their transport.

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.

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.

Update/ correspondence re continuation of the Swap Meet catering:

Bendigo Rotary Club Presidents and Fellow CRSMCC Members,

At our recent Committee Meeting conducted on Monday 26th February 2024, feedback was received from committee members indicating that all five Bendigo Rotary Clubs had voted unanimously to support the committee's proposal to cease its activities and no longer provide catering services to future Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club (VV&CC) Bendigo Swap Meet events.

The committee members present at the meeting then AGREED to the motion that the CRSMCC cease activities and be wound up forthwith.

Committee Chairman Gary Jones has since sent a letter to the President of the Federation of VV&CC Neil Athorn, who also happens to be the President of the Bendigo VV&CC, advising of the committee's decision. A copy of the letter, which sets out the reasons for the CRSMCC's decision is attached.

It would be appreciated if you could bring the contents of the letter to the attention of your Rotary Club members (*it is attached to this newsletter*)

Over the next month or so, CRSMCC members will: -

1. Prepare an inventory of items held by the committee.
2. Consult with Rotary Clubs regarding possible requirements for any of the inventoried items.
3. Proceed to distribute and/or dispose of the inventoried items.
4. Distribute any remaining monies held by the committee equally amongst the five Rotary Clubs.

Kind Regards Wayne W Smith Honorary Secretary 2014-2020

Combined Rotary Swap Meet Catering Committee

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IMPORTANT....

Dear D9800 club member,

Expressions of Interest are now invited for the position of Rotary Community Leader. Expressions of Interest will close at midnight, Thursday, 28 March. Please send your Expression of Interest to Ron Payne, District Governor D9800.

If contemplating submitting an EOI, I also urge you to attend one of the online briefing sessions for prospective candidates listed below.

Thursday 14 March 6pm AEDT

Friday 15 March 1pm AEDT

Sunday 17 March 11am AEDT

Wednesday 20 March 6pm AEDT

Thursday 21 March 3pm AEDT

A recording of one of the sessions will also be made, available on the Creating Tomorrow website. The website also contains more information about the Regionalisation Pilot.

We are excited to be at this point in the process and look forward to receiving your Expressions of Interest!

Ron Payne District Governor D9800

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An email from Sandi Fulcher re: helping promote the Showcase (at the District Conference) to the greater public:

This event is being called the **Rotary in Action Showcase** and we see it as a great opportunity to invite the greater Bendigo community to see what Rotary does. We have 35 projects **on display at the Bendigo Secondary College** for the Saturday and the Sunday. I am hoping I can ask for your assistance being that it has the potential to encourage interested persons into your clubs.



SHOWCASE

Saturday 13th April - 9am to 5pm

Sunday 14th April - 8am to 12pm

Open to the public & Entry is free

Rotary Showcase open to the Bendigo public

Who do you know who lives around Bendigo and would enjoy seeing what we do at Rotary?

Invite them to join us for the Rotary in Action Showcase



Where: Bendigo Senior School Gym - next door to the Ulumbarra Theatre

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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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 District 9800

Bendigo Conference 2024

12-14th April

Rotarian, Partners & Friends:	\$390
First-time attendee:	\$300
Rotaractor & Youth Exchange:	\$200
Foundation Breakfast:	\$40

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[FYI- Rotary Grant Scholarship details:](#)








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- ◆ Make a difference
- ◆ Become a leader

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Rotary offers prestigious international scholarships of up to USD60,000 for graduate students pursuing careers in fields that support the Foundation's Seven Areas of Focus:

-  PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION
-  DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
-  WATER AND SANITATION
-  MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
-  BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY
-  ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
-  ENVIRONMENT

**ROTARY POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
VALUE: UP TO USD60,000**

Rotary District 9800 has designed a targeted Post-Graduate Scholarship to focus on overseas study for a Masters degree or PhD, to a value of up to USD60,000 (or two scholarships at USD30,000 each).

The Scholarship is designed to enhance the profiles of our best graduates in recent years and acknowledges the underlying strength of Victorian University graduates. The field of study must fit one of the Rotary Foundation's 7 Areas of Focus.



Applications are invited from persons normally resident in Victoria and must be made through a Victorian Rotary club. Lineal descendants of current/recent Rotarians are ineligible.

Global Grants are awarded through a globally competitive process.

Applications close 31 March 2024

Contact: David Gorman
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 Rotary Club of Albert Park

<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/foundation/scholarships>

The **Rotary International Convention 2024**: Singapore, 25—29 May 2024; mark the date in your diaries; registration is open at <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/registration>



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 25-29 MAY 2024**

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Rotary theme for March 2024

Water and Sanitation month-

