



# Rotary

## Club of Eaglehawk



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*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		
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Bookshop	Geoff Gallagher & Geoff Adcock
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Club dinner meeting <i>Mandy &amp; Mick's trip</i>	Bar – Trevor Lock Clean-Geoff Adcock & John Pearce
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Bookshop	Jennifer Sanderson & Lynne Cooper
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Club dinner meeting	Bar- Ron Payne Clean- Rita O'Brien & Mary Preston

**Happy Birthday enjoy your special day!**

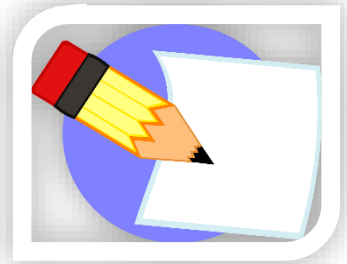
March 5<sup>th</sup> Mary Preston  
10<sup>th</sup> Margaret Walkington  
31<sup>st</sup> Geoff Gallagher



## President Geoff's report



This week we were fortunate to attend the Bendigo airport to meet the pilots of the firefighting aircraft and look over their aircraft. The pilot of the Firebird 305 gave a terrific presentation on the role the aircraft play in managing Victoria's summer bushfire season.



They often arrive at a fire before ground crews, providing immediate response so firefighters on the ground have a greater chance of limiting the size and spread of fires.

'The Air Attack Supervisor (AAS) who is in the smaller of the two helicopters directs the pilot of the larger water-bombing helicopter where to drop its load, so it is most effective in suppressing the fire. The AAS will also help the helicopter pilot locate suitable water sources near the fire.'

**The firefighting aircraft based at the Bendigo airport this summer are:**

**Helitak 335: Bell 214B water bombing helicopter.** Carries 3,000 litres of water in its belly tank. It can fill the tank in 40 seconds by dropping its three-metre snorkel into a water source while hovering two and a half metres above the water surface.

**Firebird 305: Airbus AS350 FX2 Squirrel helicopter.** Carries the Air Attack Supervisor who oversees and coordinates the aerial tactical operation. It acts as a liaison between the ground crews and the water bombing aircraft. And can relay vital information to the fire control centre in real time.

The aircraft based in Bendigo are part of Victoria's fleet of 50+ firefighting aircraft. They are on call between sunup and sunset 7 days a week. They arrived on December 17<sup>th</sup> and will be here until mid-March, however this may be extended depending on the fire threat.

Many thanks to [Eric Smith](#) for organizing the night and preparing the presentation.



We attended the Kennington Tavern for a meal afterwards where we helped [Alison Bacon](#) and [Alf Thorpe](#) celebrate their birthdays. Alf said he was 82 and I am guessing that Alison is no more than half his age.

I will be away with work for most of next week and I will leave you in Eric Smith's capable hands.

Stay safe.

*Geoff Gallagher*



# Club Happening

## Youth report from Lynne and Mick

### Minutes of Combined Youth Services Directors Meeting – 21 Feb 2023

#### Present:

Lynne Cooper (RC Eaglehawk), Mick Costello (RC Eaglehawk), Joy Bruce (RC Bendigo), Michael Pearson (RC Bendigo), Stewart Annan (RC Bendigo Sandhurst), Lyn Coman (RC Bendigo South),

**Apologies:** Charlie Bovilino (RC of Kangaroo Flat), Bryan Griffiths (RC Rochester)

**Chair:** Lynne Cooper

**Minutes:** Stew Annan

#### Rotary Youth Sailing Challenge:

- The program is for 15 to 18 yr. olds aboard the tall mast sailing vessel "One and All"
- The program is run by Rotary in South Australia
- This year there will be 2 voyages (7 days each) associated with the RICON.
  1. Adelaide to Melbourne departing Adelaide on 17 May,
  2. Melb. to Adelaide departing Melbourne on 4 June
- Opportunity for Vic based students to apply for either voyage
- Cost is \$1900 with possibility to be less depending on sponsorship. Applications are open now via the following link. [Rotary Youth Sailing – A five day journey of a lifetime](#)
- RC of Bendigo is keen to sponsor one or more students. Information has been sent to RC of Bendigo supported schools (CMC and Bendigo SE College)
- RC of Sandhurst is in contact with a past RYPEN student who is very keen and has pre-registered pending Rotary sponsorship
- Meeting discussed whether all Cluster clubs might consider a financial contribution to sponsorship. Similar to what we do for NYSF. Alternatively, co-sponsorship by 2 or more clubs for an applicant. **Action: It was agreed that Youth Directors would raise with their respective Clubs.**
- It was agreed that applicants will be interviewed by a small panel of Rotarians from cluster clubs before sponsorship is endorsed.

#### RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. 18-26 Year Old's

- RYLA 2022 was held at Camp Getaway (27 Nov – 3 Dec)
- Participants from cluster clubs have provided feedback with very positive remarks about the program
- Laura, sponsored by RC of Bendigo, will present formally to the club next week
- Bianca and Grace, sponsored by RC of Bendigo Sandhurst, will present formally to the club on 3 May
- Meeting discussed briefly about RYLA 2023 and emphasised that we should be looking for potential applicants from now.

#### RYPEN: The program is for 15 – 17-year old's and targeted at year 9/10.

- Next RYPEN camp is at Camp Getaway Doxa Camp, Malmsbury from 5:00pm Friday 24th March to 2:00pm Sunday 26th March. The **closing date** for applications to attend this Camp is **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**
- **Action: Youth Directors requested to contact their schools to encourage applicants**
- District contact for RYPEN are below. Expect the next camp in March/April 2023.  
[suz.zammit@gmail.com](mailto:suz.zammit@gmail.com)  
[rypen@rotarydistrict9800.org.au](mailto:rypen@rotarydistrict9800.org.au)

#### NYSF 2023:

<https://www.nysf.edu.au/programs/year-12-program/>

- NYSF 2023 was conducted from 10 -24 Jan 23
- Six students from the Bendigo cluster clubs attended the program

- A pre-program get together was held at Peppergreen Farm on 6 Dec. This allowed the local students to meet each other beforehand and to ask any questions about the program.
  - Key question centred around accommodation for the week in Melbourne. This proved difficult to arrange but was eventually sorted out, allowing the 6 Bendigo region students to be accommodated together at the Melbourne University College. It was a very good outcome for the students which enhanced their whole experience.
  - The NYSF committee has been alerted to the problem of accommodation in respect of the cost and location in Melbourne for regional students, with tentative assurances given that it will be better managed next year. That aside, the meeting agreed that we will have to push strongly for NYSF committee and/or Rotary District level assistance with management of the accommodation next year.
- Two students (Saad and Tate) sponsored by RC of Eaglehawk, have been to a club meeting to present back to the Members.
- Students (Rose, Tia, Montana and Owen) sponsored by RC of Bendigo Sandhurst will present back to Members on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Action: Youth Directors were requested to ask schools to interview (with video) the students who attended the program this year, with the view that the videos can be used to promote to potential future applicants.

#### **Youth Exchange (YEX):**

- Inbounds confirmed in July 2023 and Outbounds in January 2024.
- Clubs have been requested to advise whether they plan to participate by the end of April.
- Outbound interviews will be in April.
- For outbound students, Yr. 9 and 10 are considered to best suited in consideration of impact on their studies.
- Cost to a club for a hosting an inbound student is in the order of \$6k.
- Action: Youth Directors requested to:
  - raise with their respective clubs and seek potential host families
  - advise the YEX committee by end of April if their Club intends to sponsor someone for YEX.
- Joy Bruce and Gary Gunnell from RC of Bendigo are available to discuss with clubs and/or families, to provide more information.
- Link for more info: [District 9800 Rotary Youth Exchange – For Students in Southern Melbourne to Echuca including the Bendigo Region \(rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au\)](https://www.rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au/)

#### **Santos Science Experience:**

- The Santos Science Experience is a fun 1, 3 or 4 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students in 2022 program year.  
<https://www.scienceexperience.com.au/>  
<https://www.scienceexperience.com.au/when-where>
- Meeting highlighted the opportunities to attend programs at the Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre at Queenscliff. Next opportunity is 18<sup>th</sup> April 23
- Action: Youth Directors requested to advise schools and encourage applicants

#### **Science Engineering Challenge:**

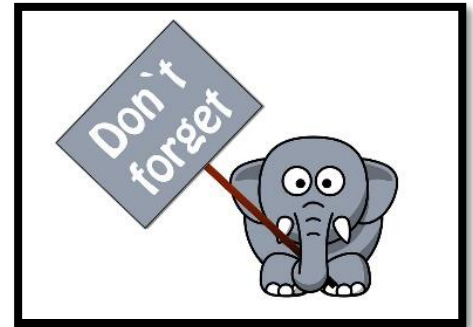
- RC of Bendigo South will again run the regional event this year (refer to Rod Spitty).
- The National final will not be in Bendigo this year.

**Next meeting:** tbd – Bendigo Club Board room at 5.30

## Dates to Remember

### March

Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mick & Mandy Costello UK visit
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fundraising forum
Frid 17 <sup>th</sup>	Dahlia & Arts festival
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dahlia & Arts festival Street Parade
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bluelight Skate event
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bethea Robertson
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Golf Day breakfast



I'd like to invite you to our upcoming fundraiser, A Taste of Africa, at the Werribee Open Range Zoo, on March 26th from 11am.

Tickets include full-day (9am-close) access to the Zoo, and entrance to our African food, music and entertainment festival within the grounds of the Zoo.

The fundraiser is to support the renovations of the Kyebe Maternity Clinic in Uganda, as well as support the Ugandan Wildlife Conservation Education Centre, a sister of Zoos Victoria.

Early-Bird Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.trybooking.com/CFIEK>

A poster for the "A Taste of Africa" event at Werribee Open Range Zoo. The poster features a dark background with green and yellow foliage on the sides. The title "A TASTE OF AFRICA" is in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below it, "AT WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO!" is in white. The text describes the event as a food & music extravaganza raising funds for the Kyebe Maternity Clinic and Ugandan Wildlife Conservation Education Centre. It specifies the date and time: Sunday 26th March 11AM - 3PM at Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Road Werribee. Tickets are \$68, including all-day zoo entry and African lunch. It directs visitors to [www.trybooking.com/CFIEK](http://www.trybooking.com/CFIEK) to purchase tickets or scan the QR code in the top corner. The QR code is in the top right corner. Logos for Rotary Club of Albert Park, Zoos Victoria, and the event website are at the bottom. The website URLs are [www.kyebeuganda.org.au](http://www.kyebeuganda.org.au), [www.uwec.ug](http://www.uwec.ug), and [www.zoo.org.au/werribee](http://www.zoo.org.au/werribee).

To learn more about our primary cause, visit our [Kyebe Maternity Clinic](#) site.

We're also looking for volunteers to help out on the day, and sponsors for the event, so please share this invitation.



# The Melbourne Convention

## May 2023

We have been promoting the Convention to be held in Melbourne next May. Click on the icon below to find out how to go about registering. We would love to see our members trying to be involved in this worldwide Rotary event.



REGISTER FOR THE RI  
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## A puzzle to solve !!!

**WOW!!! This should keep us busy for awhile**

Solve the following (the first one is solved for you – this should give you the idea)

1. **26 L of the A**
2. 7 W of the W
3. 12 S of the Z
4. 54 C in a D (with the J)
5. 32 DF at which W F
6. 18 H on the G C
7. 90 D in a R A
8. 24 H in a D
9. 1 H on a U
10. 1000 Y in a M
11. 7 D of the W
12. 29 D in F (L Y)
13. 60 M in an H
14. 9 L of a C
15. 12 M on the Y
16. 3W on a T
17. 64 S on a C B
18. 5 F on a H
19. 6 B in an O
20. 13 L in a B D

**26 Letters of the Alphabet**



We had a very interesting presentation at the Bendigo Airport viewing the firefighting helicopters. Here are some of the great photos from our members.



It was great to see everyone last evening, hope you enjoyed the visit to the Airbase.

The Pilot who spoke to use was [Glen Morley](#) and the Bomber Pilot was [Mitch](#).

It was great to see so many attending (26 I believe) and with their chairs.

The dinner together at the Tavern was also worth the effort.

My appreciation to all attendees it was a great evening of fellowship once again.

Thanks.

Eric



# Dahlia & Arts

**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

**17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**



**EAGLEHAWK  
FESTIVALS** INC.

**Join in the fun as we  
celebrate 50 GOLDEN  
years of community  
and art in the Borough  
with activities for the  
whole family.**

**FRIDAY 17th:** Launch party | Boutique beer  
and wine | After party | Live music | Solaris  
Tribal Dancing | Art Show

**SATURDAY 18th:** Street Parade | Gala Fair  
Art shows | Roving entertainment | Live music  
Schools relay | Dahlia & Flower Show | Live art

**SUNDAY 19th:** Family Fun Day | Art Show  
Star Cinema free film

For event details visit

**[www.eaglehawkfestivals.com.au](http://www.eaglehawkfestivals.com.au)**



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