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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 13th March: Guest speaker: Tim Watts -Landcare activities (up north).

Happy Birthday to you in March-

1st Alison Bacon

5th Lola Frank

6th Mary Preston

10th Marg Walkington

31st Geoff Gallagher



Reminders:

- Friday 15th, Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th March** – Dahlia and Arts activities.
Eaglehawk Rotary entry on Saturday 16th March, selling doughnuts and bookshop open!
- Friday 22nd March** – Imagination Library Breakfast
- Friday 29th March** (Good Friday)- Easter Book Stall – *Eaglehawk Rotary stall* – all day
- Saturday 30th March** – Bunnings BBQ- *members assisting as per roster.*
- Friday 12th April**- Cluster Dinner at Bunja Thai – Eaglehawk Rotarians invited.
- Friday 12th - Sunday 14th April** – District 9800 Conference –in Bendigo!

Attachments this week:

- Minutes of Combined Youth Directors – February 2024

President's report:

A great roll up of members, with 24 attending including the Guest speaker PP Colin Hutchinson, and Guests Graham Lymas (RC Bendigo Sandhurst) and Kylie.

It was great to welcome back Barbara Leane too, having been away for a couple of weeks.

Lyn gave us an overview of the Combined Youth Services Directors Meeting, which she chaired. Lyn spoke of several programs that are currently operating and are in the wind also. There is some interest from the Eaglehawk Secondary College which is pleasing. Several of the Eaglehawk SC Karen students wish to participate in suitable programs.

It was also indicated that RC Bendigo is exploring the interest in an Interact Club based at Bendigo South East College.

In addition, Eaglehawk SC have indicated an interest in the same program. Both are quite exciting possibilities. Please refer to the Minutes attached.

It was again pleasing to find Charlie on the door this week, welcoming members in his usual cheery manner, after his little trip to hospital a few weeks back. He isn't driving again yet, but with members support is able to be with us each week again. Great to have you back in this important role, Charlie, thank- you!

PP Colin Hutchieson (our Guest speaker this week) was very different as he talked about his involvement in a backpacker program that he has been involved with over quite some time now that he has retired from work and Rotary.

It seems a two-way system in that the visitors to his farm have access to quality on-site accommodation, while Colin gets plenty of assistance around the farm. Refer to the Guest speaker report below.

Rita and Carmel were quite excited to report on a special visitor to the bookshop this week when Centenarian Peirce Grenfell popped in for a chat. Pierce was walking down (with his own private escort) as you would expect, and going home with some music, and some CD's including one of the Eaglehawk Brass Band, which he was quite excited about. After a little while off they headed to call into St Vinnies to have a chat to the ladies over there. A remarkable gentleman, you could say, Pierce is Mr Eaglehawk.

With the weather indicating another peak this weekend and a long weekend as well, take care, Keep Safe, and look forward to seeing you next week.

Regards - **Eric**



Guest Speaker report: PP Colin Hutchieson

Colin Hutchieson a retired Banker, was a member of RC Eaglehawk (Inducted 1988) when he was Manager of the NAB Eaglehawk branch.

He also shifted around over the years, to various other places including overseas. Whilst a member in Eaglehawk, he held the position of President during 2011-12.

Colin has a smallish property near the Axedale township, which overlooks the Campaspe River.

Colin has become involved with HelpX, which is a group that co-ordinates accommodation for backpackers from all over the world.

Colin has, with the help of a resident backpacker, converted a garage into ideal accommodation which is separated from the main house, and is self-sufficient.

The process is that the backpackers make contact via HelpX and then onto Colin's Facebook page (Axedale Ankas – Short term Accommodation). They have had quite a few backpackers from many parts of the world including Germany, Glasgow, New Caledonia etc. They have qualifications like Cabinet Maker, Bio Medical Engineer and the list goes on...

The interesting thing is they are all happy to assist around the farm, with gardening, hole digging (with a jack hammer in what is a very rocky area) general farm work, including assisting at an Alpaca Show (which also resulted in some paid work) which they appreciated.

Colin talked about some interesting experiences of his guests. They have started a tradition of the visiting backpackers preparing a dish from their country (most time) or a dish they would like to present, apparently some quite interesting results!

Colin and Julie are enjoying being part of the HelpX Team and have developed many long-term friendships and highlighted that the program fits into the Rotary principles.

A very interesting talk by Colin on a subject that you don't readily hear about.

Thanks, Colin for your candid description of how you are able to help people, who can return the help to you also, while learning about a different part of the world.



Youth Report:

Please see attached the Combined Youth Directors Meeting minutes (attended by Mick and Lynne). *Many thanks to Paul for these minutes. We really enjoyed an excellent and productive meeting. It's great to share our knowledge, enthusiasm, and support for all these terrific youth programs. Please have a read.

Also, just for some clarity, RYPEN is a Rotary Youth programme for 15–17-year-olds.

Thanks to John Pearce for meeting with the staff at ESC last week also. They now have 3 Karen students very keen to attend the camp, and we are currently processing their applications.

We are hoping this is the beginning of Karen students regularly participating in RYPEN- bigger and better things, connecting our communities together.

Regards- Lynne.

Rotary Regionalisation Project:

Dear Club President,

I write to advise you of the next steps in the Regionalisation Pilot and to seek your support in implementing the key elements of Rotary Community Group (RCG) collaboration and Rotary Community Leader (RCL) appointment.

You will already be aware of the Rotary Community Group your club has been assigned to (table at the end of this document).

The next step is to conduct an Establishment Meeting during which our District Governor Team will deliver a presentation clarifying the next steps.

Further, there will be opportunity for you to meet in your RCG to provide feedback to the Steering Group on key questions which will help inform the position description of the RCL.

The detail we need feedback for comes from the core questions:

- What do you want to work on together?
- What sort of leadership and support would help you succeed?
- What arrangements will work for you?

You may wish to hold discussion within your club in the leadup to the Establishment Meeting in order that you are best able to represent your club's views.

We will ask the current AGs to assist with the recording of the views of each RCG discussion session and this will then be fed back to the Steering Group as requested.

It is vital that your club is represented, and we recommend 1-2 leaders comprising, President-elect, President-Nominee or other member from your leadership group along with any member who may be considering putting themselves forward for the Community Leader role.

As you would appreciate, scheduling a meeting to suit all clubs is very challenging and I ask that you ensure your club is represented even if this means those representatives are absent from your club meeting.

We have scheduled this online meeting for **Thursday, 7 March @ 7:00pm** and it is anticipated to take approximately one hour.

We request that your representatives are registered to attend to allow us to monitor attendance.

Please use this Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPRRK> The zoom link will be sent to the representatives during the registration process.

Detailed below is the anticipated timeline for actioning the RCG and RCL elements of the Regionalisation work ahead.

TIMELINE **Rotary Community Groups and Rotary Community Leaders**

March 7	Rotary Community Groups establishment meeting on Zoom
March 14	Invitations for Expressions of Interest for Rotary Community Leaders to be sent to clubs
March 28	Close of Expressions of Interest for Rotary Community Leaders
April 8-22	Elections of Rotary Community Leaders if more than one Expression of Interest is received for the relevant RCG
April 26	Announcement of the appointed Rotary Community Leaders
April 27 – May 9	Election objections lodged and decided
May - June	Learning development for Rotary Community Leaders, both online and in-person

You may have questions surrounding this process.

We will endeavour to respond to questions you raise during the meeting and, if unable to provide an immediate answer, will work with the Steering Group to address your issue. The following link will provide you with some of the detail in the meantime.

<https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/s/Allocation-of-clubs-to-RCGs-QA-Final.pdf> (as attached)

If you require more information prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards– **Ron**

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Of the things we think, say or do: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Zone 8		Regionalisation Project		ROTARY COMMUNITY GROUPS	
District	RCG 1	RCG 2	RCG 3	RCG 4	RCG 5
9800	9800-1 Activate Victoria Albert Park Carlton Central Melbourne Collingwood Fitzroy Melbourne Melbourne Passport Port Phillip Richmond Southbank Rotaract E Club of Melbourne	9800-2 Balwyn Brighton Brighton North Canterbury Camberwell Caulfield Chadstone East Malvern Glenferrie Hawthorn Kew Malvern North Balwyn Pahran Toorak	9800-3 Altona Altona City Bacchus Marsh Caroline Springs Eynesbury Hoppers Crossing Melton Melton Valley Point Gellibrand Werribee Williamstown Wyndham Wyndham Harbour	9800-4 Brunswick Tullamarine Essendon Essendon North Flemington Kensington Footscray Keilor Keilor East North Melbourne West Footscray Yarraville	9800-5 Bendigo Bendigo Sandhurst Bendigo South Castlemaine Daylesford Eaglehawk Echuca Moama Gisborne Kangaroo Flat Kerang Kyneton Rochester Swan Hill Sunrise Woodend

I have received the following info from our AG Rob Foran and is included for your consideration. Please note the assistance required for the program. If you need further information, please contact me. - Eric.

Malaysia Specialist Teacher Program.

Hi Cluster Club Reps,

This email is to let you know that the **Malaysia Specialist Teacher Program** has been agreed by our partner Malaysia Rotary Clubs and can now go ahead.

Australia has been identified by the Malaysian Ministry of Education as a world leader in Specialist Education and they thank all clubs involved for offering an experience for 8 Malaysian Teachers to work within our schools.

We now need to get our planning underway in Bendigo. I am seeking the involvement of clubs to undertake the following:

- **Provide home hosting** for eight teachers, each for a period of two weeks.

This would entail two pairs of teachers for a two-week period, followed by another two pairs of teachers for the second two-week period.

Ideally, it would be good for each pair of teachers to be accommodated by the one host; nevertheless, this might not be practicable.

As per the program, the hosting need is:

Sunday 14 April - Saturday 27 April: four teachers. *(Note this period has been shortened by 2 days to fit in with D9800 Conference- EJS)*

Saturday 27 April – Saturday 11 May: four teachers.

- Organise and run tourism outings in Bendigo for each group of four teachers on Saturday 20 April and 4 May.

- Organise and run a luncheon/daytime event in Bendigo on Saturday 11 May for all eight teachers, open to attendance by all Rotary clubs and possibly a City of Greater Bendigo Council representative.

If you have any questions and/or wish to assist, please contact Lindsay Jolley (Rotary Club of Bendigo South), the Bendigo Co-ordinator for the program. Lindsay's contact details are: telephone 0416 192 032 and email lj@joll.net.

It is likely that both Kalianna School and Bendigo Specialist Developmental School will organise the Wednesday visits (17 & 24 April; 1 & 8 May) to the local disability support services once we know the Malaysia teachers' individual interests.

*We might need some transport assistance during the day on the Wednesdays. Lindsay will update you on this.

After their time in Bendigo and Echuca-Moama, we intend for our teachers to travel to Melbourne to continue their specialist education experience in Australia.

I am looking forward to us working together on this program.

Kind Regards, Rob Foran

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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!

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

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Applications are invited from persons normally resident in Victoria and must be made through a Victorian Rotary club. Lineal descendents 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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<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/foundation/scholarships>

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