



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 22nd May: **GUEST SPEAKER: Geoff Adcock – his Italian adventure!**

MAY:

Happy Birthday to you - May -
2nd Geoff Adcock
18th Gail Fitzpatrick
23rd Jennifer Sanderson
30th Lynne Cooper



Reminders:

1. **Saturday 18th May** – ILLUMIN8 Festival - car parking- 3pm start AND footy gates.
Thanks to everyone who has volunteered for the roster!
2. **Blue Light Skate Park event** – POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER.
3. **Sunday 2nd June**- Bunnings BBQ
4. **Thursday 6th June**- Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee Film Night Fundraiser
@ Star Cinema – Eaglehawk (flyer attached)
5. **Saturday 8th June** – catering activity for District Governor's lunch @ Camp Getaway
AND footy gates.
6. **Wednesday 26th June** – no meeting
7. **Friday 28th June** – RC Eaglehawk Changeover and **Sunday 30th June**- District
Changeover.

Attachments this week: BMFC Film Night Fundraiser- 6th June.

****Note for all Directors:** Reports for the Annual Report are needed – please forward to John J asap!

President's Report:

Another historic night this week for our club, 24 attendees, even with a few members away.

It was historic also as I had the privilege of inducting another member, Kylie Campbell into the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk.

I was assisted by DG Ron Payne and Secretary John Jones. We also had the privilege of Kylie's family in attendance, Kevin, Caitlin and Courtney (a NYSF participant). *Welcome to Rotary and the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk Kylie.* We look forward to having you as a fellow member and watching you develop as a Rotarian.

The second historic part (that it is not a general custom), was the opportunity to listen to Opera during our club dinner meeting. We were very lucky to have a visiting Opera singer (our Guest Speaker – Merlyn) perform two pieces for us.

It continually amazes me as to what talent is in our own backyard. Maybe an Opera singer, a recognised artist who works in a famous gallery, a world renown Turntable Company employee, or maybe a volunteer from the Mine Rescue team in Australia. All people who have followed a passion and achieved great things.

Sometimes we shy away from trying new things. Take a risk, lead the way, and be brave - you may well do something that has never been done before. It's never too late!
Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. Albert Einstein.

I should mention that Karen Armstrong visited again. It was nice to see her back joining us.

Most of our members seem to have the travel bug quelled for the moment?

“Hello” to Lynne, she's sunbaking on Norfolk Island- lucky you!

As usual, those that are travelling, please do so safely.

Look forward to catching up next Wednesday.

Regards- Eric



Guest speaker: Merlyn Quaife AM- Soprano:

Merlyn works on the same principles, as a Rotarian – helping people. As a singer, it's the same – helping people, teaching, encouraging and guiding singers.

Merlyn commenced singing seriously when she was around 18 years of age, with her Grandfather. He was a stone mason and worked on the Spire of St Patricks Cathedral. He also sang at the Church of Christ.

Her Mother was also a good singer, she also sang at the Church of Christ on Sunday afternoons.

Merlyn explained that on many occasions she was in the right place at the right time and took the opportunities that were afforded her.

She was taught piano at an early age and is quite an accomplished pianist and organist also. People kept pushing her into roles including stage management and production direction, as well as stage performances, often as the lead performer.

She applied for a scholarship in Germany for 12 months under very accomplished tutors.

Merlyn has performed in many operas, mostly in lead parts.

She has always been a freelance artist and has regularly had performances (generally a six-week contract), which involves four weeks rehearsal and then two weeks of performance.

Merlyn spent some time as Head of Music at Monash University. In 201, Merlyn Quaife was awarded an AM for Services to Music.

Merlyn is very much still involved in Opera with many regular performances in many locations. She performed lead roles in Gilbert and Sullivan and regularly performs at the St Francis Cathedral in Melbourne and often in new Operas.

One of the memorable performances for Merlyn was at the Rod Laver Area riding a Friesian horse. Can you imagine riding a horse whilst singing a big Opera part?

Merlyn still coaches some high-level Opera stars like Marina Prior and at one time taught our District Governor-Elect, Michael Lapina!

Merlyn provided a very informative address which was greatly appreciated by all.

Particularly the two Opera pieces that she sang unaccompanied!

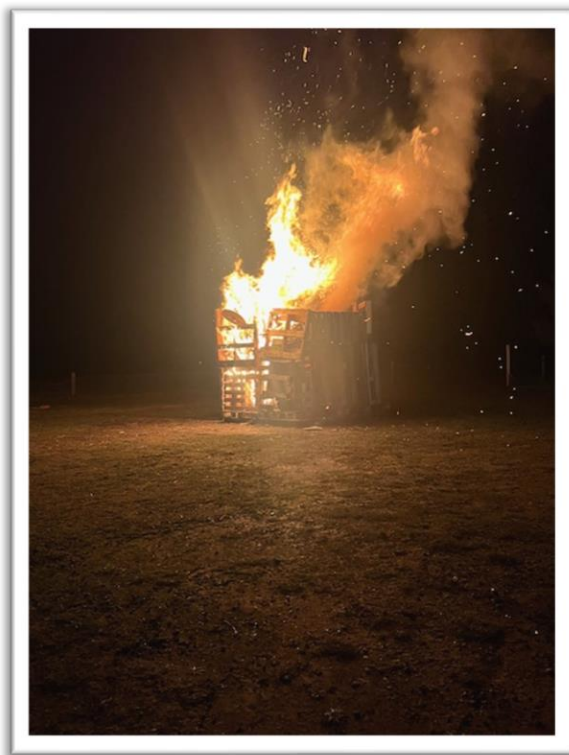
Thankyou Merlyn for your very interesting insight into the life of an Opera Singer

Thanks, Merlyn,
for sharing your talent and time.



Club Get together last Saturday.

What a bonfire – and a great social night for Club members. Many thanks to Gary and Lola for hosting us and to Trevor for providing the musical entertainment too!



A message from Tony Plant re Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee movie night/ fundraiser:

The Movie nights conducted at the Star Cinema are one of the initiatives the committee has been implementing at least on 2 occasions in each calendar year. These nights are always held on a Thursday night. The ROTARY Club of Bendigo South (given it coincides with its regular meeting night) opts to support the BMFC fund raising efforts by transferring their weekly dinner meeting to the Star Cinema.

Given that the BMFC has been granted a special screening of a most interesting Australian movie that will not be shown at the Bendigo Cinemas I would encourage each of you to talk to your club members about the notion of joining the members of Bendigo South by attending this Movie on June 6.

The flyer is attached for further details. All bookings need to be made online via the Star Cinemas website.

Yours in Rotary,

Tony Plant (past President and Paul Harris Fellow Rotary Club of Bendigo South
Member of the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee)

Trivia Night donations:

In appreciation of the enormous support from our local Eaglehawk businesses with their generous donations toward our Trivia Night, please support them with your patronage too!

Here's the list of businesses who donated vouchers, cash or even goods towards the auction:

- ☺ Two Birds Blue
- ☺ Borough Caffè Crema
- ☺ Subway
- ☺ Our Sweet Indulgence
- ☺ NKB Hair and Lash
- ☺ Trash Culture
- ☺ Fitzpatrick's Timber and Hardware
- ☺ Kindness Society
- ☺ Meat Matters
- ☺ Eaglehawk Beauty Gallery
- ☺ Heath Lyons Jewellery
- ☺ EUFS Chemist
- ☺ Grant Rule's Menswear
- ☺ Boneless Barber Shop
- ☺ John's Original Flowers
- ☺ Divine Tattoo Studio
- ☺ Meraki Hair Lounge

...what a great support from 17 local businesses – **thank- you to everyone** and especially to Carmel for her work following this up!

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ROTARY IN KIND

2024 Open Day - Saturday 10th August - 10.00am to 3pm.
Store tours every hour. Book for catering.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

RI President Gordon McInally, along with Professor Pat McGorry AO, will be speaking in Victoria at two events in June.

Sunday 2 June: Lunch at the RACV in Cape Schanck [DETAILS](#)

Monday 3 June: Community and Leaders Breakfast on at the Frankston Arts Centre [DETAILS](#)

Click the links to the latest Rotary news:



May is Youth Service month:

