



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Most weeks 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 each Club meeting.

May Birthdays

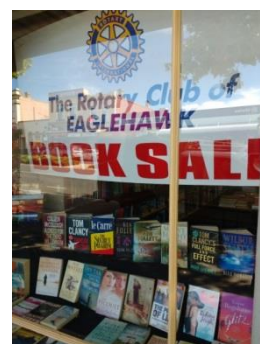
2nd Geoff Adcock
18th Gail Fitzpatrick
30th Lynne Cooper

Dates and Events for Your Diaries -		Club Members Duty Roster -
May 26 th	Club Dinner Meeting -	Bar – Geoff A Cleanup – Carolyn/Doug
May 29 th	Rotary Book Shop 10am – 12noon	Brian Fitzpatrick/John Jones
June 2 nd	Club Dinner Meeting -	Bar – Ron Cleanup – Alf/Eric
June 4 th	Goldfields Cluster Event – FORaMEAL Bendigo Event – Eaglehawk Clubrooms	** Volunteers Needed **
June 5 th	Goldfields Cluster Event – FORaMEAL Echuca Event – Echuca Rotary Park	** Volunteers Needed **
June 5 th	Rotary Book Shop 10am – 12noon	John Gurr/Doug Harrison
June 6 th	Chrysler Car Club Catering	** Volunteers Needed **
June 9 th	Club Dinner Meeting -	Bar – Carolyn Cleanup – Rita/Trevor
June 12 th	Rotary Book Shop – 12am – 12noon	Geoff A/Alison
June 16 th	Club Dinner Meeting -	Bar – Alison Cleanup – Alf/Doug
July 7 th	Club Changeover Dinner – Eaglehawk Bowling Club	

Rotary Book Shop



Don't forget to see when you have been rostered for the book shop – it's a two hour shift on a Saturday – if it's not convenient then see who you can swap with.





President
Mick Costello

We are keen for our Cluster Event – Friday June 4th and Saturday June 5th. All of the eight clubs within the Goldfields Clusters have agreed to come together and combine our efforts to bolster the supplies of FORaMEAL kits for the Rotary Club of Canterbury.

Each club will be responsible for gathering a contingent of about 12 people aiming to cover the two venues over the two days. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the work of Rotary and all clubs are encouraged to promote this activity throughout their communities.

Additional information can be found on the Rotary Club of Canterbury's FORaMEAL website - these are the packs we will be preparing.



Volunteers from our club to date are -

Friday 4th June 4.30pm – 7pm at our very own Mechanics Facility

Alison Bacon
Ron Payne
Mandy Costello
Eric Smith
John Gurr
Mick Costello
Rita O'Brien
Alf Thorpe
Geoff Adcock
Lyn Harrison
Doug Harrison

Saturday 5th June 12.30pm – 3pm at Echuca

Alison Bacon
Ron Payne
Gary Frank
Geoff Gallagher



RC Eaglehawk Acts of Kindness.

Listed below are the latest contribution to our 'Acts of Kindness.' Please let us know of others happening within the club and within families of our Rotary members.

23. President Mick, PE Gary and PP's John, Alison and Ron all spent a few hours doing a thorough clean-up of our storage shed. The "might come in handy one day" gear now resides elsewhere.
24. A young, disabled girl was struggling to pay for her purchases at the register in Kmart. The cashier very kindly tried to assist but it was a challenge for all involved. PP Alison Bacon's offer to pay on her behalf resulted in a positive outcome for a difficult situation.
25. Rotarian Charlie Cunneen's regular and ongoing support of St. Vinnie's certainly is one of the unsung acts that really deserves a mention.
26. A local elderly Vietnam Vet had to take his car to a dealership in Ballarat but he was unable to make the trip. PP Alison took it for him, and ensured that the issue he was experiencing was resolved.
27. Rtn. Geoff Adcock has been involved with the Bendigo Volleyball Association helping Karen boys become involved in the Junior Volleyball.
28. President Mick and PE Gary assisted an Eaglehawk resident by moving furniture and boxes to allow easy access for the repainting to be undertaken – a great Mothers Day effort – well done guys.
29. Lynne has finally (after more than a year of searching) managed to source a new toy poodle for a friend. Who lives alone and has no family. It's wonderful that she will now have the company of this pooch over the winter and for years to come.
30. A personal donation was made by a member to the RI Foundation annual fund to further the good work being done internationally of Rotary.



Planning for our meetings –

As a club we are fortunate to have the Mechanics facility for our meetings and club events. This also means that we need to plan and consider all those who help us to ensure our nights run smoothly and everyone is able to enjoy the experience. Additionally, we need to ensure we don't incur unnecessary costs. Some time ago the board decided




upon a process to ensure we maintained accurate numbers for catering purposes so here is a reminder for us all as to what we need to do –

1. If you are a member it is presumed that you will be attending the meeting and requiring a meal each week. This means that a meal will be ordered on your behalf and payment for such is required.
2. If you are NOT going to be able to attend the meeting then you will need to advise the President before 5.00pm on the Monday immediately prior to the meeting that you are an apology and will not be requiring a meal.
3. If you are bringing a guest then you need to advise the President as per 2. above.
4. A member is responsible to pay for any meal that has been ordered on your behalf.

It has been so long since we enjoyed the 'normal' meeting experience that we may be out of sorts for a while but if we all work together we can quickly get back into the groove.

Four-Way Test



The Four-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do.

- 1 Is it the truth?
- 2 Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4 Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Some Youth News.

Youth Services cluster meeting 11th May 2021

Attendance: Lynne Cooper, Joy Bruce, Kay McLaughlin, Cathie Miller, Stewart Annan

Apology: Nicole Case (Echuca)

Youth Exchange:

- Hoping to have inbound students July 2022
- Outbound students probably not before 2023 (all this is dependent on what is happening with the pandemic)

RYLA

- no feedback yet on the outcome of this year's changed format

ConocoPhillips Science Experience

- The program is being updated regularly with new dates, Youth Services Directors need to check the website regularly

Science Challenge

- Regionals will be held at Girton Grammar School
- Nationals will be held at Bendigo South East College

NYSF

- \$1000 to be provided by Bendigo Clubs for the cluster pool
- there are no caps on numbers this year, so there is a possibility of more students being successful with their applications. This will affect how much we can give each student.
- an information for students and parents has been organised for Tuesday June 8th at 5pm at the Discovery Centre.

Next meeting: to be confirmed

Here is a wonderful video about the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, the benefits to Clubs and an opportunity to inspire our young people and families.

<https://youtu.be/bcec5n7QdVQ>

You will enjoy watching it. One of Rotary's successful Programs.

Mechanics Facility Upgrade –

Our thanks to O'Brien Electrical for undertaking the installation of the Boiling Water Unit – a much welcome addition to our kitchen facility.

Also, the stabilisation works necessary to secure the filing cabinets in readiness for the 'Street Library'. This wonderful addition to the Mechanics facility will provide a community service to the area and will definitely increase awareness of our club within the community.



Assessing External Requests For Assistance

By Past President Tricia Reardon

Most Rotary clubs receive proposals, submissions or approaches, often on a regular basis, to provide financial assistance to a range of different community causes, charitable bodies and even individuals with needs, and it can be challenging making decisions on whether to provide support or not. Once a precedent is set, it is not easy to decline the next request for support from a similar organisation or individual. Setting clear guidelines around what the club deems as appropriate support is therefore prudent, and can save clubs from both internal and external disappointment, disgruntlement and even controversy if support for a cause is declined.



Rotary suggests that guidelines should endeavour to encourage a more "hands-on" approach to community and humanitarian service rather than just funds disbursement, and there are many clubs that also take "a hand up rather than a hand out" approach to funding requests. However, where a Rotary club does agree or offer to assist financially, then due recognition of the club in relevant media and publications should be a precondition of that support.

Prior to proposals or submissions being made to the club's board, it is recommended the appropriate guidelines for your club be set in place by considering the following questions:

- Is there a clear, demonstrated need?
- Should/could the need be met in other ways?
- Would we be simply supplementing government or other major sources of revenue?
- Does the project meet our preference for those that: relate to a "one-off" need rather than recurrent or maintenance needs; would be unlikely to happen without our help; allow for the development of a relationship with our club, i.e. good communications and/or opportunities for some involvement and interest on the part of our members; give due recognition to assistance from our club?
- What is the potential to enhance our public relations?
- Will we avoid tipping funds into an organisation's "consolidated revenue"?
- Will we avoid being involved in divisive controversy either within the club or the wider community?
- Would financial involvement see us having a local community orientation?
- Does the request fall within the club's/committee's objectives (and budgets)?
- Is there an existing relationship?
- What is the potential for new members as a result of the club being involved?

Having clear guidelines will save time, avoid potential robust or unpleasant club debate, ensure the sound use of club funds and maximise external relationships. We need Rotary funding to be safe and meaningful. When approached for funding the club board should understand any risks associated with the proposed project/activity and how sustainable it is. Also, this information will often allow better comparisons between bids for financial help.

[Source: <https://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/district-information/district-administration-manual>]

Weekly Tip



Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries. Many experienced Rotarians recall Youth Exchange as the most meaningful program in which they have been involved, and many past exchange students have described the program as "life-changing". Has your club participated?

Great Article on our Cluster Club – Castlemaine. This appeared in the recent edition of the D9800 Networker publication.

The Castlemaine Story

By John Granger

This august publication and humble writer would never stoop to crass commercial promotion, but a recent trip to Castlemaine started a process.

Travelling from Melbourne CBD to Castlemaine by train takes less than two hours. And, seriously, Castlemaine is a delight! The 'Goldfields' area bespeaks the vibrant history of Victoria's early development. There are nearby townships such as Chewton and its miners' cottages, sometimes with wisps of chimney smoke. Also, there are many artefacts from that fabulous era that made Victoria and Melbourne a financial powerhouse in the 1880s. Castlemaine embraces its past ... there's the Theatre Royal where the controversial dancer Lola Montez once appeared, the local railway station hosting steam train trips to historical Maldon and the historical shopfront buildings. Then there are the 19th century coffee houses, which have given way to boutique eating venues, artistic pursuits, weekend craft and produce markets – and yes, even freshly brewed coffee. Castlemaine is a daytrip, an indulgent weekend or even something more enduring.

So, back to the "crass" ... what a choice: a reserved train seat, time to read, email and prepare for the day ahead, instead of performing the urban ritual of 'white knuckling' up and down the Monash Freeway for an hour plus.

The Rotary Club of Castlemaine, sponsored by Rotary Bendigo, was chartered in 1935, making it one District 9800's oldest clubs. Like all country clubs, Castlemaine has been an active community participant at all levels. As well, the Club has been very conscious of a commitment to youth and continues to sponsor participants in RYLA, RYPEN and the Rotary National Youth Science Forum. Donations In Kind (DIK) has facilitated the transport of Castlemaine containers to Papua New Guinea. Larry O'Toole, a recent Paul Harris Fellow recipient, has combined with the Club, and through Autoplex, a mentorship in the hot-rodding community, which extends to developing areas of mechanics, artwork and history. Fortuitously, the June long weekend sees the Rotary Castlemaine Art Show and the Castlemaine Jazz Festival held together – a great fillip for the Club and the town. Beyond that, the Rotary Club of Castlemaine Truck Show – a must for the aficionados – will be held for the 33rd time.

President Christine Barkla has advised that the meeting venue has changed – it is now at the Castlemaine Bowling Club on nominated Wednesdays 6.00 for 6.30pm ([check the website](#)).

Beautiful, historical Castlemaine ... keep it on the 'to do' list!

