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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 29th May: GUEST SPEAKER: Alison, sharing her ideas and priorities whilst undertaking her role as our Club President 2024- 2025.

MAY:

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



Reminders:

1. **Sunday 2nd June**- Bunnings BBQ- as per roster.
2. No Dinner Meeting 5th June 2024 (Film Night as per below)
3. **Thursday 6th June**- Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee Film Night Fundraiser @ Star Cinema – Eaglehawk (flyer attached)
4. **Saturday 8th June** – catering activity for District Governor’s lunch @ Camp Getaway AND footy gates.
5. **Sunday 9th June** – catering at Mopar’s Rally Breakfast – an early start!
6. **Wednesday 26th June** – no meeting
7. **Friday 28th June** – RC Eaglehawk Changeover and **Sunday 30th June**- District Changeover (see details below).

Attachments this week: BMFC Film Night Fundraiser- 6th June. PLEASE BOOK SOON – it's nearly sold out!

President's Report:

Well you could say it has been a little cool this week, despite the sun showing it's face most days. However gardens were recipients of some rainfall over the weekend, (1.8 mm). I noticed the weeds were appreciative, but not so the plants.

Last Saturday was the Great Stupa's Elumin8 Festival. Our Club undertook the parking for the event. As mentioned, it was a little on the cool side (refer to photos of Kylie), however with our enthusiastic team of Rotarians, (Geoff G, Mick, Gary, John P, Kylie and Eric), we managed to get what seemed like 1000 cars, into the normal carpark areas. A number were directed into the overflow area also. There appeared to be double the attendance numbers from previous events. It was quite a surprise when a large bus turned up, full of passengers, to attend. Unfortunately they did not book for the Festival! What followed was a frantic few minutes, trying to sort that out. The Festival organisers certainly did a great job putting the event together, with extraordinary lighting in and around the The Great Stupa and great entertainment throughout the night. The end result for the night was wonderful-congratulations.

The following day Treasurer and President Elect, Alison, and I attended the District 9800 Assembly at West Melton. The morning was under the Leadership of DGE Michael Lapina. The subjects covered included: Doing things differently, (The International PE is Stephanie Urchick. Her theme for 2024-25 Year is "The Magic of Rotary"), creating an irresistible experience, Youth Pathways and Club Service. These subjects were addressed in some depth indicating the need to adapt and that we, the members, are at the centre of all of the change. ie Regionalisation Program and Continuity. It is intended that the membership experience is at the heart of all that we do.

There is an intent to develop a new member Induction Program and to promote Rotary knowledge as a basis of leadership development (with a Checklist), to ensure the goals are being achieved, over periods of 6,12,18,24 months.

It is planned to develop new members packs that include lots of stories told differently. Starting with why, telling the stories to those that don't know. Because the consumers are time poor, they will be short 1 minute videos to cover the subjects. These are to be called "Michael's Magical Moments"

Guest Speakers-

The first was Catherine Wheller from NYSF. I must apologise to Catherine, I am now aware that I should have introduced her as Doctor Catherine Wheller. Catherine was in Bendigo as the National Communications Manager for NYSF, to speak with the staff and students about NYSF. While here she was able to connect with other Secondary Colleges in the area too A very passionate person about NYSF and supporting youth to achieve goals they often don't know about yet. The program gives her the opportunity to do this. Refer to the report below.

The Second Speaker was our own PP Geoff Adcock, (2010-11). Geoff spoke to us about his recent trip to Italy, including seeing the Pope whilst in Rome (from a distance, while the Pope was broadcasting his Easter message from a third floor in the Vatican). He also travelled on a train at 300kph through some beautiful country-side. See more information in the report below too.

As I will be unable to attend next week Geoff Gallagher has agreed to fill in for me. Thanks Geoff.

So as usual, those that are travelling, please do so safely.

Regards- Eric

*Update (correction) to the information supplied last week re Guest Speaker- Merlyn Quaife (who also thanked us for the opportunity to talk and sing). Merlyn didn't have singing lessons with her Great Grandfather, she only sang lead roles and retired from Opera in 2013. Merlyn still does concerts and the occasional recording these days. Thanks, Merlyn, for the update!

Guest speakers this week:

1. Dr Catherine Wheller

Dr. Catherine is the National Communications Manager for the National Youth Science Forum. Catherine had a small medical issue earlier in her life, however, she attended NYSF, and it was the point that changed her life. She went to Melbourne University, becoming a Doctor of Philosophy. Her PHD studies focussed on Metamorphic Geology which took her to Madagascar. She also went back to NYSF as a staff member, after attending a Forum. On this occasion she focused more on the future of NYSF.

The greatest barrier for the program is the fees associated for students attending. A video was shown demonstrating that when students arrive at the program, most are totally unaware of what was about to happen to them or the opportunities that are in front of them. They get to ask themselves, relative to their career direction, "What do I love and what can I do?"

The 2025 program there will be a nine-day program with two streams:

1. Australian National University – Canberra.
2. University of Queensland – Brisbane.

The students are exposed to many pathways in the general area in which they are interested. They have a disco, which is usually quite an event. The program is youth for youth, encouraging great debate about many subjects, and results in the start of great friendships. In many cases this is lifelong, some have even resulted in marriage!

It is planned for 2025 that the decision about accepted candidates will be made at a national level.

The STEM application process for this year is streamlined.

The 2024 Forum is to be held in July.

Thanks, Catherine, for your commitment and support of NYSF and for speaking to us.



2. PP Geoff Adcock

Geoff flew to Rome and following a little time looking at the usual things, went on to Naples, then to Pompeii (spending some time marvelling at the archaeological excavations and the works being undertaken to uncover the history of the area). Geoff pointed out that the volcanic ash that covered Pompeii was up to 30M deep.

From there he went onto Salerno where he was shown how to make pizzas and gelato.

Next stop was the Amalfi Coast, which is an amazing area, narrow windy roads, very steep hills and houses that seem to be built on top of each other.

The next venture was catching the fast train heading north to Milan (travelling at 300kph) and then a little slower to friend's house just north of Milan. It is interesting to note that the Milan Railway station has three levels of train lines.

A memorable moment was when he visited a castle that had a stag on the roof and in one of the rooms below too. Whilst at his friend's house, Geoff found out that the house had undergone an extensive renovation over 13 months. The house when purchased was in very poor condition. It took quite some time to obtain the required approvals. The kitchen floor was glass- so that you can look into the wine cellar- very handy!

Another train ride was undertaken to St Moritz in Switzerland.

It was an interesting journey along very steep hills and windy tracks, to enable the train to ascend and descend the mountains.

It was picturesque, as the railway line runs through the Swiss Alps. It also crosses 200 bridges and goes through 95 tunnels- imagine the engineering behind that!

A gondola ride was another venture under the Bridge of Shy's- a quite famous bridge.

From here it was back to Rome taking a bit more time to visit the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain and other attractions before flying back to Australia.

Thanks Geoff, for your preparation of your photo show and sharing your adventures with us.

Youth Update:

Thanks to everyone involved in the promotion of NYSF. The B.S.S. College have arranged a lunch on June 3, for the interested students, to meet with Lynne for further information about the application process (which has some changes this year) Regards- Lynne Cooper

Congratulations and thank- you also to the support from B.S.S. College in the production of the video- promoting NYSF.

.....Please check out the video using the link below:

<https://youtu.be/sPyp9lG63Lk>

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

I would encourage each of you to talk to your club members about the notion of joining the members of Bendigo South by attending the Maubisse Fundraiser Movie Night on June 6.

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

Want to know the latest Eaglehawk RC news:

<https://eaglehawkrotary.org.au/>

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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 McNally, 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](#)

Rotarians at work ...

Capable traffic control at the Atisha Illumin8 festival last weekend. Thanks to everyone who came out in the cold to help with the parking. This fantastic event was sold out.

** On-going thanks to those members looking after the Footy Gates too- some of those mornings are quite crisp too!*



Kylie was determined to stay warm and did a great job- her first time!



What a fantastic setting to capture the essence of the festival.

Click the links to the latest Rotary news:



May is Youth Service month:



An invitation for everyone:

The Rotary D9800 Changeover is on Sunday 30th June at the Ultima Function Centre, In Keilor Park. Cost is \$79/pp and includes a 2-course meal and entertainment.

Our Club has enjoyed the year with our own member PP Ron Payne at the helm as District Governor and Deb joining in with the District functions and activities.

This is our opportunity to share with both Ron and Deb a celebration of the year.

Booking details are on the flyer.

Rotary District 9800

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CHANGEOVER

Sunday 30 June 2024
12:00 PM - 3:30 PM

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