



Rotary



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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 15th May: **GUEST SPEAKER: Merlyn Quaife**

MAY:

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



Reminders:

1. **Saturday 11th May** – Annual Club Bonfire Night – Social night at Gary's – arrival in time for BBQ at 5:30pm- then lighting of the Bonfire!
2. **Saturday 18th May** – ILLUMIN8 Festival - car parking- 3pm start AND footy gates.
3. **Blue Light Skate Park event** – Saturday 25th May
4. **Sunday 2nd June**- Bunnings BBQ
5. **Thursday 6th June**- Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee Film Night Fundraiser @ Star Cinema – Eaglehawk (flyer attached)
6. **Saturday 8th June** – catering activity for District Governor's lunch @ Camp Getaway AND footy gates.
7. **Wednesday 26th June** – no meeting

8. **Friday 28th June** – Changeover
9. **Sunday 30th June**- District Changeover

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

[Some dates omitted from the last edition \(and as mentioned by Eric at our last meeting:](#)

Notes: Dates for Information

Club Runner Webinar	Monday 13 th May 2024 at 6:00pm (NAEDT) Canada Time
	Tuesday 14 th May 2024 at 8.00am (AEST) Melbourne
District 9800 Assembly at St Francis Catholic College, West Melton	(advise Alison if attending)
Illumin 8 Car parking Great Stupa	Saturday 18 th May 2024
Blue Light Skate Park event	Saturday 25 th May 2024

[President's Report:](#)

We certainly had an interest filled evening at Wednesday night's meeting. It started off with quite a list of guests and visitors (the majority from Malaysia) and an almost full contingent of members in attendance.

The visiting team from the Malaysia Specialist Teacher Program were:

Felixia Lee Choon Fong, Shyuan (Tay Mi Shyuan), Mushi (Musfirah Nalini Binti Abd Rashid) and Nad (Nuraimi-Nardirah Binti Rohim).

They were accompanied by members from their sponsoring club, the Rotary Club of Melawati:

Dr. Navin Patel (President)
Raj Suntharai (Assistant Governor)

They were also accompanied by local co-ordinators:

Kate Miller (RC of Echuca Moama)
Rob Foran (AG Goldfields South, President RC of Echuca Moama)
Lindsay Jolly (RC of Bendigo South)

The teachers were very informative and an enthusiastic group, as was Dr. Navin and Raj. They spent time explaining the program, how it was started and their wish to continue over a number of years.

We undertook an exchange of club banners. This is not a very common process, but certainly appreciated. They also finished with an exchange of gifts, again they were very much appreciated.



As a change in the flow to our meeting, the Invocation was substituted by the playing of the 'Rotary Fanfare'. It was commissioned by the D9800 Conference Committee and was played for the first time at the 2024 D9800 Conference by the Victorian State Youth Brass Band. A collage of photos from the Conference accompanied the music.

Just a reminder that the annual 'Gary Frank Bonfire' is planned for THIS Saturday night at **78 Racecourse Road, Epsom**, (same place, same conditions, ie meat supplied, bring anything else you would like, but be sure to include a fold up chair and WARM clothes). This is sure to be an enjoyable night as has been previously. There may also be a few surprises.

Most of our members seem to have the travel bug quelled at the moment (with some planning in the wind for later in the year...), so for those on the road, be careful please.

Look forward to catching up Saturday night or next Wednesday.

Regards- Eric.

Guest speakers: our visiting guests (Teachers and Rotarians) from Malaysia:

Each of the visiting teachers expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to visit and observe lessons at the specialist schools in Echuca and Bendigo. They also had the opportunity to visit other 'work and community based' facilities that offer programmes for people with disabilities. They also thanked their hosts who had welcomed them into their homes and hope to reciprocate the hospitality.

Navin and Raj also spoke of their support and passion for the programme this year and the flow- on benefits to the programmes offered to their students in Malaysia. They spoke of a wish to see the programme continue, with further follow up needed.



End Polio Now support:

DG Ron Payne thanked everyone from our District for their financial support for the Rotary End Polio Campaign. He presented our President Eric with a badge in recognition of his personal support and Ron also presented certificates to Rob and Kate from RC Echuca-Moama, recognising their contributions 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 all this up!

****NYSF feedback- from a past participant (Emily Mannix) - an absolutely inspiring read- WOW! Thanks also to all the hard work of Lynne Cooper too (as mentioned by Emily also!).**

To Lynne and the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk,

I'm excited to hear it's that time of year again for a new round of NYSF applicants! I thought it was time to reflect on my NYSF experience and the past few years, having just finished the 5-year endurance of my Bachelor of Pharmacy / Master of Pharmacy at Monash!

This year I am excited to be working as a clinical pharmacist at St Vincent's Public Hospital in Fitzroy, having completed my internship and registration exams in November last year. Since registration I've enjoyed rotating to the specialties of General and Emergency Medicine and am currently working on the Geriatric Evaluation ward.

During my Masters degree at Monash I found an interest in 'pharmacogenomics' - the study of how one's genetics affect medicines in the body.

This science already has a great impact in fields of medicine such as oncology and psychiatry and is an area in which I hope to soon pursue some further research at Monash.

Since attending NYSF back in 2018, it continues to amaze me where I bump into alumni! To this day, some of my closest friendships were formed on the bus to Canberra! Throughout uni and work, NYSF occasionally still pops up in conversation. I remain connected to the NYSF alumni community online via regular email and social media updates, and appreciate the ongoing opportunities of specialist webinars, reunions, mentoring and networking - the early career support is so extensive! A life lesson from NYSF that will never leave me is to ignite the motivation to pursue your passions, whatever they may be.

This came to life for me- as I realised after camp that I really wanted to play the cello! So once those year 12 exams were finished, I bought myself a cello, and now, 6 years later, I've just finished my second season as a cellist in the Melbourne Youth Orchestra. This season included some incredible opportunities; rehearsing with renowned conductor Sir Simon Rattle, performing at the Sidney Myer Music bowl summer concerts, and selection to join the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra for some of their concerts. I'm very grateful for the extensive program and tutelage of MYO, especially the environment created amongst such passionate and driven students to mimic the expectations and quality of a professional orchestra.

Although living in Melbourne, I'm always keen to remain involved with Rotary in Bendigo and Bendigo Senior Secondary College.

I'm grateful to Lynne Cooper for keeping me in the loop with the annual applicants and attendees to NYSF and RYLA - and am always happy to speak to interested students.

I'm a firm believer that everyone should have a mentor at every stage of their life.

This is a lesson learned from music - as even at the highest level, my cello teacher in the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra still visits his own teacher!

This has taught me that receiving feedback, criticism and encouragement will never stop being important. In this regard, I've created many opportunities throughout uni to guide and mentor younger students- please do let me know if any youth at your club would like a chat!

Kind regards, Emily Mannix- **please see attached original of Emily's letter that contains photos!**

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Eaglehawk Rotary Club Bonfire Night- our annual event!

at **78** Racecourse Rd, Epsom

Saturday 11/05/24

Time - 4:30pm onwards start. 5:30pm food will be ready and 6:30pm

bonfire lighting! BBQ dinner, meat supplied BYO salad, chair, drinks etc.

