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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 coming Club meetings and activities.

Dates and duty to Remember			
October 15th	Bookshop	Jennifer Sanderson & Lynne Cooper	
October 19th	Club dinner meeting Foodshare – Margaret Keech	Bar: John Jones Clean-Up -Geoff Adcock & John Pearce	
October 22 nd	Bookshop	John Pearce & Geoff Gallagher	
October 26th	Cancelled Club dinner meeting	Please see diary for information	

Happy Birthday to you!!

16th Nicole Ellerton





As this newsletter goes out to all, our thoughts are with all our Rotary members, their friends and family in Rochester due to the floods they are now experiencing.

President Geoff's report - 12/10/22



Thanks for coming out on another wet and cold night.

We had a good night with over 21 in attendance.

Apologies were from Gary Frank, Charlie Cunneen and Ron Payne.

We were privileged to have Ashraf Qorbani along with his sisters **Masoom** and **Liloma** as guests. Ashraf was born with cerebral palsy in Pakistan. Ashraf's father escaped the Taliban to Australia when his family were small and spent the next 5 years attempting to bring his family here. Fortunately, this became possible some years ago. Ashraf now attends Bendigo's wonderful Special Developmental School. Our guest speaker was his principal, **Kirshy McAinch**.

We were also fortunate to also have **Vern and Bec Hardie** present, who both spoke enthusiastically of the association between Connected Circus and the Special Developmental School.

Kirshy spoke about the Special Developmental School with passion, amongst much more she told us how the school has grown from small beginnings to now have 140 students and 100 staff.

Kirshy then introduced a short film "Ashraf – A Lesson in Determination" which was created by students at the SDS and has been entered into a film festival.



BENDIGO Special Developmental School has teamed up with the Connected Circus to enter two films in the Focus on Ability Short Film Festival.

The festival, run by disability service NOVA Employment, calls on entries from organisations, individuals and schools that tell the stories of people living with disabilities.

The Connected Circus has been working with 17 and 18-year-old students at BSDS for several years, and their film Living and Learning, focusing on their movement and digital technology program.

The other film Ashraf – A Lesson in Determination tells the story of refugee student, Ashraf Qorbani, and his participation in the program.

Vern Hardie, who co-coordinates Connected Circus, said he was blown away by Qorbani's willingness and confidence.

"The determination we've seen in him, it goes right to the heart of what the film festival is all about, finding the ability in the disability," he said.

"He has cerebral palsy and doesn't speak much English. He gives everything a go.

"We Gaffer Taped a gimbal to his wheelchair, and he just went around filming content... Ashraf's always a pleasure to work with, it doesn't matter what it is."

Vern said the circus' program at the school gives students a chance to work with props and technology, while learning collaboration skills, resilience, and persistence.

"It makes us so happy for these kids to realise they have the opportunity and the ability to try anything, there's nothing beyond them," he said.

"Some of the students we work with are non-verbal, but we can still get them learning, putting tripods up, setting up cameras, filming each other and using greenscreens.

"It allows them to work together, they build resilience and the art of persistence, that if you keep on trying you will get better at something."

To view the films, visit you tube /J5DPETXeX6E and youtu.be /_uJ9LJN8frE.

(Plagiarised from the Bendigo Times September 3, 2022, by Jonathon Magrath)

I certainly enjoyed lying in bed last Sunday morning instead of cooking breakfast at Harcourt. Due to the mountain bike

function being called off on Friday night. Remember that it is only postponed.

- We have a BBQ tomorrow night for the CFA 5pm. Last building on the right in Hinch Crt California Gully.
- Sunday is the Colour Frenzy fun run. Helpers are required from 6am until 10.30am.



Many thanks to Jenny Sanderson and John Pearce for encouraging 6 students from Eaglehawk High to assist us on the day.

Until next week stay well and stay dry.

Geoff Gallagher

The Great GRANGE Raffle is on NOW

tickets available online - spread the word



Club Happenings

Youth.

Our Afghan family friends were represented by Ashraf, Masooma and Liloma Qorbani.

RYPEN - camp for 15–17-year-olds is being held at Camp Getaway 4-6th November. The closing date is October 19th so if anyone knows interested students, please let me know asap.

NYSF - National Youth Science Forum - interviews have been held and we are still waiting to hear if all our Bendigo students were successful.

Bendigo Youth Directors cluster meeting is booked for October 18 at the Bendigo Club at 5.30. This is always a great opportunity for us to share information, ideas and enthusiasm for Rotary youth programs.

Lynne Cooper



Up Coming Events for your diary!!

The trailer raffle is progressing well and it is at Lansell Square this week. Next week it is back at Bendigo Market Place and thank you to President Geoff and Mick for collecting it on Sunday afternoon in preparation for the shift. Bendigo South is managing next week and we are on duty the following week and thank you to President Geoff for taking that on.



- **Dec 9th:** Catering for the Christmas lunch for the School of Rural Health at LaTrobe Uni.
- On Oct 26 it is the Bendigo Cup and, in lieu of a meeting on that night members are encouraged to support a film night at the Star Cinema, a fundraising venture of Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Inc. Kirsty Sword Gusmao will be a special guest. Those attending need to book directly with the Star Cinema.
- **On Nov 2** it is a training night in preparation for the Swap Meet and so we will not be having a dinner meeting on that night.
- Also on Sunday we will be catering or the colour run at Strath Park with a 6:00 am start. (Hopefully the park will have dried out a bit by then as it was underwater on Thursday morning.)
- On Oct 22 we have a barbecue at Bunnings and a request for volunteers will be circulated separately.
- The Swap Meet is fast approaching and we need to commit to shifts as soon as possible. We are receiving great support from Imagination Library Bendigo. The more we rely on external support the more our revenue is diminished. We also need to manage car parking at Lightning Reef so please keep the weekend free.
- Our AGM is scheduled for **Nov 16** and a Notice of Meeting, Agenda and minutes of last year's AGM will be circulated separately.

Combined Rotary Clubs Swap Meet Roster

The combined Rotary clubs catering committee for the swap meet is pleased that we again have this event back on the calendar in 2022. Thanks to Brian Fitzpatrick, Eric Smith and Geoff Gallagher who have all agreed to undertake and share the role of site captains for our club this year. Rostering is becoming rather urgent now.

We have a total of 60 shifts to fill and to date our club members have filled 21 shifts and the Imagination Library Volunteers have filled 17 shifts.

We need another 21 shifts filled and I only have a couple of days left in which to complete this and provide it to the organising committee for the final roster to be put together.

We have 11 members who haven't yet let me know their availability - a response from everyone is necessary (even if you aren't available) as this will enable me to complete our rostering commitments with other community members/organisations if that is what we need to do.

Alison

At this stage we are not even close to filling the roster so please grab your diary and make a note of the shifts you can do and then let Alison know.

Friday 11 th	Saturday 12 th	Sunday 13 th
9am – 1pm	5am-9am	6am – 9am
12.45 – 5pm	8.45am – 1pm	8.45am – 1pm
4.45pm – 9pm	12.45pm – 4.30pm	12.45pm – close
	4.15pm – 9pm	

Thank You for Volunteering.



Listed below are repeat notices for a number of upcoming events.



Get ready to Imagine What's Next with Rotary! Rotary members like you are taking action and creating meaningful change in communities worldwide. At past conventions, you've seen what we can accomplish when we come together and share our passion for Doing Good in the World. We're excited to keep the momentum going in 2023. Join us in the beautiful city of Melbourne, Australia, 27-31 May to connect with other people of action. We'll hear from great speakers, enjoy fantastic entertainment, take part in inspirational breakout sessions, and so much more.

Register today to receive the reduced rate. Don't wait, because this rate expires on 15th December.

Zone 8 Better Together Conference in Canberra from October 28-30.



Early bird tickets are now available for all Rotaractors and Rotarians in Australia, New Zealand and across the Pacific to attend the Zone 8 Better Together Conference in Canberra from October 28-30.

The conference will be held at the National Convention Centre Canberra and the Saturday night dinner at Old Parliament House.

The conference is set to be the first in-person zone event since the COVID-19 pandemic and is shaping up to be a celebration of all the best our Rotary family has to offer. This includes a range of excellent speakers and sessions across the weekend.

Bayside Community Concert for Ukraine Displaced Persons Sunday 23 Oct





On Thursday, October 27th Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Incorporated is hosting a film night at the Star Cinema with special guest,

Kirsty Sword Gusmao



We have now gone live with our Shop Local Shopping Night for Wednesday 7th December

Please help by sharing the Facebook event: <u>https://fb.me/e/3SVQEhdJg</u> and/or sharing the attached poster with your networks.

Bookings can be made via: <u>www.trybooking.com/CDEIP</u> Cheers, Kate

Kate Miller

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