



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.

**Wednesday 18 Oct
@ 6:30pm**

Meeting guest speaker- tba

Happy Birthday to you in October

*3rd Marg Gallagher
4th Beryl Adcock
16th Nicole Allerton*



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Reminders:

1. Woodvale Bush Market – Rotary bookstall: **Saturday 14th October**: 8am – 1 pm
2. Great Stupa- Vegetarian Festival – **Saturday 14th October** - parking: 9:30am start!
3. End Polio Walk – **Sunday 22nd October**.
4. Bunnings BBQ- **Saturday 28 October**.
5. Welsh Choir @ Ulumbarra- **Saturday 29th October** – see attached flyer.
6. **Regional Red Baker's Dozen** – Wine raffle tickets now open @ \$10-00 per ticket – **to be drawn 22 November 2023**.

Future Eaglehawk and local community activities & dates (for your planning):

Friday 10 – Sunday 12 November- Bendigo Swap Meet.

Friday 17th November- Eaglehawk Children's Festival

Friday 8 December- Borough Block Party

Sunday 10 December- Eaglehawk Community Christmas Carols

The **Rotary International Convention 2024**: Singapore, 25—29 May 2024; mark the date in your diaries; registration is open at <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/registration>

Acting President's report:

There were quite a few apologies this week: Alison Bacon, Brian Fitzpatrick, Tim Watts, Gary Frank, Eric Smith, and DG Ron Payne.

Our Guests this week were Nacho, Alf Thorpe, and our guest speaker Tony Plant.

Alison has asked that anyone who has volunteered for the Swap Meet weekend (November 10 11 and 12th) to please check the roster (on your email). Thanks to Carmel and John Pearce and to Mary and Laurie Preston. It's never too late to add your name and share the load around!

A reminder for this weekend, the Mechanics facility is booked as a polling place so no access by anyone else is permitted after 3pm on Friday until Sunday morning.

This Saturday we are parking cars at the Great Stupa of Universal Compassion, the occasion is the Vegecareian Festival, which we have participated in before. Thanks to those who have put their names down, please bring a hat. **It's a 9.30 am start.**

Nacho gave a report on the Open day at the Eaglehawk Fire Station as part of their 150 years celebration. Well done, Nacho.

Tony Plant gave a talk on his recent trip to Timor Leste and more specifically Maubisse.

As part of the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee, several Bendigonians travelled to Maubisse recently to gauge the effectiveness of the charity.

They were privileged to witness the distribution of knitted goods that come from the shared shed space at the Mechanics. These knitted items were greatly appreciated by the recipients. Tony said that one aging lady said that they have nothing to give in return, other than offering payers.

The group directly saw the good use that the Maubissians were getting out of a recent shipment of sewing machines (including one industrial machine that Mick Costello had generously donated). The gentleman who was using it was teaching younger members of the community how to sew, so the donation keeps on giving.

In one village the group attended, there were several residents in wheelchairs, as the terrain is often rough, there is a good chance that these people are tipped out of their chairs. To buy a commercially available harness is many hundreds of dollars. So Tony is looking at a way that the harness could be made very cheaply in Maubisse. This demonstrates the practical way that the committee is working.

The group went to a hospital that is being mentored by St John of God hospital in Bendigo and saw the wonderful work that was being done.

Tony also reported what a terrific job that DIK (Donations in Kind) do in collecting equipment and arranging shipment and he thanks the several Rotary clubs both in Bendigo and in Melbourne, that make this possible.

The committee are always looking for more funds and they are now a registered charity and donations are tax deductible.

It was great to here from Tony's firsthand experience, that the money our club contributes each year is put to such good use.

Until next week, take care and don't forget to vote.

Regards,
Geoff Gallagher

Guest speaker – Tony Plant Bendigo Maubisse Committee members recent visit:



END POLIO – OCTOBER

This month is our focus time for making extra effort towards fundraising for the End Polio cause. There will be a range of activities across the District during the month and a particular Walk in Bendigo on Sunday, 22nd October.

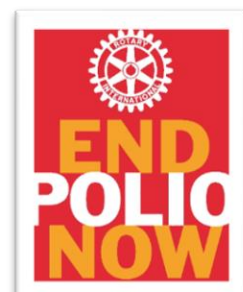
President Rod Spitty, RC Bendigo South is leading up on this and will provide further detail soon.

If you are not undertaking your own fundraising towards the program I'd really welcome you making a donation through my endeavors to complete a 100Km walk during this month.

Go to <https://www.rotarywalkwithus.org/fundraisers/ronpayne/walk-with-us-copy> and join with my other sponsors in helping me reach my donation goal.

Thanks, in anticipation.

Ron Payne
District Governor, D9800



Swap Meet roster updates:

Thanks to everyone for helping to fill the shifts on our roster and a *special thanks* to Mary and Laurie Preston who are working 3 shifts – what a team!!

Cheers- Alison

Thanks also to everyone who helped at the CFA Open Day BBQ last Saturday. Looks like a fun time was had by all!



A gesture of thanks:

At our meeting on Wednesday, our member (Gai Porh) presented these beautiful gifts from her own Karen community.

It was to thank our RC Eaglehawk members for helping and supporting their community.

We can now proudly wear them and all be suitably dressed for future Karen events.

Such a huge amount of work had gone into their production. Thank you!



Please support the Karen Culture and Social Support Foundation in Bendigo as they fund and build a new Monastery and Karen Culture Center. Your donation of used plastic bottles will help fund the project.

Only plastic bottles/ bottles with 10 cents refund printed on bottle can be accepted.
Please, do not crush plastic bottles. Must scan label.

Location site to bring your used plastic bottles is:

20 Pine Street Eaglehawk VIC 3556

Or if you have over 300 bottles, please

call : **0435200752, 0354002585**

And we will collect the used bottles.

Thank you so much for helping us



Regional Reds Baker's Dozen

Enter the draw to win a selection of premium wines to the value of **\$1200** from the **Bendigo and Heathcote Regions of Central Victoria** including the iconic **2018 Wild Duck Creek Duck Muck** valued at **\$425.00**

Only 2000 tickets available at \$10 each.

Get your raffle tickets at: **www.raffletix.com.au/regionalbakersdozen2023**

All proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk's local and international projects.

All enquiries to John Jones, P: **0419 113 065** or E: **Johnpricejones47@gmail.com**

Raffle to be drawn 7pm, 22 November, 2023, 8-12 School Street California Gully.
Winner notified and result published on **www.eaglehawkrotary.org.au** and **www.facebook.com/eaglehawkrotaryclub**. There is an agreement with RaffleTix Holdings Pty Ltd (ABN 24 623 531 340) to promote or conduct this raffle for reward.

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12-14th April

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