



# 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 25<sup>th</sup> Oct  
@ 6:30pm**

Meeting guest speaker: Ambulance Victoria – all partners/ family members most welcome to attend too.

*Happy Birthday to you in October*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Marg Gallagher  
4<sup>th</sup> Beryl Adcock  
16<sup>th</sup> Nicole Allerton*



### Reminders:

1. End Polio Walk – **THIS Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.** Best of luck Ron!
2. Bunnings BBQ- **Saturday 28 October.**
3. Welsh Choir @ Ulumbarra- **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – see attached flyer. All funds raised will support Bendigo Senior Secondary School Musician of the Year and the Ulumbarra Foundation.
4. Bendigo Swap Meet- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** various jobs – as per roster.
5. Eaglehawk Children's Festival- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.**
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<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November- Bendigo Swap Meet.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November- Eaglehawk Children's Festival

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

Quite a few apologies at our meeting last night: GP, Lindsay Walkington, John Pearce, Geoff Adcock, Gary Frank, Eric Smith, and DG Ron Payne.

Our guests were: Mandy Costello and Nacho.

I recently heard from our well-travelled president Eric who was in the Normandy area of France and heading to St Marlo. We wish him safe travels.

A great effort last Saturday with the car parking and “pop-up” bookstall at the Woodvale Country Market, along with the usual effort at the Bookshop. Thanks to all who helped.

Don't forget to promote the wine raffle amongst your friends and family, a terrific prize with 13 bottles of the best wine from Bendigo and surrounding districts.

We need help with our combined Rotary Clubs Christmas trailer raffle- picking up and delivering money, if anyone can help, please let me know.

Rita asked if anyone has non-fiction books lying around, please bring them into the bookshop. These are in demand and getting low in stock.

Nacho reported on his recent train trip to Macedon to attend a the RYE Training Day. He explained one of the memorable parts of the day was on the way down, where he and Freya were unable to exit the train, luckily, they were able to get off at Gisborne and get another train back to Macedon in a very short time. Very resourceful!

This Sunday we are catering for the Fortuna Group which is the CFA from our area. They are holding a Training Day at our clubrooms. Thanks to Mandy, Carmel, and Tim for helping me with this. It is an 11 am start thank you.

If anyone can help us out as a Site Supervisor at the upcoming Swap Meet (which is on between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of November)- please let Alison or myself know, we have had a member become unavailable due to upcoming surgery.

Don't forget the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

It was decided to sponsor District Governor Ron Payne (with our usual donation) on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October at the End Polio walk. Well done Ron and good luck with your walk this Sunday.

Until next week stay safe- Geoff Gallagher

## Guest speaker: Carmel Fitzpatrick

### This Is Your Life!



Carmel is our newest member at Eaglehawk Rotary and gave us a very insightful view into her life history. She is Brian's younger sister.

Carmel was born in Eaglehawk and lived directly opposite her primary school (St Liborius) in Eaglehawk Road, but that did not necessarily guarantee that the Fitzpatrick family was on time for Mass. "More often than not we were late!"

Carmel attended Saint Marys for her secondary schooling and followed up by completing her training as a Nurse in the hospital-based system in Bendigo (Carmel was in school 95 at Lister House). She then completed her Graduate Year at St Vincents in Melbourne, and then continued to work for several years in Hospitals around Melbourne.

Some of these included Sacred Heart, Fairfield Infectious Diseases (with a memorable experience of experiencing what it was like to be in an Iron Lung), the Alfred Hospital and then as a midwife at the Royal Women's Hospital. In between she managed to fit in an overseas trip!

Carmel worked at the Royal Women's Hospital for 31 years, with her most recent posting (19 ½ years) working in the IVF Clinic at the Royal Women's.

Carmel has two dogs (Ginger and Nea- named after Neangar Park Golf Club- where her grandfather (Frank Fitzpatrick) was a foundation member.) She has lived in many parts of Melbourne, most recently owning a house in Pascoe Vale, which she sold upon moving back to Eaglehawk.

Carmel has "always thought of Eaglehawk as home" and has kept in contact with her friends here, making the move back much easier, "it was not such a cold turkey move".

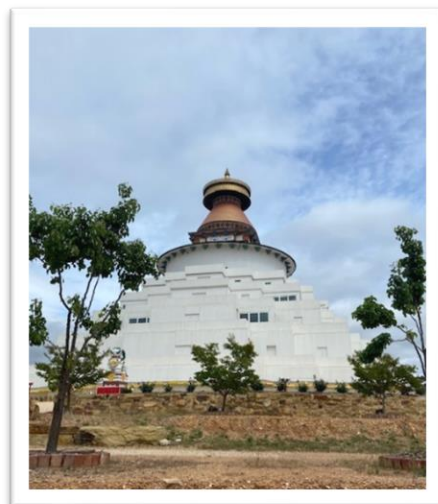
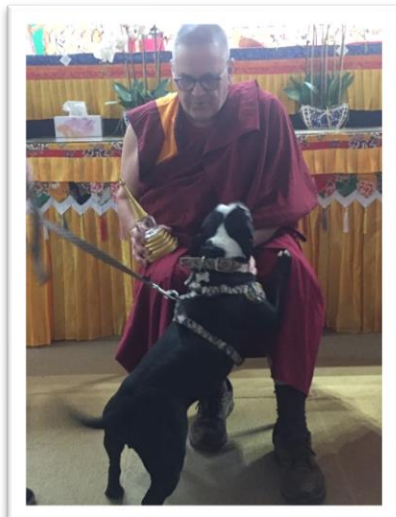
She is currently living in a property previously owned by her father and built by her brother (Brian) "and it is still standing!". She loves being within walking distance to the shops and local spots, and the community feel of Eaglehawk.

Carmel said the biggest step in moving house was making the phone call to the Real Estate (about selling her Pascoe Vale Property) and then telling her work colleagues and family (in Melbourne) she was moving. But she did feel strongly that this was something she just wanted to do.

*Carmel said one of her celebrations was joining Eaglehawk Rotary – BUT it is us who should be celebrating that she chose us! Thanks Carmel – we are so glad you did!*



Car parking @ Vegecarian Festival at the Great Stupa  
(including the blessing the pets ceremony too).



Many thanks to our members who helped at the car parking –  
It was great PR for our Club and Gai Porh certainly has set the bar high  
for the dress standard for our future car parking events!







GP keeping the bikies under control!

## Youth Report update:

**RYPEN:** Unfortunately we did not have any students from ESC for the October camp. We will keep trying for next year. John Pearce and I will go to ESC next year and set up a year planner with the staff.

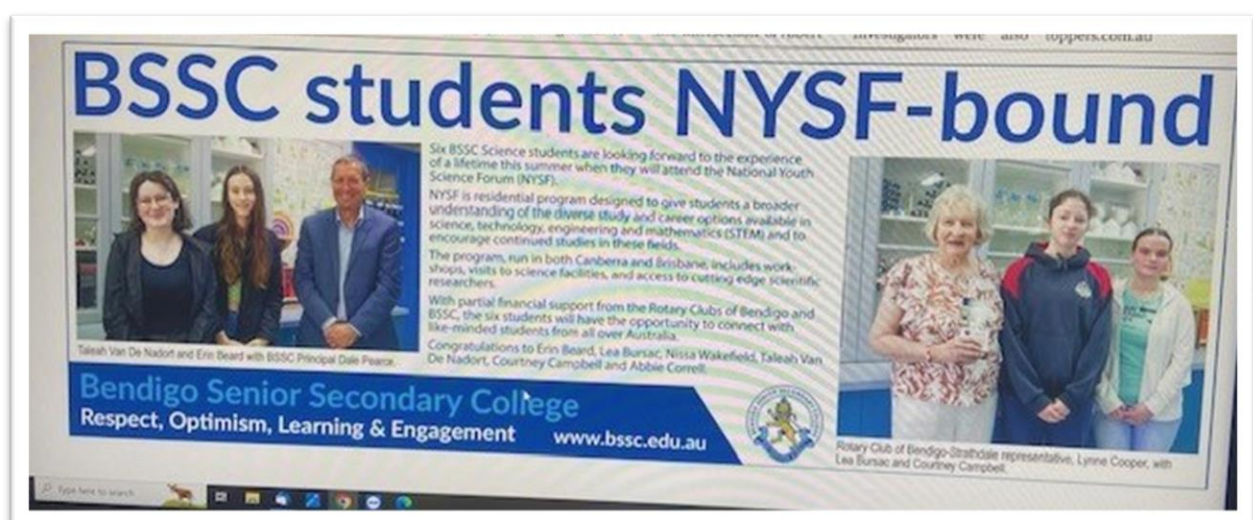
**RYLA** for 18-25 year olds: - this is held the first week of December. We are really keen to sponsor a young person to attend this amazing program. Calling all members to look out for a future leader you know and give me some details so we can encourage them to apply. We are hoping a Karen participant could be located.

**Santos Science Experience** for year 9 and 10s: ESC staff are helping to locate one or two students who could attend but places are now limited as the final programs for 23/24 take place in the Dec/Jan school holidays. But if you know a bright STEM student let me know please!

**NYSF:** I met with 4 of the 6 BSSC students, teachers and Dale Pearce the Principal for a photo this week. Article appeared in the Advertiser on 18/10 (see below).

Thats it for the present time.

Lynne and Mick.



**\*\*\*\*RC Eaglehawk and RC Bendigo South Christmas Raffle trailer contents: as per flyer attached - it's amazing value- please tell all your friends!**

## **Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee – update:**

Report from Tony Plant (RC Bendigo South)

Re the Movie Night Report (Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee). I can now report that 84 attended the Star Cinema Movie night. Profit from the door sales was just over \$900 and the raffle made \$400+ making it a very successful event.

Our club has donated a further \$500 from the Peter Ryall Trust.

The Star Cinema are very happy with how well our events are supported and have already offered the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee two bookings in 2024.

Our committee will apply for one event in March and the other in October.

I can also report our Monash University student who is conducting the research into our scholarship program in Maubisse has returned from Timor Leste after conducting interviews with recipients and local key support staff. He will give our Committee a face to face briefing of his findings in a couple of weeks. From what he has passed on informally, he has had a very positive experience and was made very welcome.

The BMFC would like to pass on our thanks to all Rotarians and partners who supported our Movie Night and to RC Bendigo South for the additional donation. I was able to provide my power point presentation of visit 59 during the past week at the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk, which was well received by those in attendance.

## **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, 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

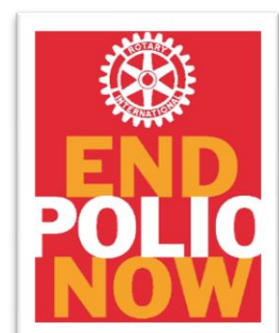
President Rod Spitty, RC Bendigo South is leading up on this and will provide further detail soon.

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**



## World Polio Day 2023

Visit [endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org)

24 October is World Polio Day!

As World Polio Day approaches, we need your help to amplify our message about eradicating polio to protect the world's children from a devastating disease. We have made tremendous progress since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched:

A 99.9% reduction in cases of illness caused by wild poliovirus & 3 billion children immunized.

125 countries where polio was endemic reduced to two — Afghanistan and Pakistan — with the virus contained in just a few districts and provinces. But even just one case still represents one child's life forever changed by polio.

That's why Rotary members must remain tenacious and keep our promise: *We won't stop until we know that no child will ever again experience the paralyzing effects of polio.*

Let's use World Polio Day to advocate for the support we need to make history by eradicating polio. **Together, we end polio!**

Get involved, take action this World Polio Day by hosting virtual and community events, creating fundraisers, and talking about the importance of Polio eradication on social media. Plan; if you haven't started planning your World Polio Day action, now is the time!

Visit the World Polio Day Resources page for tips and tools your club can use to help achieve a polio-free world. Get World Polio Day resources.

Register your club's participation in World Polio Day to show how you're taking action to eradicate polio.

The districts that have the highest percentage of registered clubs by 24 October will receive a special video message from RI President R. Gordon R. McNally.

Register your club's action. All contributions will go to the PolioPlus Fund. The top 'Raise for Rotary World Polio Day 2023' fundraisers, will be featured on My Rotary.

Start a fundraiser © Rotary International One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201-3698, USA





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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.eaglehawkrotary.org.au)** and **[www.facebook.com/eaglehawkrotaryclub](https://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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**Bendigo Conference 2024**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**12-14th April**

**GATHERING  
ON THE  
GOLDFIELDS**

