

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 6th November: *Service above Self* - No meeting 30th Bendigo Cup Public Holiday

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*Reminders and
upcoming event*

Rotary Book Shop
30 High Street
Oct 26, 2024 10:00 am

**30th October. No Meeting,
Bendigo Cup Public Holiday**

2nd November.
Barbeque at Eaglehawk Secondary
supporting their 60th Anniversary.

6th November.
Service Above Self
Wine Raffle Draw

13th November.
Guest Speaker

20th November.
AGM

November:
Happy Birthday to

3rd Marj Jones
9th Kevin Campbell
28th Mick Costello

Apologies

Mick Costello
Geoff Gallagher
Gai Porh La Myint
Rita O'Brien



Brian Fitzpatrick
Barbara Leane
Kylie Campbell

Sharon Moloney

Sharon had the opportunity to be part of the Australian/New Zealand Fire Fighter contingent that was deployed to Canada earlier this year, a privilege and an experience that you would not be likely to forget.

Sharon was deployed to Incident Management as opposed to being on the Fire Line.



The Victorian team (pictured above – Sharon on the left) departed Melbourne Tullamarine Airport on Saturday (20 July) along with representatives from Forest Fire Management Victoria.

They were briefed, along with other Australian crews in Sydney on the Saturday afternoon before travelling onto British Columbia and Alberta on the Sunday.

They formed part of the Australian and New Zealand support team who were being deployed to help tackle the significant bushfires that had been burning for the last few weeks in western Canada, with the fire prone country already experiencing more than 3200 this year.

On arrival Sharon had introductory briefing on an overview of the current fire situation. They were also warned about animals, essentially told "Furies are not friendly"



As part of her role Sharon was allocated a truck – pictured left, a Ford F350 – for her use. She commented that she didn't even reach the height of the rear vision wing mirror it was so big. A couple of issues she had to quickly overcome were driving on the wrong side of the road while sitting on the wrong side of the vehicle.

Leaving Edmonton, she had to drive over 700 km to Highlevel where she was to be stationed. Fortunately, she was in a convoy of vehicles which helped with her initial driving in Canada.

On arrival there was a lot of smoke from the 38 fires (13 out of control, 12 being held and 13 under control). The temperature was around 24° C – considered to be quite hot. Some of the fires were carry over fires from last year, continuing to burn in peat over winter even though buried under snow.

Sharon stayed in a facility not unlike a caravan park (her husband joked he was now married to trailer trash). She was assigned to a logistics team with 3 people, two of whom left on sick leave the very next day. They had been on continuous duty since March and were exhausted. Initially she felt she struggled with the method of operation and felt uncomfortable in her role, but she soon came to grips with her required duties. She remains in contact and friends with her Canadian leader.



In the Semo complex fire she worked with many different organisations, including Mexican, Costa Rican and South African teams as well as various provincial teams. A big thing amongst the firefighters is the trading of patches with other firefighters from various jurisdictions.

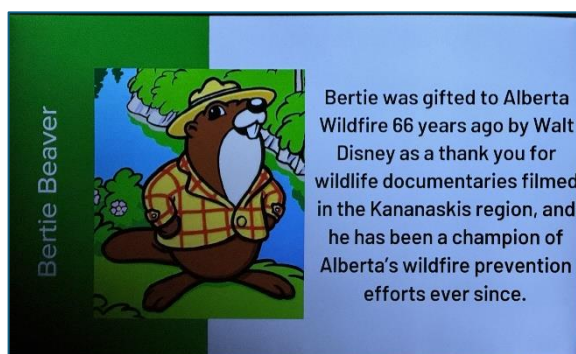
The equipment used to fight and control the fires includes helicopters, bulldozers, hagglands, arial tankers and excavators. However no typically Australian fire tankers are used in the fight. Fire hoses here might be 80-90 metres long before being coupled together, while in this region the

hoses were kms long.

One of her duties was to book accommodation for the firefighters and the various establishments soon got to recognise her when contacting them due to her Aussie accent.

Sharon celebrated her birthday while in Canada and coincidentally received a gift of a bear on the day.

Animals that are in the area include beavers, squirrels, bison, lynx, and black bears. Not all were seen while there.



Bertie was gifted to Alberta Wildfire 66 years ago by Walt Disney as a thank you for wildlife documentaries filmed in the Kananaskis region, and he has been a champion of Alberta's wildfire prevention efforts ever since.



Returning to Australia she brought home amongst other things a supply of maple syrup for her son.

President's Report - Bulletin 23/10/24

We have had yet another busy Rotary week – so naturally a huge thank you to all those who have contributed in any way to the success of the various events that we have been involved in.

Saturday 19th saw the fantastic Eaglehawk (and beyond) community come together to celebrate with Fitzpatrick's Home Hardware their 100th Birthday Celebrations. Well done to Carmel, Lindsay & Marg Walkington, Deb Payne and Kylie Campbell for what was a wonderful BBQ and an excellent addition to the day's celebrations. And for those interested further in the history of this renowned Eaglehawk business there are lots of photos and history detailed on the Fitzpatrick's Home Hardware Facebook Page.

Another birthday milestone in the Eaglehawk Community was also celebrated on the 19th October, that being the 150th Anniversary of the Eaglehawk North Primary School. Our PP Ron Payne was on hand to celebrate the occasion with the school community. Ron spent several years at the school as the Principal and enjoyed the catch-up with the many staff and students that were in attendance. As one of the oldest Primary Schools in the area it is great to see the developments underway with the (soon to be completed)



addition of an early learning centre on the school grounds, and in such a beautiful natural bushland setting, this is yet another one of Eaglehawk's treasures.



Sunday 20th was our club's 'Rotary Walk with Us' event at Lake Neangar. Our club thanks must go to PP Ron who did a wonderful job organising the event which included a guest appearance by Grant Hocking, D9800 Foundation Director, who gave a very informative presentation on the efforts of the worldwide eradication of polio. The difficulties currently being faced with the final hurdle of ensuring it is truly eradicated are a great incentive to continue the fundraising to get the job done. Our club was well represented by members in their

bright red end polio shirts (you couldn't miss us!) – Mary Preston, Gary Frank, Ron Payne, Deb Payne, Eric Smith, GP and myself. A reminder to all members that our club's team is still raising funds and if you know of someone who would like to donate to the cause and in turn bump up our clubs team total, then they can donate by going to www.rotarywalkwithus.org and search for the Eaglehawk Rotary team to support us – all donations – regardless of the size – are very much appreciated.



Sunday was busy – following on from the Polio Walk, Eric went straight to the Eaglehawk Fire Station and was joined by Ron Payne and Gary Frank where our club catered for the CFA Training Day. Another opportunity to support those within the community who themselves provide support to those in need.

A reminder to our readers, the traders of Eaglehawk are extremely generous and recently donated to our club for our fundraising purposes. Please support them like they are supporting us. (See list further on)

A reminder that we do not have a meeting next week (30th October) due to the

public holiday for the Bendigo Cup. But we do have a BBQ on Saturday 2nd November which will be at the Eaglehawk Secondary College where we will be supporting their efforts in celebrating the School's 60th Anniversary – another milestone in the Eaglehawk community!

President Alison

Snippets



From Carmel a big thank you for all the support for the Fitzpatrick Hardware 100 year celebrations. Special thanks to Lindsay, Eric, Kylie, Marg and Deb.



The CFA barbeque was also well supported by Ron, Eric and Gary.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Probus banner please let President Alison know.

Don't forget the Eaglehawk Secondary School 60th celebrations on 2nd November where we will have the barbeque in operation so helpers will be required.

If anyone knows of the whereabouts of former outgoing exchange student (1973) Mandy Richards – her name may have changed.

The AGM will be held on 20th of November. Nominations for positions are now open.



The Bendigo Swap Meet is on 16-17 November. While the Bendigo Rotary Clubs are no longer involved in the catering, Eaglehawk will still run the parking at the Lightning Reef Primary School on the Saturday morning.

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- Got a rotary phone? Dial into nostalgia.
- Rotary clubs really know how to spin a tale.
- Rotarians always turn up to lend a hand.
- Need a hand? Rotary's got you covered, 360 degrees!
- Rotarians are the wheel deal.
- Rotary events always come full circle.
- Spin your way to community service with Rotary.
- Rotary: Turning good intentions into action.
- Rotarians really know how to twist up solutions.
- Keep calm and rotary on.
- Rotary: Where every turn leads to a better world.
- Rotary: Changing lives, one rotation at a time.
- Take a spin with Rotary and transform lives.
- Rotary's impact is always on a roll.
- Rotarians make the world go round.
- Rotary: The ultimate spin doctors of good deeds.
- Drive change with the rotary wheel.
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All proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk's local and international projects. Make up a syndicate or keep this opportunity all to yourself! Enquiries: Johnpricejones47@gmail.com

Raffle to be drawn at 7:00pm on November 6 at California Gully Mechanics Institute, 8-12 School St, California Gully, 3556. Results published on www.facebook.com/eaglehawkrotaryclub and www.eaglehawkrotary.org.au. There is an agreement with Rafflelix Holdings Pty Ltd (ABN 24 623 531 340) to promote or conduct this raffle for reward.

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