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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

Wednesdayth September: **Andrea Metcalf**

R.I. President – Stephanie Urchick
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District Vice Governor – Julie Mason

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*Reminders and
upcoming event*

DG Michael Lapina - Official Club Visit
16th October 2024.

23rd October CFA Sharon Maloney

30th October. No Meeting,
Bendigo Cup Public Holiday

6th November.
Service Above Self

*Program for 16/10/24 **DG Michael Lapina** - Official
Club Visit*

Apologies for 9 October

Mick Costello, Brian Fitzpatrick, Geoff Gallagher, Gai Porh La Myint,
Barbara Leane

President's Report – Bulletin 9/10/24

Some great examples of fantastic team work this week in the club. Last Saturday's parking efforts at the Great Stupa were amazing. Thank you to John Jones, Mary, Lindsay, Eric, Brian, Gary and Tim it was a mammoth effort but well worth it – even though it was a 'bit' wet, we did a great job and those attending the event definitely appreciated our efforts.

Sunday's trip to the Garden Show in Woodend definitely gave us something to think about – this was an extremely well organised event, with brilliant displays from the stall holders and some very positive feedback when we spoke with them about the potential of an Eaglehawk Rotary event.

It's our club's turn with the Christmas raffle trailer from this Sunday 13th through until Saturday 19th October. It is located at Lansell Square for the entire week so the only trailer movement that we will need to undertake is when it needs to be collected on Saturday 19th at 4pm and returned to the shed. The money/tickets are being handled for the week by Alison and John J.

Thanks to Carmel for her efforts in visiting all of the traders in Eaglehawk to thank them for their recent donations. A job well done Carmel, all up I think it's been four trips around to speak with everyone so our club are very appreciative of your efforts.

Saturday 12th October some of our club members will be at Hume & Iser cooking up a storm for their special promotional day. We are hoping to be joined by a couple of members of the Energy Breakthrough Team from Eaglehawk Secondary College as they have offered to assist us when we need. John J, Ron and Eric will join me in starting the day, another pair of hands for the lunch and pack up would be great, if you can help please let John J know.

The Rotary Walk with Us event will be held on Sunday 20th October at Lake Neangar. A flyer was distributed to all members today and it is hoped you can share it out to your contacts to assist in the promotion of this event. PDG Ron has given the club an overview of the plans for the day, with the emphasis being on raising awareness, aiming to attract attention by wearing some of those great

bright red t-shirts, having some banners and information available for the public to learn all about just how close the eradication of polio is! Alison & John P ensured the event received some very good coverage on their breakfast radio show on Phoenix FM 106.7 on Thursday morning – the Club's PR team doing their best for the club's promotion.

Eric Smith is calling for a couple of volunteers to assist with the catering at the Eaglehawk Fire Station for the upcoming CFA event on Sunday 20th October, please let him know if you can give him a hand for a couple of hours over the lunch period.

Next week's meeting is the most important meeting in our calendar, the official visit of the District Governor. DG Michael Lapina will be joining us for dinner and we all look forward to his visit – by all accounts his visits to the other clubs in the area have been memorable. Please consider bringing a guest, perhaps a friend or a family member will be interested – this is a great opportunity to share a rotary experience with them. Just let Carmel know when she messages you for attendance numbers.

In this edition of the bulletin you will find a list of the wonderful traders in Eaglehawk who have so generously donated goods or vouchers to the club recently. Please support them like they are supporting us.

President Alison

Michael Lapina - Governor, D9800



Governor of District 9800, operatic tenor Michael Lapina began his professional career in 1988 performing in musicals, touring extensively in Australia and Asia, and being engaged with many of Australia's leading opera houses to perform some of the most coveted tenor roles in the operatic repertoire.

His Rotary career began in 2005 joining the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise, a breakfast Club that suited Michael's corporate role as an Executive Coach & Project Director at the National Australia Bank that was situated across the road from where Rotary met.

Transferring his membership to the Rotary Club of Wyndham in 2018, he juggles his professional opera career with being a Music Tutor at the prestigious Haileybury College, as well as his Rotary commitments, which has seen him hold several District Leadership roles, including Assistant Governor, Team Leader of the Group Vocational Exchange, Artistic Director of several District Conferences, and Artistic Consultant for the Next Generation Service Exchange sending aspiring young Opera professionals to Bayreuth, Germany annually. Recently, he has been invited to sing at the closing ceremony of the 2024 Rotary International Convention in Singapore.

Michael's passion and success stems from the support of his wife, Niña, and his three adult children, Mikey, Alex and Brianna – all of whom are Rotarians.

Program 9th October - Lynne Cooper and the Mystery Medal

Henry and Jessie Frod endured 140 days on the ships that carried them from England under horrific conditions. Once in Victoria Henry soon joined the Police Force.

Lynne had expected these tales during her research but was shocked by the story of a 17 year old Chinese lad, a new arrival on the goldfields. 'What had begun as a peaceful day was rapidly turning into a tragedy for Ah Hing. He was heading for the brewery in a spring cart to collect barrels for the Castlemaine Hotel. The horse bolted ...one wheel hit the kerb tipping the cart. Ah Hing didn't have a chance. His head struck the ground.' When it was ascertained the unfortunate man was likely to die, Sergeant Frod asked the landlord of the hotel, in front of which the accident occurred, to allow Ah Hing to be carried inside, but the landlord absolutely refused to place a room at his disposal. The consequence was that the sufferer had to remain on the footpath before the gaze of ...boys and girls for nearly half an hour. Chinese in his districts started to emerge but so much was never reported.

Leigh, Pat and Lynne recently found where Ah Hing is buried, so they took offerings to his grave in Castlemaine.

The Mystery Medal



Lynne's ancestor Henry was stationed in every major goldfields town during his 32 years. His reputation amongst the Chinese would follow him to his final posting in Castlemaine.

The Chinese were a continued source of wonder to Henry and his wife Jessie. The presentation to him of the gold medallion must have been an unexpected surprise and joy. By the time Lynne's mother Moira Frod donated Henry's medallion to the Golden Dragon Museum in 2003 she already knew much of the story and had started to write her book.

In 2010 Lynne gave up the task of writing... until last year when a mutual friend reminded her that Gordon Dowell of Newstead had the skills Lynne needed to help her get it done. The delay of 14 years was a blessing. The team of Gordon, Leigh and Dennis have discovered that Constable Daniel Nowlan also had a medal presented by Ah Sue Lee Suey. Daniel's story is in the book. Ah Sue's great great granddaughter Pat Belmont lives nearby.

It became clear that Henry's medal is more significant than ever imagined.

Four families have been united by these amazing stories of crime and compassion. newspaper articles. 'The ghosts wandering among the mullock heaps of the New Gold Mountain have been waiting a long time' for this day.

Raffle Sales last week.



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Back Packs 4 Kids

Don't forget Lynne Cooper has kindly offered to co-ordinate donations of clothing, toys if members would like to contribute.

WhatsApp

President Alison has set up a club WhatsApp to enable a quick communication between and to club members. Great to see that this app is now being used for faster direct messaging between members.

Reminders

Jen Sanderson requests that if members know of any suitable speakers they let her know by text or email with the details.

Grange Raffle Tickets are now available. Use the QR code or www.raffletix.com.au/greatgrange2024.



to purchase your ticket.

Please support this major fund raiser.

The Trailer Raffle is now in full swing.

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Meeting times for Bendigo Rotary Clubs and Innerwheel

Kangaroo Flat	Mon	6:00 for 6:30	Rotary Gateway Park 26 High St Kangaroo Flat
Bendigo South	Thurs	6:00 for 6:30	Lake View Hotel 204 McCrae St. Bendigo
Bendigo Strathdale	Wed	7:00 am for 7:30	Peppergreen Farm 40-44 Thunder St, Nth Bendigo
Bendigo	Tues	12:00pm	The Bendigo Club 22 Park St, Strathdale
Innerwheel Club Bendigo	2 nd Tues of the Month.	11:15am for lunch	Mechanics Institute School St, Cal Gully