



Rotary



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We meet every Wednesday at the Mechanics Facility, 8 School Street, California Gully for a dinner meeting.

**Wednesday 27 Sept
@ 6:30pm**

Meeting guest speaker – Brian Fitzpatrick- sharing their recent trip to Greece and Italy – please feel free to join us and hear about their adventures!

Happy Birthday to you in September.....

14th - Mary Cunneen



Reminders:

1. Rotary Club of Echuca Moama – 75th Anniversary celebrations- **THIS Saturday 23rd September - doors open at 11:30am** – see details on attached flyer.
2. Karen Culture Showcase: **THIS Saturday 23rd September – 4- 9 pm.** Karen groups from all over Victoria will be attending and activities include traditional food and a fireworks display. Our Club will be directly supporting this project. Flyer attached.
3. Star Cinema Movie night on **Thursday 5 October** as a Fundraiser for the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee. This will be in lieu of our meeting on Oct 4. Those planning to attend should book directly with the Star Cinema! Flyer attached.
4. End Polio Walk – **Sunday 22nd October.**
5. Bunnings BBQ- **Saturday 28 October.**
6. Welsh Choir @ Ulumbarra- **Saturday 29th October** – see attached flyer.
7. **Regional Red Baker's Dozen** – Wine raffle tickets now open @ \$10-00 per ticket – **to be drawn 22November 2023.**

***Combined Youth Services Directors meeting – minutes attached (thanks Lynne)*

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

Friday 10 – Sunday 12 November- Bendigo Swap Meet.

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>

President's report:

We had a great attendance this week with 27 attending.

It was a pleasure to welcome several of John Pearce's family and friends, resulting in the expanded numbers.

We only had 4 apologies and we certainly miss their smiling faces. (Tim is just a little off colour, hope you get on top if it soon).

It was great to have Nacho with us tonight. He is on term break, and I think he is happy to have time to take a breather. We certainly appreciate Nacho coming to the meetings, giving us the chance to have a chat.

For me this week has been quite busy, keeping up with the Christmas Trailer raffle (which is currently at the Market Place). Up to Thursday morning the ticket sellers are doing quite well, 23 books sold. Well done and keep up the great work!

It appears that there wasn't a lot of feedback from members (re: the request for your thoughts about how we use technology for presentations at club meetings). However, a couple of things have transpired, and we have a generous member that has offered his expertise to do all the necessary work to make the new system work.

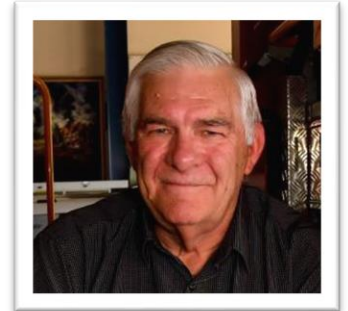
The matter was also discussed at the Board meeting on Wednesday night. A few more investigations will be undertaken before the next step is taken.

It was inspiring to hear from a daughter of a Rotary member, and how her family has evolved over time. Her presentation was a great insight into her experiences.

We were treated to a video of the story that is Rachel Mahon's life. Rachel described how she started off, (then with many bridges to cross) and how she has successfully come to this time in her life. An amazing journey. Thankyou Rachel and John for sharing your life with us.

This time next week I will be in the Cotswolds UK which I am looking forward to, followed by Belgium, France then Norway. I guess someone has to do it! (particularly if you have the opportunity). I will certainly be missing the fellowship of my families, both at home and Rotary.

I have asked VP and IPP Geoff Gallagher to take hold of the steering wheel during this time. Thanks Geoff.



There is much to be involved in as a club in the next few months, with the Regionalisation Pilot Project requiring our input as it ramps up towards implementation.

The next Webinar for this is either Monday 25th September 2023 at 12:30pm, Wednesday 27th September at 6:00pm and Thursday 27th September at 6:00 pm all AEST.

There is also “**Establishing Rotary Community Groups: Seeking your preferences, Forum**” online on either:

Sunday 24 September 10am – 11am, Tuesday 26 September 6pm – 7pm, or Friday 29 September 12:00 – 1:00pm

There are also many events on the calendar up to the end of the year:

- *The Karen Culture Showcase*, on Saturday. Let us get behind GP in this venture, she needs our support.
- *The End Polio Walk Bendigo* on Sunday 22nd October 2023. It is recommended that we support DG Ron's team both with sponsorship and walking with him.
- *Combined Goldfields Cluster Foundation Dinner* planned to be held on Thursday 30th November 2023. More details as they develop.
- District Membership Forum *Show N Grow* on Saturday 21st October 2023 at the Hyatt Hotel Essendon Fields 8:30am arrival – 3:30 pm. THERE IS NO COST TO MEMBERS OR CLUBS (District 9800 funded). It would be great to have many members attend. *Alison has offered her vehicle for car-pooling.

Stay safe and we will catch up on my return.

Regards- **Eric**.

Meeting apologies: Ron P, Mary, Jenny & Tim

Meeting guests: Rachel, Clinton, Allegra, Jarvis, Otis, Nicole Annabelle, Claire, Rob and Nacho.

Meeting Guest Speakers- Rachel Mahon supported by John Pearce

Rachel was adopted when she was a baby by John Pearce and his wife and was raised in Australia.

There was no doubt, from the way Rachel spoke in her video that from her early life she was well guided by the Pearce family and had very little difficulty at school and with her friends.

As time went on, Rachel married Clinton and had her own Family. This brought Rachel to think about her birth mother and she wondered if she would ever find her or make contact?

As things transpired, Rachel took up the challenge to at least try to find her birth mother and just perhaps she would be



receptive of making contact or even meeting her?

As correspondence flowed backwards and forwards, the Orphanage had the necessary details to enable the contact to be made.

Earlier this year it was discovered that Nancy (Rachel's birth Mum) lived in Adelaide, just 7 hours away, and yes- she was very happy to further the contact!

The video Rachel shared (the reunion of these two enthusiastic ladies meeting for the first time) - a reunion you cannot describe in words!

The families then grew rapidly with instant sisters, grandchildren, husband, Australian Mum and Dad and with much celebration by all concerned!

John interviewed Rachel in his normal manner, (ie asking a number of questions that had never been asked) which gave us all an insight into Rachel and her journey.

It really is the new start of an amazing chapter in everyone's lives. We were able to share the emotion of this. Thank-you to everyone for being so open with us and sharing your life to this time.



RC Echuca Moama- 75th Anniversary celebrations- **THIS Saturday 23rd September**

Dear all,

The event to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Echuca-Moama is fast approaching this Saturday! Thank you to all who have already RSVP'ed.

This is a friendly reminder to please RSVP as soon as you can so we can give as much notice of numbers to the venue as possible.

Tickets are available via www.trybooking.com/CLKGL

All details in the attached flyer.

We are greatly looking forward to the day and hope very much to see you there!

Kind regards,

Kate Miller

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*Update: in addition to the items below, **UP and Go containers** are also included in the return/ deposit scheme:



Club fellowship and supporting a good cause:

Attached is a flyer for a movie on **Thursday 5 October** at the Star Cinema – Eaglehawk, as a Fundraiser for the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee. This will be in lieu of our meeting on Oct 4. Those planning to attend should book directly with the Star Cinema (you do that by clicking directly on the link in the flyer).

Regards- John

Youth Report:

Liloma Qorbani was a past NYSF recipient when she attended BSSC some years ago.

Members will recall Liloma, Ashraf and the staff from Bendigo Special Developmental School speaking at Rotary last year.

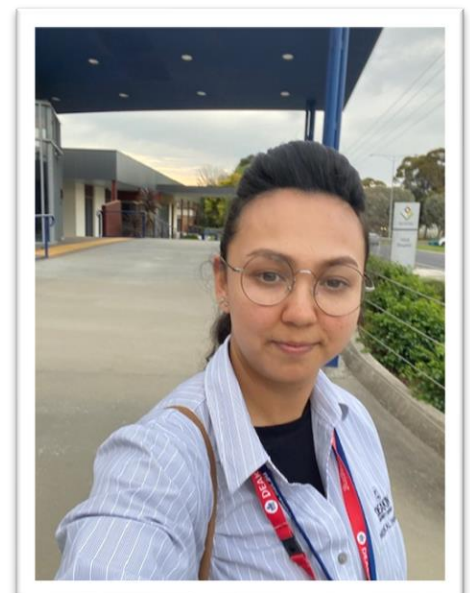
We are so proud of Liloma for her determination.

She has enrolled at Deakin University in Geelong, studying Medical Imaging and is currently on placement in the

Radiology department at Nhill Hospital, where they just have a new radiology machine installed.

I have contacted Christine Duffy who is the Secretary of RC of Nhill (and also a senior Nurse at the Hospital), and she is giving Liloma a hand to enjoy her rural placement.

Isn't Rotary great for all the wonderful connections and support we can provide to our young folk and future leaders. Regards- Lynne.





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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REVISED Swap Meet Roster (from Alison)- still some vacancies:

Friday 10th

~~9am-1pm - need 2 people~~

~~12.45pm-5pm - need 2 people~~

~~4.30pm-9pm - need 4 people~~

Saturday 11th

~~5am-9am - need 2 people~~

~~8.45am - 1pm - need 2 people~~

~~12.45pm-4.30pm - need 4 people need 2 people~~

~~4.15pm - 9pm - need 2 people need 1 person~~

Sunday 12th

~~6am-9am - need 2 people~~

~~8.45am - 1pm - need 1 person~~

As spots are filled, I am placing a line through them. *Please contact Alison as soon as possible to advise which of the remaining shifts you are able to fill as this will enable our club's roster to be completed.* Additionally, we will have Rotarians from other clubs working alongside us as there will already be other people allocated to FJ's. These numbers are just our club's requirements. Thanks -Alison

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Bendigo
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SAVE THE DATE

12-14th April

**GATHERING
ON THE
GOLDFIELDS**

