



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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Most weeks we meet at the Mechanics Facility, 8 School Street, California Gully for a dinner meeting. However, as this sometimes changes please see below for details on the program for each Club meeting.

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Club of Eaglehawk



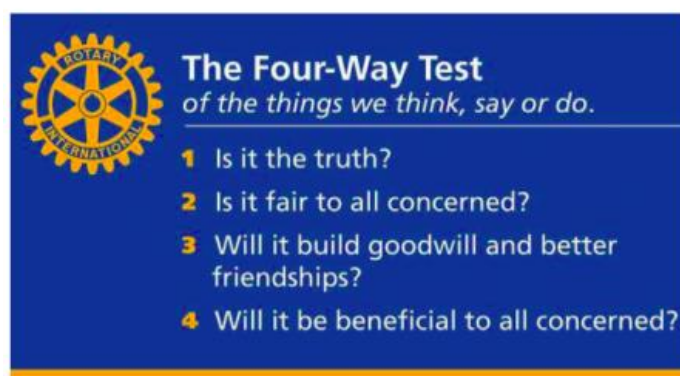
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September Birthdays

14th Mary Cunneen

Dates and Events for Your Diaries -		Club Members Duty Roster -
September 29 th	Club Dinner Meeting -	Bar – Ron Payne Clean Up – Eric S / Trevor L
October 2 nd	Book Shop – 10am to 12noon	Alison / Alf
October 3 rd	Brunch in the Bush - 10am at Lightning Hill	
October 6 th	Club Dinner Meeting -	Bar – Alison Clean Up – Mick / Tim
October 9 th	Book Shop – 10am to 12 noon	

Four-Way Test



**** BULLETIN NEWS ****

*We ask that all articles and information for inclusion be sent to this email -
eaglehawkrnewsletter@gmail.com*

Debbie Payne will shortly take over the editor's role (a very generous offer – Thankyou!)
Debbie and Alison will be working together this week to transition to the new arrangements.

Mechanics Facility Update –

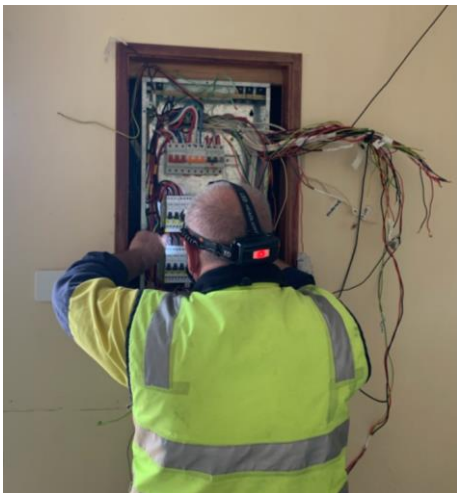
Over the last couple of weeks we have experienced some challenges with the power at the mechanics facility.

An issue presented itself right before our board meeting a couple of weeks ago and was a great concern to President Gary. As an electrician Gary is a little concerned that it's not a good look for either himself or our club – so Gary set about addressing the issue.

On Friday, a public holiday for some, after receiving permission from the city of Greater Bendigo, Gary was found to be working away at the Mechanics, he located the problems and fixed them.

We now have a new component installed (if the editor knew what it was called this article would sound a lot better) however, it was a case of Gary used a lot of his time, expertise and O'Brien Electrical donated the materials needed and we are now back up and running!

Many thanks Gary for this work, greatly appreciated and we acknowledge and admire your commitment to our club.



Here are a couple of images of Gary hard at work and also a pic from inside the roof of the building where it can be seen that birds are nesting (see the eggs!) and are more than likely the cause of at least some of the issues we have been experiencing.



And running repairs during a meeting – steps are now under way to address the concerns with our meeting room set up with a view to more adequately catering for future guest speakers and interactive meetings using technology.

New member induction –

We are delighted to have inducted Jennifer Sanderson into the club at our last meeting. Jennifer is a former member who has returned to the club and is keen to participate in many of the projects undertaken by rotary.

Jennifer has a great understanding of the importance of serving the community and will be a valued member of our team. Welcome aboard Jennifer.



And more news about the Mechanics facility –



We also had a bit of drama with the fridge/freezer in the kitchen. The extended lockdown unfortunately meant that an issue with the fridge wasn't detected early enough. The freezer door hadn't sealed and as a result the freezer iced up and became a very solid lump of ice – several hours of defrosting later which included the use of a hairdryer and a LOT of patience, the ice was removed.



Thankfully the fridge is now back up and working fine so we avoided having to replace it. Also good was that we managed to convince Mick that an ice pick wasn't the best implement to use but we did let him loose with the hairdryer.



PHF – PP Doug Harrison

A night of celebrating member achievements, Gary presented PP Doug Harrison with his new PHF pin with 2 sapphires representing Doug's additional personal contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Well done Doug, a great milestone!

Vale – Maureen Lougoon

PP Doug Harrison, as a long serving member of our club provided the following in recognizing the recent passing of our Honorary member, Maureen Lougoon.

To-night we pay tribute to Maureen Frances Lougoon, who passed away last Thursday at the age of 66.

Maureen had been part of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk for well over 30 years.

Her husband Jeff joined Rotary in the late 1980s and was President in 1994-95.

We had many Fellowship functions at their Myers Flat home, also many Rabbiting Weekends at Jeff's property at Patho (near Echuca).

Jeff died suddenly on 18th June 2001.

Maureen joined Rotary 7th July 2004. She was Attendance Officer and took the apologies for many years.

Her health deteriorated very quickly, she was confined to a Wheelchair and then transferred to permanent care at Stella Anderson Nursing Home. She was made an Honorary Member of the Club in 2014.

Maureen was also presented with a PHF, on 14th December 2014.

A few years ago her daughter, Jodie, died whilst on holidays overseas. The Club helped with catering at her Funeral.

Maureen is survived by her daughter Monica.

Maureen will always be remembered as a person who, although she suffered a lot, she would always have a smile for everyone.



Club Archive Photo –
Maureen when attending one of
the Rotary Ladies Function.

Rotary Walk with Us to End Polio

Following a very successful event in 2020 Rotarians, friends and the community are encouraged once again to take action from October 1st to 31st to raise awareness, funds, and support to end poliomyelitis, a vaccine-preventable disease that still threatens the children of the world today.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary worldwide has helped to reduce polio cases from an average of 1000 cases per day in 1987 to a total of only 140 cases in 2020, a 99.9% reduction.

It is crucial to eliminate polio from Afghanistan and Pakistan, the last two countries where it remains endemic. We must also keep all other countries polio-free. If eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyse as many as 200,000 children each year.

Rotary and its partners are committed to eliminating poliomyelitis completely from the world. Smallpox is the only other disease ever completely eradicated. Funds are still needed to continue immunization and surveillance efforts.

The **Rotary Walk With Us campaign** throughout October is a fun way to raise awareness and funds to *End Polio Now*.

Using Rotary's friendly website (www.rotarywalkwithus.org), you can register to walk and set distance and fundraising goals. Alternatively, you can donate to someone who is walking. For the walkers the total distance you have set for the month is accumulated over the entire month of October. So, you can walk when, where and with whom you want in a COVID safe way. Each walk is logged on the website along with all donations. **It's easy.**

All donations through Rotary will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation who are partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. Individuals, teams and Rotary clubs will be recognised and credited for their donations by The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust.

The results of the 2020 event exceeded all expectations. People registered from across Australia and the world. This resulted in raising over \$122,000 for the End Polio campaign. The added benefit was the positive effect on physical and mental health by providing a focus for those living with COVID restrictions.

Register to walk and donate at www.rotarywalkwithus.org

This website has more information on the event and the global program to eradicate Polio.

Donate today and be a part of the countdown to history. With your help we can end Polio for good.



Rotarian Lynne suggested that members may like to submit photos of how they are filling in their days during these on again/off again periods of lockdown. So, here is Lynne's contribution

Just a few photos of lovely Bendigo and bush walk around Spring Gully area.

Trip to Echuca - dinner out with Anne Peace

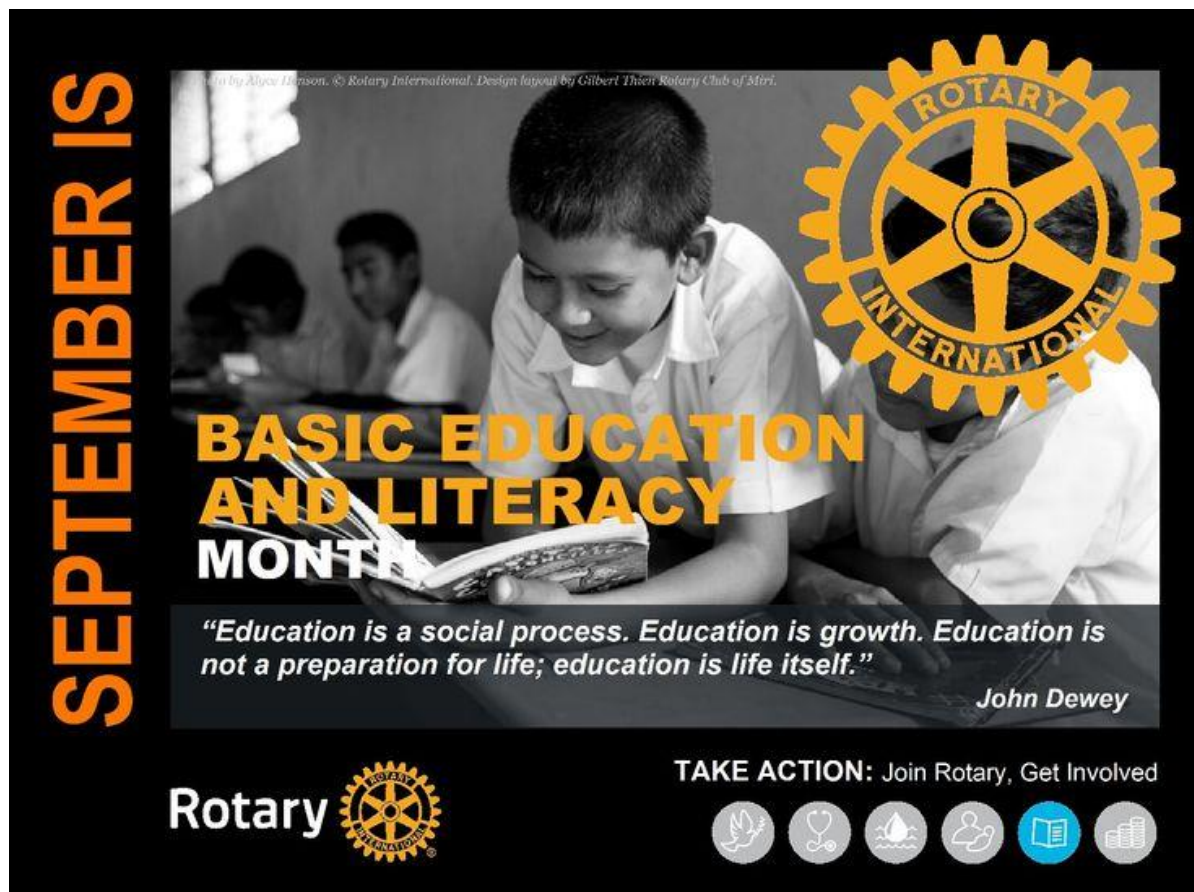
Canola pastures around Colbinabbin - just stunning.

Enjoying the special gift of my first grandchild Hayes Cooper

Keeping life balance.

Lynne






SEPTEMBER IS


**BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY
MONTH**

"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."

John Dewey

Rotary 

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved



Youth Cluster Update -

Dear members of RC of Eaglehawk,

We had a very successful zoom meeting on the 21st with all Bendigo clubs represented apart from Kangaroo Flat and also clubs in Echuca and Rochester .. but not Castlemaine. its hard to find a time to suit everyone.

When the minutes are available I can send them out. The matters discussed included the following:

- News from around all the clubs.
- RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Award - to be held in December. Do we have an 18-25 year person who may wish to attend?
- RYPEN - Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment for 15-17 year olds. This year on offer is a Camp Getaway weekend for only 12 rural students. It would be great if we can locate some ESC students to attend.
- NYSF - 7 successful Bendigo year 11 students.
- The Santos Science Experience: still planning to hold events in January for year 9 & 10 students. Contact me if you know any STEM students - again a great program for ESC students.
- School grants and projects.
- Youth Exchange - only hold due to the pandemic indefinitely.

All the youth directors and clubs are very keen to continue providing programs and support for our young folk during these tough times.