

12-14 April Bendigo Conference 2024 Info Brochure

A note from our DG:

Womin-dji-ka (Welcome)

Our conference on the lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung people promises to be a wonderful event.

Our Conference Planning Team has been quietly putting the pieces together over the past 18 months and we are excited by the program we will present to you in April.

In a year in which we aim to "Create Hope in the World", I have deliberately encouraged all within our District to focus on the basic community and humanitarian service that Rotary is known for. Some very inspiring programs and projects are being delivered by dedicated members in our clubs.

Our conference program is designed to put a spotlight on what we have been doing with quality speakers, an informative Showcase, a wonderful array of entertainers, and an opportunity to come together in an environment of fun and positive social connection.

Deb and I hope you can find the time to join us in April to celebrate the impactful work being achieved in District 9800.

Ron Payne
District Governor



Our Keynote Speakers:



MC
David Mann AM
3AW's 'Mann About Town'



Keynote Speaker:
Costa Georgiadis
Host of Gardening Australia



Keynote Speaker:
Tony Pearce
Emergency Services



Keynote Speaker:
PDG Grant Hocking ASM
RESCA



Keynote Speaker:
Mark Balla
The Toilet Warrior



Keynote Speaker:
Bev Watson
Polio Survivor



Keynote Speaker:
PDG Murray Verso
End Polio Now



Keynote Speaker:
Lucienne Heyworth
Peace Fellow



Keynote Speaker:
Melanie Raymond OAM
Youth Projects



Keynote Speaker:
Ben Harrington
DEI-Journey to Rotary



Keynote Speaker:
Jeremy Forbes
HALT



Keynote Speaker:
PDG Iain Wakefield
Rotary International
President's Representative

Our Entertainment line up:



Singer:
Evie Scoble



Jade Cuskelly - Arena Theatre Company



Singer:
Indi Gilmore



Bendigo Youth Choir



Singer:
Liz Barrow



Victorian State Youth Brass Band

**Book your Conference tickets
by 25th March:**

www.trybooking.com/CMCUD

**Look how many clubs
are booked for
Conference:**

ALBERT PARK
ALTONA
ALTONA CITY
BALWYN
BENDIGO
BENDIGO SANDHURST
BENDIGO SOUTH
BRIGHTON
BRIGHTON NORTH
CAMBERWELL
CANTERBURY
CARLTON
CAROLINE SPRINGS
CASTLEMAINE
CAULFIELD
CENTRAL MELBOURNE
CHADSTONE/EAST MALVERN
COLLINGWOOD
EAGLEHAWK
E-CLUB MELBOURNE
ESSENDON
EYNESBURY
FOOTSCRAY
GISBORNE
GLENFERRIE
HAWTHORN
HOPPERS CROSSING
KEILOR
KEILOR EAST
KEW
KYNETON
MACEDON RANGES
MALVERN
MELBOURNE
NORTH BALWYN
NORTH MELBOURNE
PASSPORT MELBOURNE
PORT PHILLIP
RICHMOND
ROCHESTER
SOUTHBANK
WERRIBEE
WEST FOOTSCRAY
WILLIAMSTOWN
WOODEND
WYNDHAM
WYNDHAM HARBOUR
YARRAVILLE

Conference Tickets:

Your Conference ticket includes:

- Friday night Welcome Event
- Conference Saturday including lunch, morning and afternoon tea
- Dinner event Saturday night
- Conference Sunday including morning tea

Ticket Pricing:

- Rotarian, Partners & Friends: \$390
- First-time attendee: \$300
- Rotaractors & Youth Exchange: \$200
- Foundation Breakfast (*extra*) \$40
- Sunday BBQ Lunch (*extra*) \$18
- Saturday Night Dinner (*only*) \$100
- Welcome Event (*only*) \$40

To book your tickets, go to:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CMCUD>

Bookings close 25th March

For inquiries please email: d9800conference@gmail.com

**Have you booked your ticket for the
Rotary Foundation Breakfast?**



Start your Saturday, April 13th, on an empowering note with a hearty breakfast and captivating insights from our esteemed guest speaker, Mark Balla - 'The Toilet Warrior'. Tickets are just \$40.

Book at: www.trybooking.com/CMCUD

How's this for a fabulous list of projects that will be on display at our Rotary Showcase and open to the public:

- Australian Rotary Health
- Camp Getaway
- Days for Girl
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Dream Cricket
- End Polio & Iron Lung
- EndTrachoma
- ESRAG Oceania
- Flynn's Wines
- Interact
- Interplast
- LaTrobe University
- Maternal Mortality Reduction Project
- Membership across the District
- Multiple Sclerosis (RAGAMS)
- Phu Tho province, Vietnam Project
- Projects - Rotary Bendigo
- RDU merchandise
- Read Along Dads
- Recreational Vehicle Fellowship
- Refugee Family Support
- Refurbishment of Myer Cottage
- Rotarians Against Malaria
- Rotarians for Bee
- Rotary Outreach Myeloma Project
- Rotary SAFE Families
- Royce & Jean Abbey Awards/Scholarships
- Science and Engineering Challenge
- ShelterBox Australia
- Victorian RESCA
- Youth Projects Alumni

Reminder to bring your club's Rotary Foundation donation to Conference and join the Foundation ladder.



As is tradition, we would love all Rotary clubs to make their annual contributions to The Rotary Foundation at the Conference.

Hand your donation to PDG Grant Hocking so that he can keep track of the totals to announce at the Sunday morning Foundation update.

Ideas for your Friday Night Club Dinners:

- **Food O'Clock** [Click here for a](#)
- **Red Smoke** [great list of venue](#)
- **Piyawat** [suggestions for](#)
- **Plus many more** [Club Dinners](#)

Why not add some extra days and explore Victoria this coming Conference:

[Click to Explore Bendigo](#)
[Click to Explore Heathcote](#)
[Click to Explore Rochester](#)
[Explore Castlemaine & Maldon](#)





Conference Program

FRIDAY:

- Arranged activities include Golf and Bowling
- Time to explore Bendigo and surrounding areas

5:30-7:00pm - Welcome Function at the Town Hall
including smoking ceremony

- **Club Dinners** - arranged by clubs

SATURDAY:

7:00 - 8:30am The Rotary Foundation Breakfast (Extra)
Lakeside Conference & Events Centre

9:00am - Conference begins

- Flag ceremony
- **Bendigo Youth Choir**
- **Mayor of Bendigo**
- Keynote Speaker: **Costa Georgiadis** - Host of Gardening Australia

10:40am - MORNING TEA

- Entertainment: **Evie Scoble**
- Keynote Speaker: **Tony Pearce** - Emergency Management
- Keynote Speaker: **Mark Balla** - The Toilet Warrior
- Entertainment: **Liz Barrow**

12:50pm - LUNCH

- Keynote Speaker: **Bev Watson** - Polio survivor
- Keynote Speaker: **PDG Murray Verso** - End Polio
- Presentation of RI and District Awards
- Peace Fellow - **Lucienne Heyworth**
- Entertainment - **Indi Gilmour**

3:45pm - AFTERNOON TEA

- Workshops

5:00pm - Day one comes to an end

7:00pm - 11:00pm - GALA DINNER - All Seasons Hotel

SUNDAY:

9:30am Day two commences

- Entertainment: **Arena Theatre Company**
- Keynote Speaker: **Melanie Raymond OAM**
- Keynote Speaker: **Ben Harrington** - DEI - A Journey to Rotary
- Keynote Speaker: **Jeremy Forbes** from HALT

11:00am - MORNING TEA

- Foundation Giving update
- Entertainment: Victorian State Youth Band for Fanfare

12:45pm - Conference closes followed by **Lunch in the park (Extra)**

(Program subject to change)

Who's for a round of Golf on the Friday?



Friday 12th April

Location:

Bendigo Golf Course

Game: 9 holes

Time: 1pm-4pm

Cost: Members price

Book by: 1st April

Email: d9800conference@gmail.com

Contact: Alison Bacon

M: 0417 562 952

How about a game or two of Lawn Bowls?



Friday 12th April

Location: Kangaroo Flat Bowls Club

Time: 12:30pm-4pm

Cost: To be advised

Book by: 1st April

Email: d9800conference@gmail.com

Contact: DG Ron Payne

M: 0419 946 994

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We hope to see you in Bendigo.