

# The Rotunda



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Meet Monday 6.00pm for  
6.30pm  
Gateway Park  
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**THE FOUR WAY  
TEST OF THE  
THINGS WE THINK,  
SAY OR DO**

*Is it the truth?*

*Is it fair to all  
concerned?*

*Will it build goodwill  
and better  
friendships?*

*Will it be beneficial  
to all concerned?*

## Message from the President

For Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008

### About our meeting

We had another busy night for our meeting on Monday. We started at the club rooms with our usual meal and were given a demonstration by a Website development company with the view of setting up a professional Website. Michael and Dianne Killakey from Multikeys gave us a no obligation demo of their Websites that includes the local Village Cinema. See <http://multikeys.com/> for more information regarding Multikeys. We need to do something about Club Website and assist with managing bookings online.

After the Website presentation we went out and did a tour of the THALES (previously ADI/ Ordinance factory). This event is part of our Vocational Service month. We got a very good insight into one of Bendigo's major manufacturers and employer.

This Monday night we will be going to the Yin Yang Chinese Restaurant in Kangaroo Flat for our meeting (same club timing applies). This restaurant catered for our Changeover Dinner and received excellent reports then. Costs for this dinner are \$20.00 per head.

We need accurate numbers for this event please. 26 people indicated their proposed attendance during Monday's meeting. Any members and partners who did not get counted into these numbers, please notify myself for catering purposes.

A meeting is being held on Friday at 11:00am for the Parents Without Partners (PWP) event that is being held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2008. This event involves a Show and Shine, Motor Bike Tour, Band and BBQ that are all part of this event. Our Bar will need staffing along with the BBQ and other activities. This could be a good fundraiser for the club so please consider assisting with this.

Please see myself regarding Christmas Puddings that is an excellent Rotary Fundraiser.

October is Vocational Service Month.

Yours in Rotary,

*Kaylyn Journeaux*  
President

*What's on at Gateway Park*



<b>COMING PROGRAM</b>	<i>13<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>20<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>27<sup>th</sup> October</i>
<i>Activity</i>	JIN YANG Restaurant	Alan Rohde awardee Peter Bull Superintendent Central Victoria / Bendigo Police Station <b>Board meeting</b>	Centre State Rodders (Hot Rod Club)
<i>Chair</i>	Not required	Bruce McClure	Bruce McClure
<i>Response</i>	Not required	Peter Cashen	Peter Cashen
<i>Sergeant</i>	Roger McKellar	Roger McKellar	Roger McKellar
<i>Corporals</i>	Daryl Rowe / Judy Kidman	Jill McArthur / Glenn Ludeman	Jill McArthur / Glenn Ludeman
<i>Cashier</i>	Trevor Kuhle	Frank Nott	Frank Nott
<i>Grace</i>	Hans Franke	Annette Ramage	Annette Ramage

- **Apologies to Tony Plant by midday before each meeting – for catering purposes. Phone – 54416882.**

**Birthdays:** Kristine Ludeman 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Hans Franke 5<sup>th</sup> October, Marcia Franke 15<sup>th</sup> October,

**Club Joining Anniversaries:** Daryl Rowe 4<sup>th</sup> October

<b>CALENDAR</b>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>ORGANISER</i>
<i>Please provide dates of events well in advance to President Kaylyn Journeaux and Jill Barker</i>	14/10/08	JING YANG Restaurant	President Kaylyn
	20/10/08	Alan Rohde Awardee & Peter Bull Superintendent Central Victoria / Bendigo Police Station <b>Board meeting</b>	Tony Plant / Peter Cashen
	25/10/08	Parents Without Partners Fundraisers	President Kaylyn / Judy Kidman
	27/10/08	Centre State Rodders (Hot Rods)	Glenn Ludeman
	3/11/08	Bendigo Strathdale Joint Meeting Pre Melbourne Cup at All Seasons	Phil Symons
	9/11/08	Bendigo Bank Fun Run BBQ Fundraiser	President Kaylyn

**WANT TO DO A MAKE-UP ?**



Bendigo Tues. 12.45 for 1pm Bendigo Club,  
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Bendigo Sandhurst Wed, 7am for 7.30.  
BRIT Restaurant, 136 McCrae St, 5434 1402

Bendigo South Thurs. 6pm for 6.30,  
Leadlight Café, 25 Queen Street, 5443 3877

Bendigo Strathdale Tues. 6pm for 6.30,  
All Seasons, McIvor Hwy 5443 8166

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# **TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Friday 10 October, 7pm**  
**Golden Square Bowling Club**

All proceeds to go towards



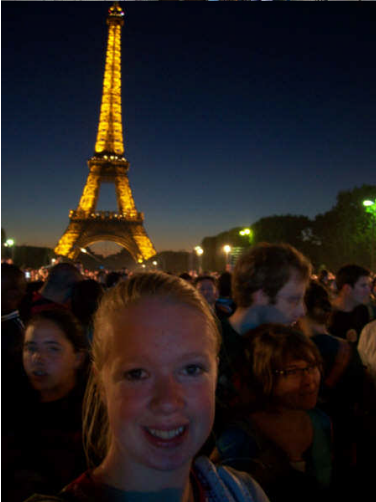
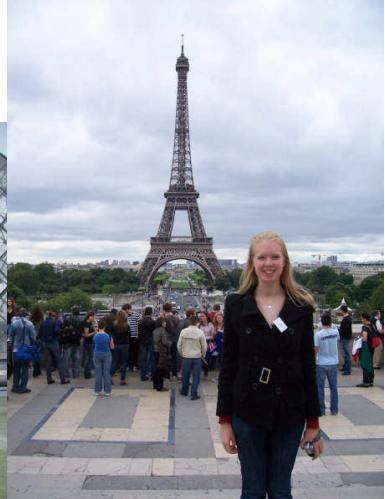
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Letter and pictures from Karina Lane (our exchange student in Southern France):



G'day everyone at Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club!!

Here's an update of my news!

After the Euro trip in June, I came back to my town, and had three weeks here. Most of the time was spent hanging out with Leticia, and Pernelle. I did get to see some things, though. One day my second host mum took me to visit Le Gorges du Diozaz, which are these Gorges, and very pretty! Before, there was a massive glacier there, but now it has all melted and left way for a big river, which at various stages became big waterfalls.

Another day I got the chance to go up to the Aiguille du Midi; at 3842m or 12602f, it is the highest accessible point in Europe! We had to take two ski cabin lifts to get there. It was the start of summer, but when we got there it was only about 8 degrees, and there was still snow and ice everywhere! From there you can see, only metres away the summit of the Mont Blanc, and all around you the peaks of other various mountains. It was beautiful! After we descended to go to the Grottes du glace, or Ice Caves. The caves are set in a part of a glacier, and as the ice has been melting, it has created hollows, which have become caves and tunnels. It was spectacular inside, there were coloured lights set up behind the ice to create a cool effect, and there were a few ice sculptures, too! I even got a photo in one of the caves with a St Bernard, the dog famous in this area. The following week I left for Grenoble with Pernelle, in order to attend a Summer Music Camp. The camp went for a week, and I had a really good time. Each morning we arrived, warmed up, and during the day we alternated in order to learn 4 songs each for the end of camp concert. It was a lot of work, but I learnt a lot and the concert at the end went really well. The following day we left Grenoble to come back here, where I then had to quickly unpack and repack in order to catch my flight from Geneva to Paris! I checked in at the airport without a fuss (i now feel like a frequent flyer! lol) and the plane took off and an hour later I was in Paris! I stayed just outside of Paris for 12 days with a friend and their host family, who were really really nice! When I was there another friend of my friend came and stayed to see Paris too, another Australian who is in Germany on exchange for the year. Out of that time, I spent 7 days actually in Paris. Each day that I did go into the city, we took the train to get in to get around. When I was there I got to see so many different famous sights like the Eiffel Tower (and climbed it too!), the Arc du Triumph, Le Champs Elysees, Le Louvre (in which I saw the Mona Lisa and the Egyptian artefacts - which were amazing!), Le Cathedral du Sacre Couer, Notre Dame, Place Vendome, Forum des Halles, Saint Eustache church, Place de la Concorde, Jardins du Luxembourg, le Moulin Rouge, Conciergerie (where Marie Antoinette was beheaded) and the Chateau du Versailles (which is home to the amazing hall of mirrors, which was just superb!). But out of all the things that I saw, one day in particular was my favourite. I was lucky enough to be there for the 14th of July, France's National Holiday. We arrived in the city early that morning and tried to find a good place to stand and watch the grand parade. The parade consisted of the President and his wife, who I missed seeing, lots and lots of all types of military, from the old traditional footmen and horsemen in traditional dress, to brand new army tanks, to fighter jets, helicopters and parachutists! It was something really special. Afterwards, some of the tanks and army people were hanging around to talk to the public and for taking photos, so we got a chance to get a few. Then we ate lunch at a restaurant not far from the Eiffel Tower, and left to go sit down in front of it to get good spots for that night's open outdoor, free, on the grass, concert. The concert consisted of many French singers I'd never heard of, but also James Blunt (one of my favourite singers!) so I was rather happy about that! At the end of the concert, we spun ourselves around to face the Eiffel tower in order to see.....the fantastic fireworks display, which was just amazing! It was my favourite thing I saw in Paris, the fireworks behind the Eiffel tower! The show lasted for a full half an hour, it was just wow! ☺

It was really sad to leave, but as soon as I got back here, I had to quickly unpack and repack again, because my French Rotary Counsellor and his family came to take me on holidays that night to Barcelonnette (not to be confused with Barcelona!), in the Southern Alps. It was such a pretty area, mountains meet the Provence, and there were fields of pretty wildflowers blooming, too. That weekend for the Saturday and Sunday was a massive family reunion, where there were around 120 people who attended! It was crazy! The first day we went to an old farmhouse, but the second we went to a huge hall, decked out with tables and chairs, and plenty of food too. After eating everyone

had to get up and do songs most of them traditional pieces, from the little region that everyone came from and in the regions old language, which was very little like French! Then I had to get up and sing the Australian National Anthem, which was rather embarrassing!!

Also, while I was there we went to a little nature reserve in the mountains to go see the Marmots, which were super cute! Another day we went to go on a boat tour of Europe's largest artificial lake, which was really pretty. Crossing the lake was the worlds' largest floating bridge! It hasn't got any foundations and it actually an aqueduct, designed so that the flow of water through the holes built into it, keeps it stable. While I was there I also tried out Petanque, aka Italian Bowls, which the French are rather obsessed with, and turned out I was quite good for a beginner! I also got to have a look around the town, which has a lot of interesting Mexican architecture; shows and shops, due to its history. At some point in time, I forget when exactly, there was very little work for the French tradesmen there. So the men packed up their families and all moved to Mexico, where they found plenty of work, earned lots of money and became quite rich. They then moved back to their hometown, and set it up like a town in Mexico.

After that week away I got back and straight away changed host families, so I'm now with my third. Here I have one host sister (who is 16 went to Mexico on exchange) and one host brother (who's 30 and works for his dad business), who live at home, and two other host brothers, who live in Paris. I also celebrated my 17th birthday (not knowing where the last year has disappeared to!)

Then that weekend, we loaded up the car to head to the other side of France in order to go spend a week on holiday on the Island of Oleron, the largest french island in the Atlantic ocean. It was really pretty, and we stayed right on the beach which was a shame because we had rather bad weather, despite it being mid summer here. But although we couldn't spend much time on the beach, we did take a few walks and bike rides around. One night we also saw fireworks at the port, and another night, traditional folk dancers I also went to spend two nights with my friend from Wangaratta, who is staying in the nearby town of La Rochelle for the year, which was great! We talked non stop I think the entire time, and we went to La Rochelle and spent the day there seeing the tourist attractions and shopping! It was really great to catch up with her! We spoke Franglais the whole time, because we find that that is a lot easier than using plain English!! When the week had ended we left the Island. On the way back we stopped to visit two towns, Rocamadour and Oradour-sur-Glane. Rocamadour was this beautiful village, in a valley, which is actually built into the cliff face! The fortress is made half of stone cut and moved there, and the other half is actually cut into the rock that was already there! I just found it fantastic! The other village that we stopped at was a village in the second world war, burnt by the Nazis, and the people there have preserved the ruins spectacularly, so that was really well done, and sad, and it really hits you! It was the first time that I'd seen the real effect of the Nazis. I've read a lot about it, and learnt about it at school, but to see in real life the results of it was something else entirely. The drive from the west coast to the mountains is nine hours so we stayed overnight on route at the home of a Grand Uncle, who has this amazing old house, built in 1652, so that was officially the oldest house I've ever slept in!

After that I had 2 more weeks of summer holidays (I go back to school tomorrow) where I spent my time chilling out at home with my host family, or going to visit my other host families. I did go for a mountain hike with Pernelle and some friends of hers on one of the days though, for 5 hours!! They went quite fast, and it was no easy route either, sometimes it was more like rock climbing rather than hiking! I had to use all my energy to concentrate, so I didn't even get any photos! We did eat some wild blueberries though! By the end of it I was absolutely exhausted, and the three days following it, I could barely walk! But it was a nice day out though.

Since the end of the summer holidays I've been heading off to school each weekday, which is not at all interesting to tell you about. This school year unfortunately, I've been put into the equivalent of yr10; which is a little hard because all the students in the class are 2-3 years younger than me; but the work is a lot easier; so I am able to understand better in the classes. Also; I've been sick; which wasn't any fun either; but I'm feeling better now...although I've caught a bit of a cold that is going round. Already; the temperature has started to drop; it's been about 6 degrees in the mornings before school!

My French continues to improve slowly...now I'm concentrating on being able to write correctly in French (which is really hard!) But I hope that by the time I leave it will be reasonable!

Hope that you are all well, and I will see you all soon!!

From Karena

**Presentation from Multikeys Web Site Designers Michael and Dianne Killakey**



**Pictures from our THALES Tour**



## Club correspondence in for perusal and discussion

Dear President Kaylyn,

On the 13th & 14th of October for Golden Square SC and the 21st & 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, for Weeroona SC, we will be holding Straight Talk sessions for both male and female students. Recently, we received extensive coverage on WIN television, The Bendigo Weekly and the Bendigo Miner about the successful program. The sessions have proved to be an excellent vehicle to involve Rotary Club members in a 'hands on' Youth Activities community program. They also are an excellent opportunity to publicise within and outside your club how your club is actively involved supporting young people in the community.

I am seeking your support for Rotarians from your club to attend the sessions (male Rotarians on the 13th and 21st & female Rotarians for the 14th and 22nd). Please Note: Golden Square SC is linked to Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club & Weeroona is linked to Bendigo Rotary Club. The sessions run for 2 hours from 11am to 1pm.

Furthermore, if you are willing to cover the costs of lunch (\$150 per session - \$300 per school) this will cover the costs of running the program. The costs are for the caterer to provide lunch for around 30 students and presenters at each session.

If you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

John

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strength, teamwork, resilience, achievements, inspiration, greatness, heart, togetherness, aspirations  
learning, knowledge

### Preamble:

Many regional communities have identified the retention of school leavers within the community as an issue; this translates into potential future losses in local industry and breakdown in community connections. **Straighttalk** provides the opportunity for students to be exposed to employment opportunities in their own community in an interactive and exciting way while making links between schools, work and community.

**Straighttalk** was an initial collaborative project between The Smith Family and the Bairnsdale Secondary College. This project sees students in Year 8 at come together for a one off interactive experience primarily with community members who work in the area, along with some guests from other areas.

The program will see this group of students and mentors come together over lunch to talk about work placed options. **Straighttalk** is an informal, no nonsense, no fuss program that hopes to extend the students knowledge of options in their local community. Its main focus is for the students to have the opportunity to talk with and listen to community members that may have had similar schooling and have then gone on to run their own businesses or have been employed locally.

### Targeted Groups:

Students:

Students in year 8 who will be from a diverse range of backgrounds, there may be a number of students that do not have a significant male role model in their lives but this is by no means the only criteria for being involved in the program. It is at the discretion of the school who they feel their target group should be, but The Smith Family philosophy is one of letting every child be given the opportunity to be involved, and not to target those that are seen as requiring additional assistance.

#### Ratio:

A ratio of 1 community member : 2 students

#### Outline of the Day:

##### Luncheon:

- Welcome by one of the local employees (school to work life scenario – light hearted)
  - o Students will be seated in groups at tables provided.
  - o Mentors will move around the tables in pairs – changing tables approximately every 15 minutes.
  - o Lunch will be provided
  - o Thank you from school at end of program

## Why yr 8 students?

We understand that you may be asking the question as to why *straighttalk* is targeted toward year 8 students and not those in later year levels; we hope you find the following information useful as to why the program works with these younger students.

- Research has raised questions about whether students in yr 8 understand the level of education required to enter various occupations. Without this knowledge many students may end their schooling prematurely and attain a level of education that is not adequate to enter their chosen field.
- It is also disappointing to acknowledge that there are a percentage of students of this age who do not expect to get a job in the field they are passionate about. They do expect to get a job somewhere, but their educational commitment, motivation and aspirations are greatly minimised as they do not have a goal or focus.
- In some circumstances intervention at later year levels can be too late, yrs 8 & 9 have been identified as the school years which have the lowest student retention, it is important that students get positive input during these years which may motivate them now and in the future.
- Students at this age are also beginning to form general vocational plans, these are quite fluid and flexible, therefore we aim to introduce students to an array of individuals from many different occupations to give them some general ideas about what the world of work is like.

*Straighttalk* is a proactive program in which we aim to present positive messages and stories from members of the community who are currently employed in different occupations, who may come from a similar background and may have experienced and overcome challenges on their way to becoming successful in their chosen career.

#### What students say:

“I learnt how to talk to people and that if you set your goals you can do anything you want”

“I enjoyed seeing all the men and hearing what they did in their lives to get to where they are today”

“Now I have more of an idea about what I want to do when I finish school”

#### What community participants say:

“I loved the opportunity to broaden the students thinking, and see their eyes sparkle with realisation of what is possible”

“It was good to get these young kids to think about their futures and for them to mix with different people from the community”

“I enjoyed giving the students ideas and telling them about how I got to where I am”

## **Special Item for consideration**

Dear President/Secretary

We are Rotary Club Members of the Port Melbourne Rotary Club.

Last year our club purchased one of these Ultimate BBQ Packages (attached) which was financed via The Volunteer Grants Program. They have saved us money on hiring equipment and made our key fund raising days a great success.

The Volunteer Grants Program 2008 are available from the Federal Government at \$5,000 per volunteer group and can be used for Marquees, BBQ's and a whole host of other items. Please ring 1800 183 374 or refer to following URL: [http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/sfsc-vgp\\_2008\\_guidelines.htm](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/sfsc-vgp_2008_guidelines.htm) .

If you don't to take up our special offer, we urge you to consider applying for a grant, which can be used to purchase other much needed equipment for the benefit of the community.

### **OUR SENSATIONAL OFFER:**

The Ultimate BBQ Package (Attached) \$4,995 (Funded by the Volunteer Grants Program 2008)

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The current catch is that the 2008 Grants [close on 17th October 2008](#). We are happy to complete the Grants on your behalf, so that they just need signed and posted by you. In this instance the Donation to your club would be reduced to \$775.

If you have storage problems and are in the Greater Melbourne area, let us store the equipment for you! Ask about our special storage option! If you would like the Rotary Emblem on the Marquee or your Club Name and Emblem, just let us know, it's not that expensive!

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