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ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

82nd Changeover Dinner

7 June 2020

**Bairnsdale Club
Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale**



ROTARY INVOCATION

For good food
Good fellowship
And
The opportunity
To serve
Through Rotary
We give
thanks

ROTARY MOTTO

Service Above Self

THE 4 WAY TEST

Of the things we think,
say or do,

FIRST:
Is it the truth?

SECOND:
Is it fair to all
concerned?

THIRD:
Will it build goodwill
and better friendships?

FOURTH:
Will it be beneficial to
all concerned?

WHO WE ARE

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million
neighbours, friends, leaders & problem solvers
who come together to make positive, lasting
change in communities at home and abroad

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Tony Murray**

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale

COMMITTEE

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Brian Ross
John Walker
Martin van Elst
John Beynon

International
Vocational
Programs
Youth
Community

OTHER POSITIONS

Photographer
Marquee/BBQ
Holston Award
Golf & Bowls Day

Bonnie Walker
John Crawford
Rex Estoppey
Rex Estoppey/Geoff Johnston

PRESIDENTS REPORT



Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead the Club for the last 12 months. This has been a very challenging year in many ways, firstly with the ongoing drought, then the bush fires and now we face the COVID 19 pandemic which has significantly changed our day to day lives. However, throughout these crises, our Club has continued to gain funding and donations to purchase hay, fodder and molasses in order

that we can help the most affected farmers throughout this ongoing drought.

Also, along with members of our cluster Club group, we have set up a committee for Fire Aid. In addition, we have set up a bank account for Fire Aid donations to further help local victims of the bush fires. Advertising for donations for fire relief through Facebook as well as gaining grants through Rotary has enabled us to receive large donations for the victims of the bush fires. Aid for both fire and drought relief projects, will no doubt continue into the future until they are no longer required.

In December before the bush fires and the pandemic became our priority, we were able to send a candidate to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). For the first time, this years' program included a more intense leadership module. Unfortunately, because of the bush fires it was necessary to cancel NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) for this Rotary year. Subsequently because of the pandemic, it also became necessary to cancel all other Rotary Youth Programs for this year.

I am happy to report that our membership increased to 27 members during this year. We also had some excellent speakers in the first few months, as well as an awesome fun pizza night as a fundraiser for polio plus. Since we are unable to attend meetings because of the pandemic some of our members have been attending the Zoom meetings. I have also been in touch with members by phone to touch base with them to see how they are coping.

While I have only been with the club for a short time, I am honoured to be part of a very well organised Club and to be able to work alongside a wonderful group of committed members who are focussed on ensuring great outcomes for the Club and for the community it serves. Our Club has increased our public relation efforts to promote the Club's activities through greater use of our website, social media, Club bulletin and local publicity. This has brought about a greater awareness of the Club's involvement in projects such as drought relief and bush fire aid as well as general activities of Rotary in the local community.

During the year our club was asked to attend the 35th anniversary of the forming of the Paynesville Probuss and Bairnsdale Probuss



Clubs. We had sponsored both clubs all those years ago and we were more than glad to attend and give a brief talk. At Paynesville, Gillian Reeve and I were warmly welcomed by the over 100 members, where the talk was well

received. A couple of months later it was the turn of Bairnsdale Probuss and Ken Sheather did the honours and gave a congratulatory speech to the gathering. It is heartening to know that what our club helped start 35 years ago is still going strong.

The theme this past year was "Rotary Connects the World." As Rotarians we need to let the community and our youth know how important Rotary is, that we are helping others in need as well as helping our community, our youth and supporting each other as Rotarians. I wish incoming President Martin all the best for the challenging year ahead. The theme for 2020-2021 is "Rotary Opens Opportunities." I wish President Martin and all the club members to open those opportunities with your positive energy.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF THANK YOU

Patricia Murray-Walton - President

TREASURERS REPORT

Well my first year as Treasurer, what a year ☺ - That was my comment on my first year – What can I say about the second – WOW – Working with the Farmers Relief still, then the Bush Fires came and taking on the Treasurers role for EGRFA and then COVID 19 hit!! Thank you to Gillian, for guiding me throughout the year, with all the different projects the Rotary club of Bairnsdale is involved in. What a great job, by all members.

We have had a total sum of \$30,555.00 come in for this year, re Farmers Relief. What a huge effort by all involved with this project. With these monies we have been able to help our Farmers work through this tough time; this project is still on going.

Another huge effort, has been with the Bush Fires and the committee put together to run EGRFA – Five Rotary Clubs of East Gippsland coming together – RC of Bairnsdale members have been very busy with this project - helping the East Gippsland Community effected by the fires. At this stage total Donations/Grants in is \$720,483.00 with money going back out into the community at this stage is \$357,497.00 – these figures are changing daily, very much an ongoing project.

The marquee is still our main fund raiser and thanks have to go to the dedicated band of workers who turn up in all weathers to erect the large and sometimes cumbersome marquee. But this year with the COVID 19 restriction's, has put a stop to our Marquee Hire at this time! But it still in \$6802.00.

The COVID 19 put a stop to the Golf and Bowls Day, the Bower Bird ladies had sold a large number of the raffle tickets before the COVID shut down and the raffle was still drawn on the 7th April, so we were able to cover costs, plus give \$1700.00 to the Bower Birds. We will look forward to the next one!!

We have been able to continue our contribution to Foundation Annual Fund as well as to Polio Plus. As the powerhouse of Rotary International it is essential that we send money each year

Listed are the major fundraisers for the year and the beneficiaries of those funds.

INCOME

Lift the Lid	122	Community
Golf & Bowls Day	1700	Community
Farmers Relief	30555	Farmers Relief
Fines	496	International
Heads & Tails	1016	International
Pizza Night	606	Foundation
Medical Cards	63	Community
Marquee	6802	Fundraising

Total **\$41,360**

DISTRIBUTION

Farmers Relief – Hay etc	54724	Farmers Relief
Mother Christmas	94	Community
Bower Birds	1700	Community
Awake & Shine Sponsorship	1050	International
FFFFKF	500	International
School Awards	300	Youth
NYSF	20	Youth
RYLA	899	Youth
Foundation General Fund	3000	Foundation
Polio Plus	606	Foundation
School Awards – Swifts Creek Area	900	Holsten

Total **\$63,793**

We have had a very busy year and as a club we were glad that we could make a difference to the organisations and individuals.

Treasurer – Michelle Young

FOUNDATION REPORT

The Foundation section of the Rotary International website tells us that:

“Since 1988, Rotary and it’s partners have immunised more than 2.5 billion children against polio. As of June 2019 Rotary has committed \$2 billion to global polio eradication”

As I investigated a little further, I discovered that each year the Foundation also supports the training of Peace Fellows at six Rotary Peace Centres. This enables them to become experienced and effective catalysts for peace. The website says that:

“Many serve as leaders in governments, NGOs, the military, education, law enforcement and international organisations like the United Nations and the World Bank”.

I didn’t know that! As I am more familiar with Polio Plus and District Global Grants.

Our club continues as it always has, to enthusiastically support Foundation, this year we have been able to contribute over \$3,000.00.

The highlight of my year as Foundation Chair was our World Polio Day Fundraiser – a fun night to raise money for a serious disease. At our Pizza Party for Polio on 22 October, 32 people helped us raise just over \$600.00. A “buy one, get one free” deal at one of our local pizza restaurants, helped us to reduce costs and increase the end result.



Michelle Worsley was more than happy to help come up with some interesting entertainment for the night. Many of our club members, visitors from other clubs, family

and friends didn't disappoint with their purple attire. Lots of quirky purple prizes were the order of the night.

The highlight of the evening was our guest speaker, Wally Walton, President Patricia's husband, who shared from the heart his journey with polio.

A huge thank you to all our members and to others who have so generously supported this and other Foundation initiatives.

Brenda Burney – Foundation Chair

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

The year started with PP Tony taking on the role of International Chair, but due to family matters he had to relinquish his role after a few months. I sort of took over and did the best I could to keep it all on track for the year, although some projects run themselves.

Hariti Scholarship

This project started in 2009 after we went to the Rotary Club of Jogjakarta Tamansari and form what has been a lasting relationship. Each year Chris Dungey and I have organised an international theme night, cooking food from a different country each year, at the first meeting in January. This year we were on track for a Thai evening, but the bush fires put paid to that and we had to cancel, thinking that we could reschedule in a month or two, but then came Covid-19 and that was it. On a positive note the monies raised in January 2019 was used to distribute



schoolbooks and backpacks to students in September 2019. We will be back on track to do it all again in the next Rotary year.

Fostering Futures for Kids in Farkwa

This program which is a school in the village of Farkwa in Tanzania was started by a local group in Bairnsdale and they have achieved great results. They put out a call for further sponsorship monies to assist the following:

- Shida – electrical installation (trade course)
- Joshua - electrical installation (trade course)
- Yunis – tailoring (trade course)
- Nikolas – Accountancy

We were more than happy to give another \$500.00 to help with these students. A recent communication from Joy, of Bairnsdale informed us that through this pandemic, Tanzania, is struggling, but Farkwa is doing well, which is encouraging to hear.

Awake & Shine School

This was our sixth year of sponsoring five students at the Awake and Shine School in Samtha, Kalimpong, West Bengal. Through Rotarians Ula and Ken Sheather we had a continuing association with this school, founded in 2007. So we took on the sponsorship of five students to assist with their education, next year will see all these students graduating from primary school and we have enjoyed seeing the development of this school over the years.

Gillian Reeve - International

YOUTH REPORT

RYLA

RYLA took place 9 December 2019 to 14 December 2019 at Rawson Village. This was the first year that RYLA ran a six Day Program in a long time. The program also included a Cert IV in Business. RYLA is a residential high energy program for young leaders age 18 to 25. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program includes thought provoking plenaries, discussion moderators, and professional facilitators from many disciplines. Discussions and experimental sessions focus on what leadership is, qualities of leadership, team-building activities, Time and stress management. Hannah Nicholls was our candidate for RYLA this year. Hannah also participating in our clubs Christmas social.

The following report is from our candidate Hannah

RYLA Conference

On the 9th of December I had the pleasure of being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference held in Rawson Village over six days. This conference was an extremely unique opportunity where we as participants were offered a chance for not only professional growth, the ability to complete our Cert IV in Business, but also to enhance our personal growth and especially our leadership skills within the community.

At the beginning of the week the leaders discussed successful goal setting for our futures, whether that be the next few months or following years, as well as what we expected to get out of the conference. This was extremely beneficial to me as I often find it difficult to set good goals for myself and the leaders gave us all great techniques to use step by step to actually work towards these goals.

Throughout the week we heard from many amazing and inspiring speakers, including Lisa M McInnes-Smith an acclaimed keynote speaker who spoke to us about changing your attitude in order to get positive outcomes and achieve our goals. Rebecca Fry also spoke with our group about personality and leadership traits, showing us how to understand ourselves to benefit a team. We also had the privilege of listening to Steven Cain, a decathlon athlete and Brett Cousins an actor and director, who motivated and inspired us to keep trying to achieve our goals even if we have setbacks.

The entire conference was packed with countless sessions designed to target specific skill development, including our leadership skills and styles where we identified our own types of leadership and worked in groups to complete tasks attempting to use differing leadership techniques. We were also challenged in our project management and processes skills as our group was tasked to organise and execute a Rotary Dinner, including entertainment and fundraising activities for the Speak Up for Change Campaign, ran by Hannah Swinnerton, one of the members of our group. We worked together as a group, creating committees and an agenda to

create an entertaining and informative night for the attending Rotarians. It was an eye-opening experience for those of us who had never had to organise something like this before or under the array of constraints we had, offering an opportunity to see how we react under pressure and in a team of people with differing ideas. The night went well with the group raising over \$250 for the Speak Up for Change Campaign as well as having the chance to thank some of the Rotarians that played a part in giving us the amazing opportunity to attend the RYLA Conference.

During the conference, our group was lucky enough to be visited in Rawson by some extremely inspiring Rotarians who take part in some the local and international projects that rotary run. This was great for some of the participants who were unaware of exactly what Rotary does in their own communities as they talked to members about their own projects and learnt about the great things Rotary does as well as how we can get involved.

Overall the conference was a very beneficial experience for myself and I will continue to practice the lessons I learnt for years to come as well as keeping in good contact with the participants and the leaders to support each other and keep learning from each other. RYLA has been an invaluable experience for myself and from what I've heard from the other participants they would agree, and I feel privileged to have been given this opportunity by the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale's and feel very grateful for all the clubs that sponsored others to attend. Thank you very much and I do hope that program can continue and inspire more people to get involved in their own communities and empower young people to become leaders as it has for me.

Hannah Nicholls

NYSF

The NYSF Year 12 Program was cancelled this year because of the bush fires in Australia. Due to smoke in Canberra caused by these fires, it would make it very difficult for health and safety reasons to go ahead with the program. Canberra was also hit with hail stones during that time. Then Australia was impacted with the COVID 19 pandemic.

Leon Adams from Nagle College in Bairnsdale was the candidate for NYSF this year. Leon's parents as well as the Bairnsdale Club was refunded the full amount of the fees.

Leah Radatti was assisted by our club to attend One Young World in the Hague, Netherlands last Year. Leah spoke very well at our club both before and after she attended One Young World. Leah also received a special invitation from Trinity College in Dublin Ireland to take a course in humanitarian rights. She left for Dublin last July but had to come home recently because of the COVID-19 but plans to go back to Trinity College to finish her courses in Humanitarian Rights. She is now working on getting her Masters. Leah would like to be a lawyer with the United Nations specializing in Humanitarian Rights.

Unfortunately the other Rotary Youth Programs consisting of RYPEN, MUNA and RAIC were cancelled this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Once again using the Holsten Trust money we were able to support students at the Swifts Creek Primary and Secondary College, as well as the Omeo Primary School, which were presented to the chosen students at their Presentation Night at the end of 2019.

Patricia Murray-Walton/Martin van Elst (Youth Director)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Once again, we have increased our membership, welcoming another three members into the fold, as at publication of this report we have 27. What has been interesting is that we now have five couples as members, we all know that spouses are a huge support, so we are glad that they have decided to join us too.

During the year we held a meet and greet night at a local restaurant, inviting potential members to attend in a casual, social atmosphere. Although we did not manage to attract the numbers we had hoped, it was a good evening and the committee have some great ideas to use in the coming year.

What is heartening is that over the last two years we have not lost any members, which shows that we must be doing the right thing and generally our retention rate has always been excellent. So members, keep being just who you are and make everyone welcome at our meetings.



VOCATIONAL REPORT

During the year we managed to fit in a vocational visit to a local pottery studio, The Clay Place, in Eagle Point. We were treated to the story of the different journeys that brought them to pottery and ultimately living next door to each other. They had formed an artist space where they not only create their own pieces but pass on their knowledge through different levels of classes.



We watched as they threw pots and gave one of our Rotarians a go at the wheel. We were able to look over the small gallery there and had the opportunity to purchase any pots that might take our fancy.



We rounded off the evening at the Paynesville Cruiser Club, where Wendy and Liz were able to join us as our guests. A great evening was had by one and all, always a welcome change to the normal run of meetings and a good way to showcase a local business.

COMMUNITY REPORT

This year we have supported several Community projects. Some members over the years have felt that we have a low profile in the local community but judging by the following reports this is not the case.

Australian Rotary Health Research Fund

We once again devoted an evening to Lift the Lid on Mental Health and managed to raise \$122.00 to go towards our annual donation to Australian Rotary Health.

Good Friday Appeal

Due to COVID-19 we had to cancel the tin collections at the traffic lights on Good Friday, but a few venues have still been collecting money which will be collected and counted. The Good Friday Appeal still managed to raise money through online platforms with a good result

Meals on Wheels

As usual in January we did our week of assisting with Meals on Wheels, distributing much appreciated meals to various local residents. Thank you to all those members who used their cars to collect and deliver these meals.

Medical Booklets

The Medical Booklets that we supply to the public, through the local pharmacies, for a gold coin donation, continues as always, with some locations being more successful than others.

Bowel Scan Kits

For many years we have provided Bowel Scan Kits which are sold through the local pharmacies, but it had to be cancelled just prior to the commencement date. Pharmacies have been advised that kits will still be available for their customers to purchase over the Internet and I have provided the appropriate contact details.

Charity Golf & Bowls Day

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the 37th Charity Golf and Bowls Day, which was a shame. The Bower Birds who have helped us over the last few years still sold some of the 2000 raffle tickets for the fuel prize. The draw went ahead as planned on the due day under strict conditions and the lucky winners were notified. We were still able to donate \$1700.00 to the Bowers Birds, who will use it to purchase much needed equipment for the Bairnsdale Hospital.

John Beynon – Community Service Director

<h2>FARMERS RELIEF</h2>

Wow!! Another year has gone by and we are still helping the farmers in our area, during the ongoing drought, but things are looking slightly better as at writing this report, drought wise.

The five original members have continued on for 2019-2020 with this year's President Patricia joining this very cohesive group. Thanks goes to the ongoing committee:

Gillian Reeve	Liaison & Communication
Rex Estoppey	Feed and fodder
Bonnie Walker	Publicity and logistics
John Walker	Logistics
Michelle Young	Treasurer extraordinaire

We started the new year with some leftover money from the previous one, not knowing if the generous donations would keep coming as the farmers were still in dire need of support. By the end of July the Rotary Club of Hasting/ Westernport started organising

the bales of hay promised. Some was totally donated together with freight, other loads, a joint effort with our club and the remainder funded 100% by Bairnsdale. A great guy who had stepped up during 2018-2019, Paul from Trafalgar, carted several loads and refused to take any money, not even for petrol. He even organised 60 bales of silage which he transported to Bairnsdale, free of charge, thank you very much.

We realised that the donations were slowing down as many people perhaps thought that the drought had broken, some areas in Victoria had been receiving some decent rain, but there were several pockets in East Gippsland that completely missed out. Using what money we had, we purchased more hay and paid for transport on donated bales.

Encouraged by PDG Janne we made application through RAWCS for a matching grant of \$6000.00 as part of the Dick Smith Compassionate Grant system. We were successful and this enabled us to purchase bulk bags of pellets and more hay, primarily to assist the farmers in Munro, Stockdale, Glenaladale and Meerlieu areas, as they were still in drought conditions.

Once again, the Rotary Club of Lilydale, who were there at the beginning, kept an eye out for any donated hay, informing us and then we organized transportation.

This included a donation of 300 bales of hay from the Water Board in Clyde, who delivered it freight free to Bairnsdale. This brought us some media coverage and Bonnie was the star on the Channel Nine news, don't let it go to your head!!



Then the bush fires hit, our farmers who were struggling to survive now had to look on as paddocks, hay, fencing and buildings were destroyed. PE Martin was keen to ensure that all clubs could pull together to assist where we could and contacted all the other clubs in our cluster. A meeting was held at AG Anne's house on 1

January 2020, a committee formed and away we went. This committee recognized the valuable contacts that Rex had made through organising hay etc and he stepped up to do that role as well as on our committee.

The fires were disastrous and as you can imagine all focus was on that, but we still had a commitment to look after our drought affected farmers, some of whom had not been in the fire zone. Luckily there was some crossover with farms affected by the fires who could tap into the monies being donated to the East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid. Some of our financial supporters, mainly Rotary clubs both in and outside of our District still donated what they could, so we were able to continue. We received a donation that had to be used on assisting school children that had been affected and we were able, through the co-operation of the Swifts Creek and Omeo Primary Schools, to give this to deserving families who were struggling

Our own club still managed to donate over \$2000.00 this year through club raffles, fund raisers and the generosity of members who held functions and donated the money to Farmers Relief.

As at writing this report we have expended just about all of our funds for Farmers Relief, with delivering two tanker loads of molasses to the Ensay, Swifts Creek and Buchan areas, which will benefit about 40 farmers. We did the same thing last year and the farmers were very appreciative to have a supplement to assist with conditioning their cattle through winter.

District came to the aid of a farmer and his wife in the Stockdale/Munro area who were not only suffering through the drought conditions but had various health issues that had seen both in hospital. Thank you for providing much appreciated funds from the District Disaster Fund for this elderly couple.

We got some moving advertising when the local Futsal Team, The Bairnsdale Hay Balers, competed in a competition



in Melbourne, captained by PE Martin, wearing the Farmer s Relief logo. Although they were not successful at the tournament, they were able to take our message to further afield.

Not even COVID-19 stopped our operations completely and we were able to get trucks of hay through to the Buchan area. One hopes that the drought will be have broken in several areas, but as stated in August 2018, we will be here till the end. Judging from the many thankyou notes and messages we have received, we know that our efforts are greatly appreciated by the East Gippsland community. It always make you proud to be a Rotarian when you see the difference you can make in your local community as well as overseas.

Some statistics on relief provided:

	2019-2020	2018-2019
Large Hay Bales	744	446
Small Hay Bales	276	76
Bales held in storage	85	
Silage	8	60
Bulka Bags (pellets)		3
Magnesium Blocks		43
Dog Food (pallet)		1
Sheep Pellets x \$750	2	
Tankers of Molasses	2	2

What is not reflected in the figures is all the donated cartage or charged at a minimum cost, we could not have done it without all this help. A BIG shoutout goes to Donalda Motors who for another 12 months have let us store our hay in their yard after they unload from the semis and load on the farmer’s transportation all with a smile on their face.

The Rotarian who has born most of the load this year is ever dependable Rex, ably assisted by wife Cec. It is hard to imagine the hours and hours he has spent on the phone, talking to farmers, assessing their needs and lending a sympathetic ear. We are so

lucky to have this resource in our club and thank you once again from us all Rex, we could not have done this without you.

Bonnie Walker with her farming knowledge and contacts managed to keep on top of organising freight etc. another valuable resource that we could not have done without.

Another Rotarian who stepped up again this year handling all the finances is Michelle Young, who also took on the role as treasurer of the East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid Committee. No one who is not a bookkeeper could understand the time and effort it takes to keep track of everything, pay all accounts and record every transaction for accurate reporting.

Gillian Reeve – Farmers Relief



PUBLIC RELATIONS

Most of this year's publicity relates to our work with drought and fire relief with lots of photos of hay flying about. Some of you may think "seen one bale of hay seen the lot" but some have been very creative. The advertiser has been good at publishing our stories but articles for RDU have disappeared into the ether. Channel Nine did an interview with me about the hay from Water Board in Clyde and so we got some brief publicity there.

Facebook and our website is up to date with vibrant material so we are using several mediums to spread the word about our good work. We have been able to get regular photos in the local paper of

events at our club, so we are constantly keeping us in the community eye.

Bonnie Walker - Public Relations

MARQUEE

It has been fifteen years since I suggested to the club that we purchase a second hand marquee and trailer, from the Somerville Tyabb Rotary Club, to use as a major fundraiser. Initially there were a few misgivings, but it has proved it's worth over the years and has been our main fundraiser.

We have over that time replaced most of the sides and roof and this year the trailer received some TLC, being stripped back, repainted, plus updated sign writing and it now looks pretty sharp. This has ensured that wherever the marquee and trailer is, people know it is the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale, out in the community. The trailer had to find a new home this year, so thanks go to Roy who is now the custodian of this asset, we don't know what we would do without you.

As with most Rotary clubs this year has proved challenging, we lost several bookings due to the bush fires and then when we thought we might get back on track, COVI-19 came to rain on our parade. The phone has been silent for months now, but we are confident that things will change and the team will be complaining that we are too busy.

As always, a big thank you must go to all those members, honorary members, partners and friends who turn up and make it all possible. Get ready to do it all again next year.

John Crawford - Marquee Organiser

SOCIAL

During the year we had several social events. Our annual Pizza Night at John and Janet's, once again a highlight of the year and we were treated to a variety of gourmet pizza's. It is always good to see at these events that past members join us to be part of the festivities. John donated all the profit for the night to our Farmers Relief project.

The Christmas party which is always the last meeting for the calendar year proved once again to be a fun filled night, the Kris Kringle with a twist, bringing out the best and worst of members present. Many went home with gifts that will never see the light of day again, but it was a great night. Thanks to Cec and Margaret who purchased and wrapped all the gifts for the night.

We had the opportunity to have a couple of Sunday lunches at the Ensay Winery, which was supported by Rotarians, past members and some friends. We were able to support a local business, in a drought affected area, as well as enjoy some sumptuous food cooked to perfection. On one visit Tim Gibson gave us a historical tour of some local landmarks at Reedy Flats.



John Cecil Holston

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Born at Ensay in 1895 John was one of ten children born to Anthony and Alice (nee Martin) and he served his country for almost the entire duration of the war. Enlisting in December 1914 he did not return to Australia until May 1919. He suffered frostbite at Gallipoli and contracted mumps in Egypt however during the rest of the confrontation he avoided injury. Returning to the district he married Gladys Rowland in 1922 and farmed around Omeo for many years. In the early 1950s they moved to Melbourne where he died at Niddrie in 1974. The Holston Award Trust Fund administered by the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale was established by this family for scholarship of Omeo children.

CLUB PROGRAMS

This year took a different turn due to the COVID-19, but our club never missed a beat and as soon as we had to make the decision to not meet in person, we embraced Zoom meetings and it has been great to see members getting on board with this new medium. Who knows it might be added as another way to meet in the future, although we will all be glad when we can have a drink and a meal together.

7.7.2019	Changeover
9.7.2019	No Meeting
16.7.2019	Planning Meeting
23.7.2019	General Meeting
30.7.2019	Board Meeting
4.8.2019	Cluster Meeting – DG Visit Lakes
6.8.2019	No Meeting
13.8.2019	Wayne Stagg – Updated Road Rules
20.8.2019	General Meeting
27.8.2019	Board Meeting
3.9.2019	MUNA Students – Bronte Cunningham & Indi Roberts
	NYSF Candidate – Leon Adams
10.9.2019	Jan Lucas – Mentoring
17.9.2019	Board Meeting
24.9.2019	Planning Meeting
1.10.2019	Graham Wigg – Justice of the Peace
8.10.2019	Jim Basham – Human Relations
15.10.2019	Jim Basham – Conflict Resolutions
22.10.2019	Pizza Party for Polio Plus
	Wally Walton – Life after Polio
29.10.2019	Board Meeting
5.11.2019	No meeting – Melbourne Cup Day
12.11.2019	Tom Forster – My Health Record
19.11.2019	Pizza Night at John Crawfords
26.11.2019	Board Meeting
3.12.2019	Cameron Dyson – Eye Health
10.12.2019	Vocational Visit – The Clay Place
17.12.2019	Christmas Party
24.12.2019	No Meeting

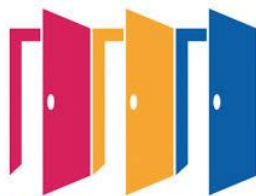
31.12.2019	No Meeting
7.1.2020	No meeting due to bush fires
14.1.2020	Hannah Nicholls – RYLA Experience
21.1.2020	Planning Meeting
29.1.2020	Ecumenical Service BBQ at St Mary's
1.2.2020	Fire Aid BBQ Sarsfield
4.2.2020	Roy Rooney – Rotarian Behind the Badge
8.2.2020	Fire Aid BBQ Bruthen
11.2.2020	General Meeting
18.2.2020	General Meeting
25.2.2020	Board Meeting
3.3.2020	General Meeting
10.3.2020	Ula Sheather – Nepal
14.3.2020	Fire Aid BBQ Cann River
17.3.2020	Rod Bridgborn – Rotarian Behind the Badge
24.3.2020	Zoom – General Meeting
31.3.2020	Zoom – Board Meeting
7.4.2020	Zoom – General Meeting
14.4.2020	Zoom – General Meeting
21.4.2020	Zoom – General Meeting
28.4.2020	Zoom – Board Meeting
5.5.2020	Zoom – How to change your background
12.5.2020	Zoom – Logging into Club, District and RI website
19.5.2020	Peter Gardner - A Brief History on the Greenhouse Effect
26.5.2020	Zoom – Board Meeting
2.6.2020	Zoom – General Meeting

John Walker - Programs



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		Bridgborn, Rodney
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PP PHF	Hon	Cunningham, Connie
PHF	Hon	Cunningham, Graham
PHF		Desio, Tony & Antonia
PP PHF	Hon	Dungey, Chris
		Estoppey, Cec
PP PHF #		Estoppey, Rex
PP PHF	Hon	Fuller, Jeff & Robyn
PP PHF	Hon	Gibson, Tim
PP PHF		Johnston, Geoff & Lyn
PP PHF	Hon	Macfarlane, Geoff
		Macfarlane, Margaret
PP PHF	Hon	McCracken, Roger & Sally
		Moore, Judy
		Moore, Robert
PP PHF		Murray, Tony
		Murray-Walton, Patricia & Wally
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		Rooney, Roy
PP PHF		Ross, Brian & Ann
PP PHF	Hon	Roulston, Brett & Kae
PP PHF		Sheather, Ken
		Sheather, Ula
		Van Elst, Martin
PHF		Walker, Bonnie
PP PHF		Walker, John
PP PHF #	PDG	Wheeldon, Noel
PHF		Wheeldon, Rhonda
		Worsley, Michelle
		Young, Michelle & Mark



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