

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

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Monthly Theme: Membership and New Club Development

FROM THE BOARD

Last week we held the first Board Meeting of the year headed by President Tony and all members had their say, coming up with many ideas and potential projects.

Foundation

As a club we have decided to give our usual \$3000.00 to Foundation plus \$1500.00 to Polio Plus

International

- We have received a letter of support from the Rotary Club of Benalla for the supply of readers and teacher support materials for the Samthar Valley area in West Bengal. UPDATE the grant we applied for from District 9820 has been approved so we are on the move
- The themed function we have been holding each year in January will go ahead as usual

Community

New Director John Ariens had several ideas:

- Supporting the Shine On Awards
- Going with the Rotary Australia project of ending Trachoma in Australia by 2020
- Lift the Lid on Mental Health an initiative of the Australian Rotary Health Foundation with the possibility of holding a BBQ at Bunnings and put Rotary on display
- Applying for another District Grant to supply much needed Healthcare Kits to the various organisations in our town
- Supporting RI President Ian Riseleys call for each Rotarian to plant a tree, making a total of 1.2 million more trees in the world

Youth

- We are a sponsor for the Inspiring Youth event organised by GELLEN with the opportunity for members to attend as mentors to the youth involved
- We will be sponsoring the upcoming Futsal Tournament to be held at the BARC and will provide a BBQ on the day
- When Ula is back on deck I am sure that we will be supporting the youth in our area with many projects

Membership

The possibility of two new members joining prior to the end of August, which will boost the percentage of females in the club – come on guys do your bit!!!

Publicity

Our Facebook page is still very active and attracting a lot of likes. The web page is still a work in progress but getting there. Our recent changeover had really good coverage in the local paper.

If you were unable to make the Board Meeting give us your ideas to help make this year a good one



President RI: Ian H. S Riseley
D9820 Governor: Don Ripper
D9820 EG Assistant Governor: Judy van der Vlugt
Club President: Tony Murray
Past President: Helen Crosby
Corres Secretary: Gillian Reeve
Minute Secretary: Noel Wheeldon
Treasurer: Gillian Reeve
Membership & Vocation: Brian Ross
PR, Bulletin, Facebook, Web: Helen Crosby and Gillian Reeve
Youth Service: Ula Sheather
Community Programs: John Ariens
International: Margaret Macfarlane
Foundation: Margaret Macfarlane
Club Meets at: The Bairnsdale Club
Tuesdays 6pm: 68 Nicholson St Bairnsdale
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Phone: Club before 12 noon

Web Sites to visit:
Our Facebook Page – rcbairnsdale
Our Webpage – rcbairnsdale.org
Youtube.com/rotary
Rotary International - rotary.org.au

Marquee Hire: John Crawford
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Marquee Volunteers are welcome



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Celebrations

Birthday

Helen Crosby - 6 August

WHAT'S ON

Our Meetings (5.45 for 6.15pm) & Other Events

1 st August	Steers for Students Update
8 th August	District Governor Don Ripper Visit Partners welcome
15 th August	Trip USA – Gillian
22 nd August	Board Meeting

OTHER CLUBS MEET

Monday	Mitchell River @ Bairnsdale RSL 5.45 for 6pm. Leave message Ph: 9517 1220 before 11am Mondays
Wednesday	Bairnsdale Sunrise @ International Motel Registration, Sue, Mobile 0438 278 258 Lakes Entrance @ Central Hotel, Esplanade, 6 for 6.30pm. Attendance, Lesley 0419871197
Thursday	Orbost @ The Orbost Club 6 for 6.30pm. PH Wendy 0457 345 369

It was good to see several members of our club attend the Memorial Service for Rotarian John Glass, on Monday. He was truly a humble man who was always willing to give a helping hand, truly Service Above Self, was the way he lived his life. He will be missed by all who knew him

DISTRICT GOVENORS VISIT

It's that time of year again and District Governor Don Ripper will be visiting our club on 8 August 2017.

All Directors are asked to be at the Bairnsdale Club at 5.00pm to meet with Don and discuss our goals for the coming year

It will be a partners night and we would like you all to attend for an informative but social evening.

Remember the Rotary theme for the year:

Rotary: Making a Difference

Let's ensure that this is our goal

WHAT IS TRACHOMA

Trachoma is the world's leading cause of infectious blindness. It is caused by the bacterium *Chlamydia trachomatis* and creates swelling under the inner eyelid. Repeated episodes of infection lead to scarring. The scars cause eyelashes to turn inward and scratch the eye, producing intense pain made worse by blinking. Eventually, if left untreated, the scratched cornea becomes cloudy, and irreversible blindness follows.

How it spreads

Trachoma spreads by personal contact (via hands, clothing, towels or bedding), or by flies in contact with infected discharge from the nose or eyes of children's faces.

Where does trachoma exist?

Apart from existing in some of the world's poorest countries, Australia is the last developed country where trachoma still remains a problem. It isn't found in mainstream Australia, but lingers in remote Indigenous communities, where there is poor sanitation, overcrowded households and low personal and community hygiene. Young children are particularly at risk.

Trachoma in Australia

In 2009, the Australian government committed to eliminating trachoma by 2020. Since then, trachoma rates in endemic areas have fallen from 15-20%, to 4.6% in 2015. The number of infected communities fell from 200 to 50, with hotspots still remaining mainly in and around Central Australia.

How it is managed

International and Australian efforts to eliminate trachoma use the World Health Organisation developed strategy, a combination of interventions known by the acronym SAFE: Surgery for trichiasis (inturned eyelashes), Antibiotics, Facial cleanliness and Environmental improvement. Australia made great progress when it began funding treatment for trachoma, however personal and community hygiene needs to be improved, otherwise trachoma will bounce back.

Preventing trachoma

Keeping every child's face clean, and ensuring functional and appropriate wash facilities are available for the community is essential. Improving hygiene will also reduce other common, serious infections.

Trachoma and Rotary Australia

Rotary's 2017-18 International President, Ian Riseley, wants a trachoma-free Australia in 2021. That year marks Rotary's 100th year in Australia. EndTrachoma by 2020 is an opportunity for all clubs around Australia to unite and support our least advantaged Australians.

To get involved, visit our website
www.endtrachoma2020.org.au

We can help by raising funds, perhaps hold a special event during the year and pledge all monies to this great cause.
So put your thinking caps on