

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

Bulletin No. 14/18 – 10 October 2017

Monthly Theme: Economic Community & Development Month

What's On

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

10 October	Peter Down & John Flynn Hope Restart Centre
17 October	Jeremy Schroder Pathfinder Rites of Passage
24 October	Board Meeting
31 October	TBA
7 November	No Meeting Melbourne Cup
21 November	Pizza Night John Crawford's house
19 Dec	Christmas Breakup Combined with Mitchell River Club

Wednesday 8 November

Polio Plus Film Night

A combined project of the three Rotary
Clubs in Bairnsdale

Murder on the Orient Express

\$25 per ticket

Includes drinks and nibbles prior to the
movie

Saturday 11 November

Man the gates at the Agricultural Show

Other Clubs

Mitchell River ~ Bairnsdale RSL

Monday 5.45pm for 6.00pm

Leave Message 9517 1220 before 11.00am
Mondays

Bairnsdale Sunrise ~ International Motel

Wednesday 6.45am for 7.00am

Call Sue 0438 278 258

Lakes Entrance ~ Central Hotel

Wednesday 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Call Lesley 0419 871 197

Orbost ~ Orbost Club

Thursday 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Call Gillian 0429 591 012

DOOR & WELCOME ROSTER

October John Crawford
Rex Estoppey

November Geoff Johnston
Volunteer required



LIFT THE LID ON MENTAL ILLNESS

Celebrating Hat Day

Tuesday 10 October 2017

Partners Welcome

**Wear that elegant, funny or
boring hat to raise money for this
good cause**

All attendees will pay \$5.00 entry

We will run a raffle for an
underwater print - \$2 per ticket

All proceeds from the night will go
to the cause – so ask your friends
along

Celebrations

Birthdays

Gillian Reeve – 14 October
Margaret Macfarlane – 14 October

Inductions

John Ariens – 11.10.1983 34 yrs

Wedding Anniversary

Geoff & Lyn Johnston – 15 October



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 John Walker
International: Foundation:	Margaret Macfarlane Margaret Macfarlane
Club Meets at: Tuesdays 6pm	The Bairnsdale Club 68 Nicholson St Bairnsdale PH: 5152 4301 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
0412432325
Marquee Volunteers are welcome



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QUEST SPEAKER

Last week we had Tim Bull talk to us on a couple of topics.

Bull Family

James Bull came to East Gippsland in 1880 to work for six weeks and in spite of the mosquitos, returned, I think a girl had something to do with it! He worked on the Tanjil Paddle Steamer out of Paynesville.

Joe Bull (Bossy) was the next generation to make a life for himself and his family in this area. There were four sons, Dave, Bobby, Jimmy and Ted. Ted enlisted in the RAAF in World War II and after 20 missions was given the opportunity to stay on the ground. The crew elected to make that 21st mission and unfortunately Ted lost his life.

An opportunity arose when a ship builder in Metung was in financial difficulty and two of the brothers took on two boats that were not finished. These boats became the first in the Bulls Cruiser fleet, hiring to the general public from their Metung base. A third boat was added and 20yrs on there were 27 boats in the fleet. Most residents from here know the name Bulls Cruisers. The Bull family are very proud of what they have achieved and been able to contribute to this community.

The business was sold and one of the best known boats on the lakes at the moment is the Thunderbird still giving pleasure to holiday makers and locals alike.

Kokoda Trail

This year Tim and four other members of our local community hiked the Kokoda Trail. Tim had done this a couple of years ago with one of his sons and was willing to give it another go.

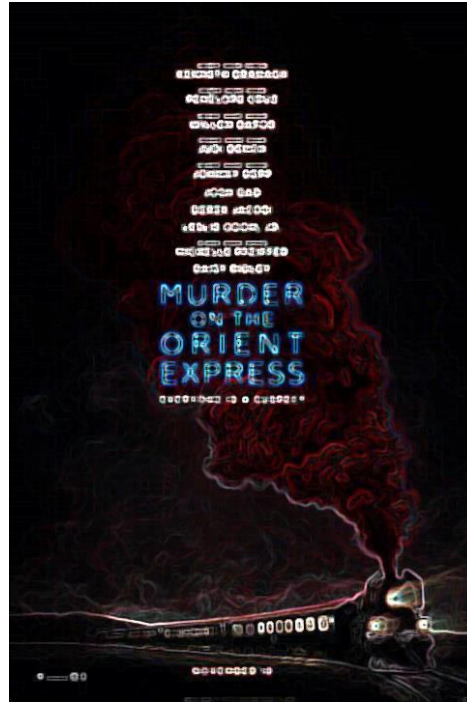
He showed us a video made of the journey and it certainly highlighted how strenuous it is, two members of the party had to be air lifted out within the first day (not the Bairnsdale guys).

As we saw them walk up the hills with jungle all around you had to imagine what it would be like to make the trek with a heavy pack on your back and the threat of being shot by the Japanese. At night there was time to recharge the batteries and do it all again the next day.

Tim's group had to battle with the heat, rain and the inevitable mud underfoot, together with river crossings it made the trek a trip to remember

On the top of one hill there was a memorial to commemorate the battle at Isurava, although a beautiful spot now it would have been horrific in August 1942. The largest percentage of casualties was not due to fighting but the terrible conditions and the men being overcome with disease.

It was clear that making this journey had a profound effect on Tim and his companions. He went on to tell us that we have a veteran of the Kokoda campaign living here in our town. What stories he could tell but as Tim said he does not think that he did not do anything special



We have all been given four tickets to sell so approach all your family and friends. Let's make this a successful fundraiser for a good cause

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July marks the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the battle of the Kokoda Trail in New Guinea. The Kokoda Campaign, which took place between July and November of 1942, was a brutal resistance of the Japanese advance to Port Moresby from the north of New Guinea

Approximately 625 Australians were killed along the Kokoda Trail, and over 1600 were wounded. Casualties due to sickness exceeded 4000. The 49th Australian Infantry Battalion, originally formed in Queensland, was one of the first units to engage the Japanese and suffered severe losses. The Royal Australian Air Force was also involved in air operations throughout the campaign.

The campaign was eventually won by the Allied forces, but the terrible loss of life and the horrific conditions – including the challenging terrain and widespread disease – have ensured Kokoda is now nationally recognised as a compelling example of Australian soldiers' grit and endurance in the most difficult of environments.

