ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

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What's On Club Speakers

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

December 11th

Gael Rand -East Gippsland Art Exhibition (Glorious Gippsland – Easter)

December 18th

Christmas breakup - Bairnsdale Club 6.00pm for 6.30pm \$30.00 per head, includes a Kris Kringle gift

December 25th

No Meeting – Christmas Day

Jan 1st

No Meeting - New Year's Day

Meals on Wheels

7th January to 11th January. Tony Desio is putting together the list for volunteers this week

DOOR & WELCOME ROSTER

 $December-Rex\ and\ Michelle$

 $January-John\ A\ and\ Rex$

 $February-Margaret\ and\ John\ B$

Remember to find a replacement if you are not able to do your roster

Marquee

Dec 20 - Gippsland Truck Centre

 $Jan\ 1-Wy\ Yung$

Jan 13 – Bairnsdale Caravan Park

Jan 20 – Bairnsdale Caravan Park

Celebrations

Inductions

Rex Estoppey 13 Dec 1963 – 55 Years

FARMERS RELIEF

Last week was quite exciting as we had a phone call from a lady in Pakenham who had a donation for us as well as a couple of food hampers, which was great, but how to get them to Bairnsdale. As luck would have it we had a contact living in Pakenham who was coming to Bairnsdale the next day, but leaving at 6.30am. No worries, after a couple of phone calls all was delivered to him on Monday night and arrived in Bairnsdale on Tuesday. Thanks to Rex for collecting from Gillian's back patio, although Michelle went there as well and had a terrible moment when she thought it had gone missing.

It is pleasing that word of what we are doing has travelled to the other end of our District, plus the generosity of people can be surprising. On Monday another phone call from Rosebud/Rye Rotary Club who want to give us a donation, thank you to the President of Sale, Jeanette, who pointed them in our direction.

Other Clubs

<u>Bairnsdale Sunrise</u> - Hotel International Wednesday 6.45 for 7.00am.

Mitchell River - RSL

Monday 5.45 for 6.00 pm.

<u>Lakes Entrance</u> - Central Hotel

Wednesday 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Orbost - Orbost Club

Thursday 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Rotary Theme December

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month



President RI: Barry Rassin

D9820 Governor: Janne Speirs

D9820 EG Assistant Governor:

Judy van der Vlugt

Club President: Tony Murray

Past President:

Corres Secretary: Gillian Reeve
Treasurer: Michelle Young

Membership

& Vocation: Brian Ross

PR, Bulletin, Bonnie Walker and Facebook, Web: Gillian Reeve

Youth Service: Patricia MurrayWalton

Community John Ariens
Programs John Walker

International: Ula and Ken Sheather Foundation: Ula and Ken Sheather

Club Meets at: The Bairnsdale Club Tuesdays 6pm 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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Guest Speaker



Last week we had Rotarian John talk about his latest cruise, which included some sensible, relevant and handy tips for anyone considering a cruise of their own.

I'M CERTAINLY NO

EXPERT – we have done 5 cruises of various lengths -11 days to 106 days, so I can only talk about OUR experience, as well as from comments made by other passengers we have met.

Remember your cruise is a HOLIDAY – unpack and forget – particularly for the ladies

Which cruise – We suggest for 1st time a short Aust based one say 14 days to NZ or South Pacific.

Choose a smaller ship (2000 passengers) rather than larger one (4500 passengers)

Choose Australian based cruises – no air travel to US or UK, Europe, no bag weight limits when flying, English speaking passengers and crews.





Type of cruises – local and overseas cruises, European river cruises, Alaskan cruises, Speciality Musical Cruises (Rock & Roll, Cruising Country, Classical Music Cruises), Baltic cruises, Mediterranean cruises, South East Asian river cruises, or plenty of others to suit your preference.

Demographic relativity – some cruises are for the more "mature" passenger, others are "party ships" and some are more suited for "Family Cruising". For example, on our recent World Cruise with Princess, there were 990 passengers above 70, and 995 under 70, and about 10 children.

Choice of Cabin – this is very important to some and not so to others, and range from Interior with no windows, up to 2 room Suites, 2 TV's, walk-in robe, spa, and with a large balcony, but the most popular are balcony cabins. The prices vary accordingly and are also influenced by the location on the ship – mid, forward or aft. To make sure you get YOUR PARTICULAR cabin, you must BOOK EARLY. Closer to Departure date, cabins are discounted but choice is often very limited.

Services – there is a fully equipped Medical Centre with 2 doctors and a few nurses, offering basic pathology, and they can also supply any medication required. There is a Hairdresser and Beauty Salon and Spa, also an Internet Café room with 15 or so computers, as well as a well-stocked Library.

Entertainment – the range of entertainment provided on board is almost limitless, from full scale theatre shows with dancers and singers to other performers such as

comedians, soloists, instrumentalists, latest movies etc. During the day you have anything from Dancing lessons, Bridge classes, Art & Craft, Trivia Quiz, Ukulele group, Service Club get-togethers, a Casino and Poker



Machines, to list just a few. Or you can just laze away around any of the 3 pools sipping cocktails.

Food and Dining - 2 Main Dining rooms, a Steak & Seafood Restaurant, a Pizza restaurant, a large Buffet area,



as well as several bars and coffee lounges. The food offered is comprehensive with several choices over 3 courses, which change daily. Wine is available from \$30 to \$6874 !!! but would average \$35 to \$40 – Aust., US, NZ, Fr., Italian.

On-shore Touring - a range of tours are available at each port for varying lengths and costs, and there is a travel expert on board who gives a talk about each port you will you visit before arrive. Passengers with mobility problems are extremely well catered for both on board and on shore, with plenty of crew to assist passengers get on and off tenders, also reserved front seats on coach tours.





On our recent World Cruise one person completed 1985 cruising days, and quite a few passengers have been on several World Cruises as well as multiple other cruises.

John Beynon