

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC BULLETIN

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Monthly Theme: July is Club's Choice

PRESIDENTS REPORT



District Governor Elect Don Ripper thanked the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale for the opportunity to lead this year's Changeover ceremony, held at Kings Cove Golf Club Sunday 2nd July 2017.

Pictured opposite 2017 2018 President Tony Murray is receiving his President's pin. President Tony then addressed the gathering outlining some of his thoughts for the coming Rotary year.

We welcomed District Governor Elect Don & Jude Ripper, Assistant Governor Judy Van der Vlugt, District Secretary Elect Helen Lanigan, Deputy Mayor Cr Colin Toohey, Rotarians, partners, guests, entertainer Ian & Nola Hall, and friends, to our 79th Changeover. I feel proud that my parents Colin & Judy Murray were thankfully able to attend to see me inducted as President of the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale, in this our 80th year.

Many people stepped forward to assist make our Changeover day proceedings a success and I thank you. Congratulations to Brian Ross for being recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow. Brian's contribution to Rotary and community has been immense. His volunteerism and help to many people and groups has benefited many. Brian, you must have felt very proud to have your family there to see your efforts celebrated.

I thank Past President Helen Crosby for her leadership for the past year her loads of energy and her immense work load that was done reliably and timely.

Whilst the 2017 2018 year's Club direction will be finalized at tonight's meeting, Tuesday 11th July, emphasis will be given to increasing club membership. We need to increase public awareness of what Rotary does locally, nationally, and internationally. We need to make Rotary a household name. A lot of people don't know what Rotary stands for at grass roots level. That Rotarians are ordinary people, professional people, friends and neighbours, who believe in giving voluntary service to make the lives and career aspirations of those in our community better. Our projects this year will be those which are sustainable on going, some benefits mainly in the medical fields, those with flow on benefits.

My committee for the 2017 2018 year is pictured below: Brian Ross, Membership; Gillian Reeve, Treasurer; Noel Wheeldon, Secretary; Margaret Macfarlane, International & Foundation; Helen Crosby, Past President & Public Relations; John Ariens, Community; John Walker, Programs & Vocational; Ula Sheather, Youth (not present); many thanks for volunteering to lead our club for the coming year. Also pictured is our 'now' District Governor Don Ripper.

A well-known saying is that you can give a hungry person a fish to eat, but it's better to teach the person to fish so they can catch all the fish they need. I say, let's get out there, spread the work of Rotary, and continue to make Rotary Great!!"



See you tonight at Rotary
President Tony



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| President RI: | Ian H. S Riseley |
| D9820 Governor: | Don Ripper |
| D9820 EG Assistant Governor: | Judy van der Vlugt |
| Club President: | Tony Murray |
| President Elect: | TBA |
| Past President: | Helen Crosby |
| Secretary: | Noel Wheeldon |
| Treasurer: | Gillian Reeve |
| Membership & Vocation | Brian Ross |
| PR, Bulletin, Facebook, Web: | Helen Crosby and Gillian Reeve |
| Youth Service: | Ula Sheather |
| Community | John Ariens |
| Programs | John Walker |
| International: | Margaret Macfarlane |
| Foundation: | 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](#)

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JUNE CELEBRATION

Celebrations

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| Birthday: | 08 th July | Brett Roulston |
| Anniversary: | 15 th July | Ian & Bev Campbell |
| Joined Rotary: | 10 st July 2001 | Gillian Reeve |
| | 15 th July 2014 | Rhonda Wheeldon |

WHAT'S ON

Our Meetings (5.45 for 6.15pm) & Other Events

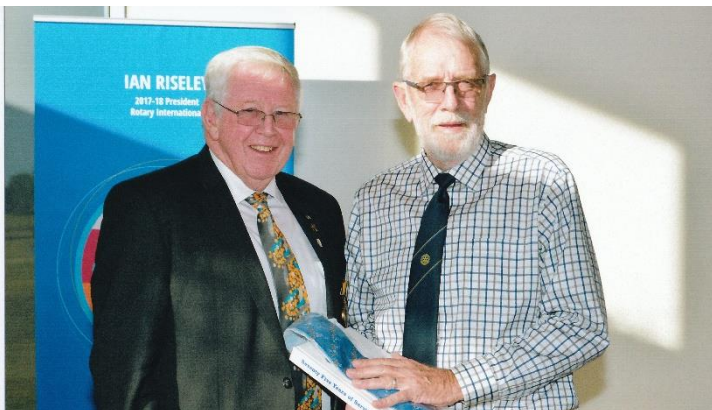
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| 11 th July | Meeting. Club Planning & Membership |
| 18 th July | Meeting. TBA. Send off to Julia? |
| 25 th July | Open Board Meeting/Club Assembly |
| August | Meeting. District Governor Don Ripper |

Other Meetings & Events

13th July Inner Wheel Club of Bairnsdale at B/dale RSL

OTHER CLUBS MEET

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| 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 |



AT THE CHANGEOVER

Above: RC Mitchell River President Darren Goodman picked up his Rotary Tie and Book.

Below: Rhonda invited music artiste Ian, and Nola, Hall to sing at the Changeover.



Rotary International President Ian Riseley made the case that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service. Ian is a local, he is from the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia. He recently unveiled the 2017-18 presidential theme, Rotary: Making a Difference, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Ian said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable and those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda." He continued, "The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern,"

RI President Riseley challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming. "It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," Mr Riseley said. "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself."

In his address to the 2017-18 class of district governors, RI President Ian also urged clubs to improve their gender balance and lower the average age of their members. Only 22 percent of Rotary's members are women, up from 13 percent 10 years ago. At that rate, Ian said, it will take another three decades for Rotary to achieve gender parity. "Three decades is far too long to wait to achieve a Rotary that reflects the world in which we live. We need to make it a priority now," he said.

RI President Ian also believes it is imperative that clubs find ways to attract and engage younger members. Today only 5 percent of reported members are under 40, and a majority of members are over 60, Ian told the audience. He said, "Consider what Rotary stands to look like 10 or 20 years from now if we don't get very serious, very soon, about bringing in younger members".

So where will we plant our 26 trees? A topic for a future meeting?

(From the RC Lakes Entrance Bulletin)





CHANGEOVER PHOTOS

- 1st: Roger McCracken & Dep Mayor Cr Colin Toohey
- 2nd YEP Julia Rocha, Connie Cunningham, Margaret Macfarlane & Pat Phillips
- 3rd Janet Liddell, Chris Dungey & Tim Gibson; Helen Lanigan (District Sec), Gillian Reeve & Tony Mackenzie
- 4th Club Visitors with PP Helen Crosby & President Tony Murray
 Ron Swann, PP Helen, Karina Laurens, Pres Peter Van den Oever (Orbost), AG Judy Van der Vlugt, Sandra &
 Pres Darren Goodman (Mitchell River), Jude Ripper, Pres Peter Sindrey (Lakes Entrance), Deputy Mayor Cr.
 Colin Toohey, Pres Tony, DGE Don Ripper, Lesley Mackenzie (Lakes Entrance), Paula Sindrey, Patricia
 Walton (RC Sale Central), Helen Lanigan (District Secretary), Tony Mackenzie.
- 5th President Tony
- 6th Pres Helen with friend Karina
- 7th John Beynon, Ian & Bev Campbell
- 8th Pres Peter (Orbost), AG Judy, Cec & Rex Estoppey, Martin Van Elst



CONGRATS BRIAN ROSS; PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



District Governor Don Ripper led the ceremony to give Paul Harris Fellow recognition to club Rotarian Brian Ross at last Sunday's Rotary Club of Bairnsdale Changeover Luncheon. This recognition is given to Rotarians and community persons who display service above self, who go the extra mile to help make the lives of others a little better.

2016 2017 President Helen Crosby said, "Anne Ross has supplied me with information of a man whose life was led to help others, and whether in Stockdale, Rosedale, Metcalfe or Bairnsdale. He believes in being an active member of community, sporting groups, service groups, innovative in his Shire and Building Permit careers. The Rotary Club of Bairnsdale is pleased to give Past President Brian Paul Harris Fellow recognition".

Back Row, Brian & Anne Ross pictured with family members Kim Scicluna, Blake Ross, Wayne Ross, Molly Ross, Adele Scicluna. Front Row: Sarah Ross, Lavinia Ross, Callum Scicluna, Meg Ross and Kobi Scicluna.



2016 2017; THE YEAR THAT WAS

Well, 2016/17 is now the year that was; Bairnsdale Rotary has had a lot go down. As President I've met many people, have enjoyed much fellowship and have experienced the joy of leading the club to mix with community when helping many causes, groups, and most importantly our young people.

Congratulations to Paul Harris Fellow Brian Ross for receiving recognition for your service above self-efforts in your career and for helping your community. And congrats to Gerry Ciavarella, who received Paul Harris Fellow recognition in February at the 100th year Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner, for his service to music, his students and to our community.

Our Gippsland based District Governor Lynne Westland backed up by her East Gippsland assistant Judy Van den Vlugt from Orbost have ensured all clubs have instant access to insurance advise, youth protection policies, enrichment/leadership program information, administrative online tools and face to face/online meetings, as well as a fun filled annual conference held this year in beautiful Hobart.

We celebrated achievements and initiatives by our Rotarians, those from other clubs, and community volunteers, who lead and support many local life changing programs and incentives. And, we could not forget the many social get togethers; the enjoyment during film nights, the fun of pulling together during programs, the 'Hi, how've you been' when supporting other club's events, our dinners especially our Christmas Kris Kringle with the Rotary Club of Mitchell River, and the fellowship during Rotary meetings.

Many thanks to my secretary Tim Gibson, Treasurer Gillian Reeve, Bonnie and John Walker for our program and photos, my committee members Tony Murray, Ken Sheather, Jack Peterson/John Beynon, Brian Ross, Ula Sheather/John Ariens, and to all those members who participated in or led the activities itemised in our 2016 2017 Changeover Annual Report. I thank club members for your efforts during the 2016 2017 year.

Thank you to our Changeover guests; District Governor Don Ripper & Judy; Assistant Governor Judy Van der Vlugt; District Secretary Helen Lanigan; EGSC Deputy Mayor Cr Colin Toohey; Bairnsdale Rotary Rotarians and their Partners; Tony Murray's parents Colin & Judy Murray; Brian Ross' family and grandchildren, our Honorary Rotarians Roger McCracken & Sally, Connie & Graham Cunningham, and Chris Dungey; our Brazilian Rotary youth exchange student Julia Rocha, friends Pat Phillips, Karina Laurens & Ron Swann; guests from Orbost, Lakes Entrance, Mitchell River, and Sale Central Rotary Clubs; and singer Ian Hall and Nola, for attending our 79th Changeover Luncheon. Tony, it will be a milestone "80th" next year!

Our Rotary club has continued to support local and international communities donating over \$33,000. I wish the club success for the future, and Tony Murray well for his Presidency, for the 2017 2018 Rotary Year.