

# ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

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## What's On

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

### September 11<sup>th</sup>

Paul Heaton Harris  
Lark force, Tol Plantation  
Massacre 1942

### September 18<sup>th</sup>

Phoebe Hicks – My Health  
Record

### Bring a Friend Night

### September 25<sup>th</sup>

Board Meeting

### Bulletin Editor

While Ula is away on holiday I will be doing the bulletin, so send any editorial to me by Sundays - Thanks

## DOOR & WELCOME ROSTER

September – Rhonda and Noel

October – John and Bonnie

November – John Crawford and Tony

December – Rex and Michelle

January – John A and Rex

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

## Marquee

No booked jobs till after October

## Celebrations

### Anniversaries

Brian & Anne Ross –  
11 September 1976

## FARMERS RELIEF

Another busy week for our small committee. The last of the hay was collected by farmers on Tuesday and we made use of the time with them to get more information on what is needed. More hay will arrive on Tuesday for further distribution

The first 20, \$100.00 vouchers were distributed to farmers in the Buchan area on Friday. After talking to a few of the locals we know that they are very appreciative of what we are doing for them

Through the Rotary Club of Lilydale and a contact at the Buchan CFA there should be about 100 bags of dog food coming to the area to be distributed to farmers in need. Lilydale are as excited about this joint project as we are. With other Rotary Clubs in their area, donating money, hay and other resources, plus we have had media coverage in their newspapers as well

*Gillian*

## Other Clubs

**Bairnsdale Sunrise - Hotel International**  
Wednesday 6.45 for 7.00am Hotel International. Call Sue 0438 278258

### **Mitchell River - RSL**

Monday 5.45 for 6.00 pm  
Bairnsdale RSL. Leave message 95171220 before 11.00 Mondays

### **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 5154 3051

## Rotary Theme

**September is  
Basic Education and  
Literacy Month**



BE THE INSPIRATION

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 Leah Radatti talk to us about her journey to becoming a lawyer. She was born in Sale growing up in a loving family and safe community. She talked about family, education, safety, food and employment being a basic human right that is not available for everyone around the world.

What seems to have been a life changing trip to outback Australia at the age of 16, to the Santa Teresa community near Alice Springs, helped lead her on the path that she took. When she returned home from that experience she had a fire in her belly to learn more about social justice and an aspiration to become a human rights lawyer.

She used that fire to complete six years of study in Melbourne whilst working at Luna Park and volunteering at the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service in Preston. During her second year she was selected to participate in a nationwide internship program, through the Aurora Project and got a placement at the Kimberley Institute in Broome, WA.

The following year she participated again the same internship program but in Cairns, where she worked at the Wet Tropics Management Authority. She spent the semester learning about management and care of UNESCO Daintree Rainforest and working with local authorities, communities and indigenous people.

During her third year of study, together with members of her family she went to the Netherlands and decided to apply for a semester of study at the Hague, which is known as the Peace City and the Legal Capital of the World. On the 4 September 2014, she was sitting in the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia, watching the criminal trial of Goran Hadzic.

She graduated in 2016 from Victoria University with a Bachelor of Law (Honours) and a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Psychology. It was at this point that she decided to take a break and spent some time abroad in India and Morocco. On returning to Australia Leah made the trip back to Santa Teresa and this is where she completed her practical component before the formal process of admission, to become an officer of the court.

She completed five weeks of volunteering at the Northern Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency which provides criminal and civil law services to Aboriginal people in the far north of Australia. Another life changing experience as she shadowed lawyers around the courtroom travelling to outback courts in very remote communities. During this time she had a tour of the Dondale Youth Prison, which was featured in a Four

Corners Report, which obviously had a profound effect on Leah.

In August last year she returned to Gippsland to be close to family and began working at Anglicare in Morwell, as a youth justice group conference convenor, where she works closely with offending youth in the Latrobe area. In March this year she was accepted as an Australian Lawyer in the Supreme Court of Victoria and was successful in applying for the community lawyer position at the Gippsland Community Legal Service.

What is next you might ask? Leah applied to attend the One Young World Summit, an event that will be held in the Hague, Netherlands in October and yes you guessed it, she was accepted. She is very excited by this opportunity and especially being able to hear her very own idol Amal Clooney, present to the attendees.

We were more than impressed by this delightful young lady, who has achieved so much in her 25 years. A decision was made to present her with a cheque for \$500.00 to assist with the expenses for the trip. We are looking forward to hearing about her experience when she returns, one very motivated young lady and potential Rotarian I would say.



*Gillian*

### SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday 23 September** – Social BBQ & working bee to clean our BBQ at a venue to be confirmed

**Sunday 7 October** – 10.00am – 2.00pm Community BBQ at the Buchan Caves Reserve. We are providing a free BBQ for the farmers of the Buchan and Orbost areas. It would be great to have all members attend on that day

**Sunday 21 October** – A Night at the Dogs, \$28.00 per head, includes bus to Sale Greyhounds, two course meal and \$5.00 to spend at venue. Invite friends and family

### BRING A FRIEND NIGHT – 18 September 2018

All members should have received a separate e-mail concerning our proposed Bring a Friend Night. Put the date in your diary and bring along a potential member.

**Brian Ross – Membership**