

# ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

Bulletin No. 22/18 – 12 December 2017

Monthly Theme: Disease Prevention and Treatment

## What's On

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

- 12 December Social Night  
Margaret Macfarlane's  
Details included in this  
bulletin  
*RYLA Student, Solomon  
will also be attending  
and giving a short talk*
- 19 December Christmas Breakup  
Combined with Mitchell  
River Club
- 26 December No Meeting
- 2 January No Meeting
- 9 January Social fundraiser for  
Hariti Scholarships at  
Rex & Cec Estoppey's  
Italian Food

## 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 871 497

**Orbost ~ Orbost Club**  
Thursday 6.00pm for 6.30pm  
Call Gillian 0429 591 012

## DOOR & WELCOME ROSTER

- December John Ariens  
John Beynon
- January Tony Desio  
Brian Ross

**If not available please organise  
a replacement**

## SOCIAL NIGHT 12 DECEMBER 2017

At  
Margaret Macfarlane's  
1 Bredt Street, Bairnsdale  
6.00 pm for 6.15 pm  
Cost \$12.00

As we are unable to hold our meeting at the Bairnsdale Club we are having a social night at Margaret's. It will be fish and chips ordered from Peppers, plus a desert.

Please BYO drinks and glasses and maybe some insect repellent as we will be outside, weather permitting.

As the meal will be ordered in, we need to have firm numbers by Sunday 3 December. If you say you are coming and do not turn up you will have to pay for your meal anyway. An attendance sheet will be circulated this week, or e-mail Gillian

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

With the Rotary Club of Mitchell River  
(Bairnsdale)

**Cost - \$30.00 per head  
Includes a gift from Kris Kringle**

6.00 pm for 6.30 pm  
RSVP 12 December 2017  
Gillian Reeve - 0411432522 or  
E-mail [gillianreeve@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:gillianreeve@aussiebb.com.au)

## Marquee Dates

- 22.12.2017 Gippsland Truck Centre  
13.1.2018 MLC Bdale  
25.1.2018 St Kevins Bdale

## CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS

**Rum & Brandy Cakes ~ \$16.50  
Steamed Puddings ~ \$16.50  
Mini Puddings ~ \$7.50**

They are also available around town -  
RACV Shop, WGM, Bloom Hearing and  
Goodmans Farm Seed & Garden Centre



## Celebrations

### Inductions

John Crawford - 10.12.1996  
Rex Estoppey - 13.12.1963



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

- 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  
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:  
Foundation: Margaret Macfarlane  
Margaret Macfarlane  
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](https://www.facebook.com/rcbairnsdale)  
Our Webpage - [rcbairnsdale.org](http://rcbairnsdale.org)  
[youtube.com/rotary](https://www.youtube.com/rotary)  
Rotary International - [rotary.org.au](http://rotary.org.au)

Marquee Hire: John Crawford  
0412432325  
Marquee Volunteers are welcome



**Correspondence to the Secretary  
Rotary Club of Bairnsdale  
PO 287, Bairnsdale. 3875.**

## GUEST SPEAKER

Last week we had a great travelogue from John Beynon

The trip comprised two different segments involving firstly a 16-day road trip through the Kimberley along the famous Gibb River Road from Darwin to Broome, followed by an 11-day cruise along the Kimberley coast from Broome to Darwin. Road transport was in a purpose built 4WD bus carrying 14 passengers along with a Tour Guide Driver. The cruise was in the Caledonian Sky, which carries 97 passengers and a crew of 79, that included 10 specialist guides who were experts in various fields – Marine Biologist, Ecologist Geologist, Historian, Naturalist – who accompanied us on Zodiacs for on shore excursions. The accommodation on land was predominantly in permanent tents, at APT owned Wilderness Lodges, where when considering the remote location of these lodges, we were provided with excellent meals.

### ROAD TRIP

Starting from Darwin we travelled to Kakadu visiting ancient indigenous rock art galleries at Ubirr, followed by cruises on the East Alligator River, then Yellow Waters Billabong, also included a visit to Onepelli in Arnhem Land to witness present day indigenous artists at work. After an overnight stay and cruise of the Katherine Gorge, then an overnight in Kununurra, the group headed to the Purnululu N.P (Bungle Bungles). A two-night stay at the Wilderness Camp here allowed time for walks into Echidna Chasm, Piccaninny Creek, and Cathedral Gorge – very spectacular, but really challenging due to the rugged terrain and high temperature. Next stop was at the excellent Emma Gorge Resort on El Questro Station. Following a cruise up the Chamberlain Gorge, a strenuous hike up the Gorge, the refreshing thermal waters of Zebedee Springs were very welcome. Mitchell Plateau Wilderness Lodge



was the next stop for two days, and this included one day, a very tough 3-hour guided hike to Mitchell Falls via Mertens Falls. This area arguably has some of the world's oldest rock art, suggesting occupation dating back 60,000 years, and includes rock galleries of Wandjina and

Bradshaw (Gwion Gwion) art – quite amazing to see and very interesting. After an overnight stay at the historic 4000 sq.km. (1 million acres) Drysdale River Station, the next stop was for 2 days at Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge. Another long hike was very worthwhile when reaching the Gorge with its stunning cliffs, tiered waterholes, and a cascading waterfall – great for a cooling swim. Our next visit was a walk through Windjana Gorge admiring the towering cliffs above white sands where many freshwater crocodiles basked. After wading through the total darkness of Tunnel Creek and viewing many colonies of small bats, we reached the stunning oasis at the end. Our road-trip came to an end at Cable Beach Resort in Broome, having on the way visited Derby, with its extremely long jetty (due to very high tides there), and the historic large Boab tree, reportedly used in the past as an overnight lockup. After a week 'recuperating' at Cable Beach in Broome, which is our favourite holiday destination, we were ready to tackle the Kimberley Coast Expedition.



### CRUISING THE KIMBERLEY COAST

On boarding the Caledonian Sky (our ship), we were told by the Captain that we were 'not cruising' but we were on an expedition!! Our first stop was at Adele Island which is an important seabird breeding ground (Lesser Frigatebird, and Brown Booby), we also saw an abundance of turtles, sharks,



sea snakes and crocodiles. We arrived next day in Talbot Bay known for the massive 12 metre tides that create the unique Horizontal Waterfalls – a high speed boat trip through the falls was a great experience, and the falls are described

by David Attenborough as 'one of the greatest natural wonders in the world'. Cruising to Doubtful Bay there were many whales sighted, before going ashore at Raft Point to visit the world's most significant Wandjina art site. The next day a 5.00 a.m. start (due to the tide), took us to witness the phenomenon of Montgomery Reef, which appears to 'rise out' of the ocean as the tide recedes, and the waves cascade into the surrounding deep channels. A visit the next day took us to Careening Bay the home of the famous 'Mermaid' boab tree. This bay is where Phillip Parker King careened his ship, HMC Mermaid in 1820, and carved the date and ship name into the tree, and these details can still be seen today. Arriving the next day at Prince Frederick Harbour we were able to go ashore to take a helicopter flight to the magnificent Mitchell Falls – a much easier way to see the Falls than our previous visit there 14 days earlier, that involved a strenuous hike overland from Mitchell Plateau Wilderness Lodge. The following 2



days we visited Bigge Island and Jar Island with many excellent examples of both Bradshaw (Gwion Gwion) and Wandjina figures. At Vansittart Bay, after a walk across a large salt flat, we were able to inspect the wreckage of a USAF DC3 which crash landed there during WW2. In Koolama Bay (named after a ship sunk by Japanese in WW2), we boarded a Zodiac for a 4-hour return trip up the King George River to view the spectacular King George Falls which plunge about 80 metres over magnificent sandstone cliffs. The following day was our last on board, and it was very nice to be able to sit back and relax after several days of a very demanding schedule with much lengthy Zodiac cruising, together with sometimes quite exhausting onshore expeditions. The accommodation on board was in twin motel size cabins with an ensuite, and balcony. Meals were all of a high standard including complimentary beverages, and served either in an internal Dining Room, or outdoors on the open rear deck.

### John Beynon

