

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

Bulletin No. 10/18 - 12 September 2017

Monthly Theme: Basic Education and Literacy

What's On

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

12 September Trip USA - Ken & Ula

19 September TBA

26 September Board Meeting

3 October Tim Bull

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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

## Child Protection Week

### 3-10 September

Last Thursday our club cooked up a BBQ in the shopping mall to support the display by various authorities in Bairnsdale, including the Department of Human Services, Headspace, the Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault and the East Gippsland Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group. All these groups aim to give people contacts, information and help, following a crisis, or help with mental problems.

National Child Protection Week was a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the community to think about how we can work together to keep all children safe.

Importantly, we want to remind everyone that:

We ALL have a part to play in protecting ALL children

Even small actions can help to improve a child's future

By building stronger communities, we are creating safer environments for our children.

Thank you Tony Desio, John Ariens and Ken Sheather for doing the work to provide over 200 people with a tasty sausage and helping our club support the work of these vital groups in our community.

*Ula Sheather*

It was good to see another guest attend our meeting, Carolyn Grotaers, a draughtsman from the local architectural company SLAP. She came to see the photos of New Orleans but as a past Rotaractor from the Frankston area, was familiar with Rotary. She enjoyed the evening and perhaps we may see her pay another visit



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Web Sites to visit:  
Our Facebook Page – rcbairnsdale  
Our Webpage – rcbairnsdale.org  
Youtube.com/rotary  
Rotary International - rotary.org.au

Marquee Hire: John Crawford  
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Marquee Volunteers are welcome



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## Celebrations

### Birthday

Jenny Beynon – 19 September

## DOOR & WELCOME ROSTER

September Ula Sheather  
Volunteer required

October John Crawford  
Rex Estoppey

## BBQ Dates

Friday – Saturday 6-7 October  
Futsal Tournament ~ BARC

## Guest Speaker

Gillian gave us another episode of the USA trip, between Ken and Ula plus Gillian it may keep us going all year.

This talk was all about New Orleans, the city of jazz and blues, with so much history and still recovery from Katrina which was 12 years ago.

The first day was a visit to the World War II museum a must see for anyone going to New Orleans. Each visitor gets the name of someone who served in the war and you can follow them through their adventures through the war. In the evening it was the Fats Waller Show "Ain't Misbehaving", featuring some very talented entertainers.

The next day it was over the Mississippi for a short ferry ride to Algier, a lazy little township with colourful houses. On arriving back



in New Orleans we landed right in the middle of the Oyster Festival, where we tasted shrimp and oyster po'boys one of the many local dishes. The local oysters were enormous and are usually chargrilled with a delicious sauce liberally poured over the top.

The days there included many walks along the small streets, all a buzz with tourists. Local musicians on every corner, one Doreen Ketchens, was a must see and really drew in the crowds. Plus we managed to go to Jazz in Park (Armstrong Park) and enjoyed John Cleary a famous jazz pianist. Another day saw us take a music tour with a local music expert who was a bit of a character, but certainly informed us on all the local colourful characters.



Visiting a plantation was a definite must so we managed to do two in one day. Laura Plantation, although it did not have the traditional white house look, was very interesting with a very enthusiastic young guide. Interesting that during the time of this plantation it was mainly women that ran the business, sugar cane.



The other plantation that day was Oaks Alley, named for the fantastic stands of Live Oak trees, truly impressive. This was a more traditional looking house but the history was not quite as interesting as Laura. Notices of the list of slaves, at both plantations, together with their values certainly highlighted what it would really have been like to be part of that era.



No trip to New Orleans would be complete without a trip through the swamps, so off we set for a leisurely boat ride through the bayous. We were treated to trees hanging with Spanish Moss,



which is neither Spanish nor moss, confusing I know. There were alligators tempted to approach the boat with food and then we found a group of wild boars/pigs and we able to get up close and personal, not very pleasant.

A trip to the cemetery was informative, although some of the graves are crumbling, but the bodies were packed in to tombs above ground and as they rotted down would have other members of the family put on top. Interesting to say the least.

We also got to taste the famous Beignets topped with a mountain of icing sugar. Gumbo was another local dish to be tasted, both the traditional and with seafood, very tasty. Oysters were very popular and other seafood delicacies.

A visit to the museum to see the local history as well as some of the famous Mardi Gras costumes was informative.

We even managed a visit to the Mid-City Rotary Club, a vibrant young club with an average age of under 30 years. They made us very welcome and it was interesting to see how passionate they were about their city and just wanted to feel safe again. The Saturday that we were there, they had 13 shootings with three deaths, the highest for the year so far. It is probably the first time that I have seen Rotarians break down and cry as they talk about trying to get their neighbourhood back. Certainly food for thought.

I think all members enjoyed the presentation and it is always good to share experiences and you get to live the holiday all over again

**Gillian**