

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

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Monthly Theme: Water and Sanitation Month

What's On

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

13 March	Annika Fitzpatrick National Youth Science Forum experience
20 March	TBA
27 March	Board Meeting Leigh Venables Gippsland Centenary House Breakfast
3 April	TBA
10 April	Golf & Bowls Day
11 April	Breakfast Fundraiser for Centenary House at Eastwood Retirement Village

Advance Notice

30 March	Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal Counting the money etc
29 April	District Assembly Berwick

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

DOOR & WELCOME ROSTER

March – Ian Campbell & John Beynon

April – John & Bonnie Walker

Marquee Dates

31 March	-	Metung
28 April	-	W Tree
27 October	-	Bairnsdale

AWAKE & SHINE SCHOOL

Ula and friends will be leaving on Wednesday 14 March for their trip to the Awake & Shine School in Kalimpong. As you will be aware this is an ongoing program and association with this school partnering with the Rotary Club of Benalla.

Below is a response from Jimmy Singh on receiving the money from our club and other personal sponsors.

On behalf of parents and children, we send our grateful thanks for your kindness.

We look forward to hearing all stories on her return

District Assembly & Avenues of Service 2018

As previously advised, it is that time of the year again where we start the preparations for the next year. Attending this assembly will give members an insight into how Rotary works and all the project possibilities that are available.

**29th April 2018
8:30am**

Federation University, Berwick
Campus, Berwick
Berwick/Clyde Road, Berwick, 3806

Let Gillian know if you would like to attend and we can hopefully arrange a car pool

Support President Tony in his coming year

Celebrations

Birthdays

Rex Estoppey ~ 15 March

Ian Campbell ~ 25 March



ROTARY:
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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
Past President:	Helen Crosby
Corres Secretary:	Gillian Reeve
Treasurer:	Gillian Reeve
Membership & Vocation	Brian Ross
PR, Bulletin, Facebook, Web:	Bonnie Walker and Gillian Reeve
Youth Service:	Ula Sheather
Community Programs	John Ariens John Walker
International Foundation:	Margaret Macfarlane 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

Marquee Hire: John Crawford
0412432325
Marquee Volunteers are welcome



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GUEST SPEAKERS

MIKE & LOUISE ANKATELL

Building Houses in Cambodia

Last week we listened to a very passionate story from Mike and Louise about their fourth trip to Cambodia to build houses for the locals. This project is supported by Lakes Entrance Community Health in conjunction with Tabitha Foundation Cambodia.

Mike's started with the words: fun, fellowship, teamwork, tuk-tuks, markets, motorbikes, unruly electrical wiring, traffic chaos, third world, dictatorship, war, Pol Pot, community fear, poverty, inhumane torture, death, genocide, torture, women's health, fear, house building. Strong words, but obviously heart felt. He gave us an insight into the horrors that the people have had to suffer in the past, but the fear is still with them, affecting their everyday life.

The team that went over this time were diverse in background and ranged in ages from 13 years to mid-70's, but all with the same desire to help build better dwellings for the locals.

The time spent is six days:

Day 1 - Meet your fellow volunteers, on a leisurely river cruise and get briefing on the social etiquettes of the country. Who would guess that you should not touch the villagers as they are still so afraid of the regime they think that you might mean them harm. A visit to one of the prisons used during the Pol Pot, Khmer Rouge regime was a sobering experience.

Day 2 - Saw the group travel to the village where they would be building the houses. We saw photos of the happy travellers as they negotiated the bumpy roads in a bus.

Day 3 & 4 - The building starts, these dwellings are raised off the ground, with the day to day living happening in the shade underneath. The houses are made from green aluminium with only one door and window, to ensure safety at night. The actual dwelling is used only for sleeping.

Day 5 - Back to Phnom Penh and either the journey home or stay for some rest and recreation.

This was the first trip made by Mike and Louise in what was the wet season. This held its own challenges and it was Louise's job to ensure everyone was hydrated, water every half hour was a must and provide the meals required, as local food from the villagers was not an option. Looking at the photos in the presentation, you could tell that it was exhausting, but fulfilling work.

They had time to interact with the villagers and children; the latter playing with some toys brought along, but could not be left behind. By the end of the build they had not only built houses but the trust of the villagers.

To ensure that the recipients of these homes have ownership, a scheme is in place for them to purchase at far less than the \$2000.00 AUD that they cost. The families have to show that they are able to save and must apply to be part of the scheme. Not all the building is done by the volunteers; the stilts/foundations that support the home are constructed by the locals from locally sourced timber. So truly a joint effort and it was obvious how much the Cambodians are grateful for Tabitha Foundation involvement.

I discovered that it is also supported by Rotary through RAWCS and if anyone would like to donate etc follow the link below for a direct link.

<https://tabithaaustralia.org.au>



President Tony presenting glasses to Mike and Louise. It must have been a good joke!!!!



80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The venue has been decided upon and here are the details to put in your diary. We will be sending out invitations to past members and friends soon, to get the ball rolling.

Date: Saturday 4 August 2018

Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Cost: \$40.00 per head

Venue: Bairnsdale Sporting and Convention Centre
117 Great Alpine Road Lucknow