

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



BE THE INSPIRATION

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The Foundation on which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood.

- Paul Harris (Founder)

SPEAKER OF THE WEEK
9820 District Governor
Janne Speirs

Tuesday Meetings
5:45pm for 6:15pm
The Bairnsdale Club
68 Nicholson Street

FARMERS RELIEF

Another load of hay was received on Saturday morning, this was a free load from the Rotary Club of Hastings Westernport, originally we had thought it was due to arrive on Sunday and Bonnie had worked her magic with Donalds Motors to organise for the yard to be opened, but the delivery was able to be changed to Saturday.

Rex and Bonnie went to St Mary's Op Shop to receive the promised cheque for \$2000.00. Thank you very much to everyone for achieving another fulfilling week and know that there will more farm families benefiting from the generosity of others.



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EVENT CALENDAR

MAY 14: MEETING

MAY 21: MEETING

Sally Dell (Trachoma)

MAY 28: BOARD MEETING

JUN 23: DISTRICT 9820

2019/20 CHANGEOVER

Gumbuya Park

JUL 07: RC BAIRNSDALE

2019/20 CHANGEOVER

B'dale Golf & Bowls Club



Matt Mathers – Hay from Hastings



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Brenda Burney
'Rotarian behind the Badge'

.Another very interesting speaker last week, in Sandro Verdolini a Bairnsdale local for the last 35 years, with a passion for restoring/repairing furniture.

In the beginning he did not particularly like antiques but after meeting his wife Anne, who introduced him to the world of antiques, so began his interest. Sandro told us that he lived in Upper Ferntree Gully with his wife Anne and two children where he worked for HBA at the time when he started restoring furniture for the family. He thought that perhaps he could sell some and so began an association with a dealer in the area who started by delivering a large ute load of furniture needing tender loving care.

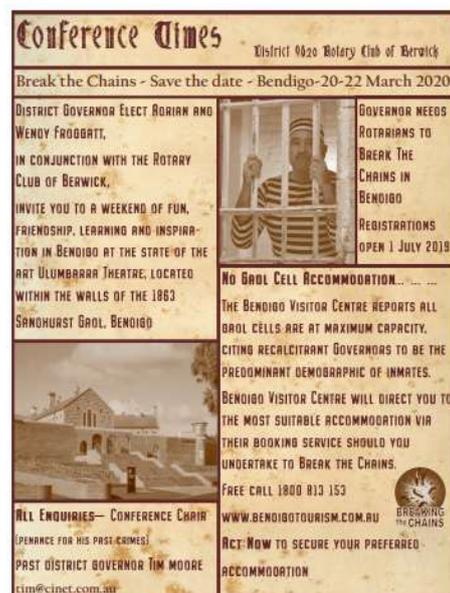
Wanting to get away from the busy city the family moved to Bairnsdale and started he renovating as a job, working with Laurie Box in the beginning and then Bairnsdale Clocks, restoring over 300 clocks a year. He once restored a French marble/slate clock that was owned by the RAAF in Sale and had been broken one Saturday evening. It came to him in a cardboard box, in many pieces, but like a jigsaw puzzle he managed to put it all back together and restored it to its former glory. As far as he knows he is the only person who has done this which led to him being offered jobs in London, Portobello Road and Paris.

Another highlight was restoring a clock for the Italian Ambassador in Canberra and he told us he is humbly proud of the work he does and it was clear that it is a labour of love.

He now lives back in Lindenow South where he has a shed large enough to continue on with his work. He has even done work for the parents of President Tony, who have a very old table dating back to 1650, the mind boggles.

He explained that when restoring it may be necessary to replace parts, with lookalike bits of wood stained to blend in, while this might seem sacrilege to some antique experts, Sandro said that it was common practice when the pieces were originally made to improvise. He strips all the paint and polish by hand, with methylated spirits, which does not damage the furniture and leaves it as close to how it was originally, then it can be polished to a high finish.

Members took great interest in his brag book that was handed around and I think we can all agree that we are fortunate to have such a craftsman living with us in this area.



CHANGEOVERS

- RC Bairnsdale Sunrise**
Friday 31 May (Evening)
Bairnsdale International Hotel
- District 9820**
Sunday 23 June (Lunch)
Gumbuya Park
- RC Lakes Entrance**
Friday 28 June (Evening)
Central Hotel
- RC Mitchell River (Bairnsdale)**
TBA
- RC Orbost**
TBA

Welcome & Door Roster

May: Patricia & Gillian
June: Rex & Judy

Marquee Erection Dates

JUL 17: Mt Taylor

DISTRICT 9820 - East Gippsland Cluster Clubs



RC Mitchell River (Bairnsdale)
Bairnsdale RSL
Monday 5:45 for 6:00pm
Leave message (03) 9517 1220



RC Lakes Entrance
Central Hotel
Wednesday 6:00 for 6:30pm
Call Lesley 0419 871 197



RC Bairnsdale Sunrise
Bairnsdale International Hotel
Wednesday 6:45 for 7:00am
Call Sue 0428 278 258



RC Orbost
Orbost Club
Thursday 6:00 for 6:30pm
Call Gillian (03) 5154 3051