

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

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Monthly Theme: Maternal and Child Health Month

What's On

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

17 April	Clair Greibenow Her time on a Mercy Ship
24 April	Board Meeting
1 May	Gillian Reeve National Immunisation Day Moradabad
8 May	TBA

Advance Notice

29 April	District Assembly Berwick
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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

April - John & Bonnie Walker

May - Rex & John Ariens

Marquee Dates

7 October - Bairnsdale

The teams can have a rest for a while

35th GOLF & BOWLS DAY

We had another successful Golf & Bowls Day, with 156 participants enjoying the day. Once again the Bower Birds did a fabulous job with the catering, plus selling 1583 raffle tickets. We are happy to announce that we will be able to give \$6000.00 to Bower Birds for much needed equipment at the hospital.

Rex was lucky enough to win the petrol raffle so he now has \$750.00 to spend at the local BP service station.

Ula won a couple bottles of wines for getting nearest to the pin, twice!!! Well done.

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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Federation University Berwick
72 - 100 Clyde Road
Berwick, VIC 3806
Australia

Held on Sunday 29th April, 2018.

8.30am Start !!!!!

Venue - Federation University, Berwick

New format - facilitated learning.

New Member session (Rotarians under 5 years of service).

Let Gillian know who will be attending so that we can get numbers to District

Celebrations

Birthdays

Ken Sheather - 13 April
Brian Ross - 22 April
Tony Desio - 23 April

Anniversaries

Noel & Rhonda Wheeldon -
16 April 1960 - 58 years



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:	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

ROTARIANS BEHIND THE BADGE

Michelle Young

A couple of weeks ago we heard from one of our newer Rotarians, Michelle. She was born in Bairnsdale and attended the local primary and secondary schools, before going to Agricultural College in Wangaratta.

On returning to Bairnsdale she worked for seven years at McMillans in Metung in the administration department. Then it was on to Clifton Mobile Homes where she has worked for the last 18 years, doing administration, bookkeeping and generally running the office.

She was married in 2002 to Mark and they live just out of town on a few acres where she is able to keep her horses, Coco, Apples and Zaz. They also have a dog Ella, plus a cat.

Her husband Mark is an avid hunter, travelling overseas to follow the sport. Michelle also hunts and has been to New Zealand on trips. She has also travelled through Australia and Tasmania.

In December 2015, her world changed when she was diagnosed with brain cancer, but after enduring all the necessary treatment, things are going OK and she is ticking all the boxes health wise.

Since joining our club she has really enjoyed Rotary and has entered into the spirit of it all helping where and when she can

John Beynon

Then it was John's turn to bring us up to date with his life. Born in Hugesdale, Melbourne, he went to Melbourne High, as his father had passed away when he was only nine years old so although he was interested in medicine he decided to study pharmacy.

His first job on completing his studies was in Hay travelling on dirt roads to what was a very small town. He threw himself into the local social life as well as work, joining Apex, the tennis club and even started a basketball club. Then he was on to Swan Hill and participated in tennis and golf.

Travel was calling and so he headed off to London, a six week journey on a ship. For the next two years he worked only so that he could earn money to travel through England, Europe and Scandinavia, even Turkey. When it was time to return to Australia it took two months as he made the journey back, via the USA, Hawaii and Japan, arriving home with no money left.

He had jobs in Melbourne but then through a relative who owned a pharmacy in Bairnsdale he made the move here in 1968. It was here that he met his wife Jenny who was a theatre nurse at the hospital and they married in 1969. They have two girls Katy and Claire and a son David, who all have great jobs that has seen them travel all over the world.

John has made his presence felt in the local community, joining Apex and the YMCA Board that ran the BARC, to name a few. He was on the local council for 11 years and was even the Mayor and of course he has been a Rotarian for 37 years. These days, although retired he still helps the community as a Justice of the Peace and a Bail Justice.

He seems to spend a lot of his time these days travelling around Australia in his caravan and on organised tours. He also has done a few cruises and will be heading off on an around the world cruise leaving late May, for over three months.

John has certainly packed a lot into his life and it was great to hear from him.

GIPPSLAND ROTARY CENTENARY HOUSE

Wednesday morning saw many of our club members attending the breakfast held at the Eastwood Retirement Village. The event was to raise much needed money for the continued operation of Gippsland Rotary Centenary House in Traralgon. Thanks to the residents of the village who put on a great spread.

Noel reports that they made just over \$9000.00 on the day and if our club could put in a bit extra, it could reach \$10,000.00.

Also on Thursday Noel and John A made the trip to Traralgon where Malcolm Turnbull together with Darren Chester announced that the Federal Government will be giving a grant of \$900,000.00 to enable the construction of a 13 unit, stage three. What great news!!!! Plus Noel managed to get a photo with the PM.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Club received this e-mail during the week if anyone is interested

The Stroke Foundation is currently recruiting volunteer StrokeSafe speakers in Wodonga and surrounds. StrokeSafe talks raise awareness of what stroke is, how to reduce stroke risk, how to recognise the signs of stroke (using the FAST test) and what services are provided by the Stroke Foundation. These talks are delivered by trained volunteers to community groups, workplaces and as part of special events. Comprehensive training will be held over two days on Monday 30 April and Tuesday 1 May 2018 and all resources will be provided. If you are passionate about raising awareness of stroke and stroke prevention and would like to express interest in becoming a volunteer StrokeSafe Speaker please call (03) 9918 7220, visit our website

<https://strokefoundation.org.au/How-you-can-help/Volunteering-at-NSF/Current-volunteering-opportunities>

or email volunteer@strokefoundation.org.au .

Places are limited - contact us now to express interest!

