

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

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What's On Club Speakers

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

December 18th

Christmas breakup - Bairnsdale Club
6.00pm for 6.30pm
\$30.00 per head, includes a Kris
Kringle gift

December 25th

No Meeting – Christmas Day

Jan 1st

No Meeting – New Year's Day

Jan 8th

International Social Theme Night
Gillians House – 6:00pm for 6:30pm
\$25per head – Moroccan Theme



BE THE INSPIRATION

President RI: Barry Rassin

D9820 Governor: Janne Speirs

D9820 EG Assistant Governor:
Judy van der Vlugt

Club President: Tony Murray

Past President:

Corres Secretary: Gillian Reeve

Treasurer: Michelle Young

Membership
& Vocation: Brian Ross

PR, Bulletin,
Facebook, Web: Bonnie Walker and
Gillian Reeve

Youth Service: Patricia MurrayWalton

Community: John Ariens

Programs: John Walker

International:
Foundation: Ula and Ken Sheather
Ula and Ken Sheather

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

Our Webpage – rcbairnsdale.org

Youtube.com/rotary

Rotary International - rotary.org.au

Marquee Hire: John Crawford
0412432325

Marquee Volunteers are welcome



Correspondence to the Secretary
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PO 287, Bairnsdale. 3875.

Meals on Wheels

7th January to 11th January.
Tony Desio is putting together
the list for volunteers this week

DOOR & WELCOME ROSTER

December – Rex and Michelle

January – John A and Rex

February – Margaret and John B

Remember to find a replacement if
you are not able to do your roster

Marquee

Dec 20 – Gippsland Truck Centre

Jan 1 – Wy Yung

Jan 13 – Bairnsdale Caravan Park

FARMERS RELIEF

All but 10 bales of the second load of hay purchased from a local supplier has been distributed to various farmers in the area of most need. The 2 hampers that we were donated a couple of weeks ago have been allocated, one having already been delivered. The two petrol vouchers from the Omeo Ski Hire have been posted to farmers in that area, a nice gift prior to Christmas. We will be receiving a donation from the Panmure CWA, which was passed at their recent meeting, they were very impressed with what we have managed to achieve so far and how we are giving aid directly to farmers.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL MOROCCAN THEME NIGHT

Tuesday, Jan 8th – 6pm for 6.30pm
Gillian's House - 46 Francis Street
Cost - \$25.00 pp, 3 course meal
BYO – Drinks, chairs, insect repella
RSVP – Gillian by 2 January 2019

Profits for the Hariti Scholarships with our twin club, Jogjakarta Tamansari. Bring a friend for a great night of food and fellowship

Rotary Theme December

Disease Prevention
and Treatment

Guest Speaker

Last week we had Gael Rand and Margaret Lomas from the Bairnsdale & District Art Society talk about the Glorious Gippsland Art Show.

Bairnsdale's **Glorious Gippsland** Art Exhibition is simply the biggest and most prestigious display of artworks on show in East Gippsland.

The biennial show is the product of a lot of hard work, planning and promotion by an enthusiastic and committed Committee of volunteers from the Bairnsdale & District Arts Society. The first two Exhibitions (2013 & 2015) were held over 2 days and achieved outstanding success.

In 2017 we held the event over the 4 days of Easter and this show received a record amount of Art entries (almost 400) from the local area, Melbourne, regional and interstate Artists. The very experienced and eminent Judge declared the organisation and presentation of the Exhibition highly professional and a great credit to the Arts Society. He also commented that the artworks presented were of a very high standard.

The Judge of the Show is chosen for their vast knowledge of art and most hail from Melbourne (not locally) to ensure their impartiality. Interestingly, East Gippsland artists received a high percentage of the prizes at each show. I guess proving again how strong art is in our district and the exceptional talent of our local Artists.

In 2017, 1600 people came through the Exhibition and the event was widely acclaimed on TV, radio and print media and by the viewing public, both locals and tourists. By any measure it was an enormous success.

Bairnsdale's '**Glorious Gippsland**' Easter Art Exhibition is now recognised as a major tourist event for Bairnsdale and is widely promoted as such.

None of this could have been achieved without sponsorship support by local organisations and businesses. In 2015 this Rotary Club was the major sponsor of the Glorious Gippsland Art Exhibition, providing \$1500 to the overall 'Best in Show' winner. This was a great contribution and was so appreciated by all at the Art Society

The Society also does 'community service' work such as presenting an Art Show at the Bairnsdale Agricultural Show, giving Art Scholarships to young artists to encourage and support their pursuit of art goals, provide volunteers to assist in provision of School Holiday art at the Bairnsdale Library.

We certainly hope the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale can again assist us stage and present a great event that is the Glorious Gippsland Art Show in 2019.

Gael Rand

A short History of the Society

The Bairnsdale and District Arts Society has been in existence since 1981. The original members, some of whom are still members today, raised the money to buy the little church which began its life in 1891 as the Lucknow Presbyterian Church. It was moved to GLENALADALE in 1920 and finally came to its present home in 1986. It was renovated and later extended by the Society.

They all worked hard organising exhibitions and sales to raise the money. Prices being what they are I doubt if this would be achievable today. The Council came to the

party with the block of land and we have a very good ongoing relationship with them. The effort was well worth it as the building is now a centre for learning about art and enjoying art, open to all comers young, old, experienced and beginners who all help and encourage each other.

I myself became a member in the late 1980's and have watched it grow and improve over the years. When I joined the membership was about 60-65 it is now about 170 something of which the present committee and its office bearers should be proud. We are very proud that the Bairnsdale and District Arts Society is now the leading Community Art Group in East Gippsland.

The Arts Society now has classes for members on most days of the week, we have at least 5 weekend workshops with visiting artists every year We started an after school class for children. We know from experience that life will get in the way of art for some of them but most will return to it as they get older. We have renovated and updated the Facilities which are now first rate, well kept and well stocked.

At this point I put my hand up and said that for a few years I had had a dream of an exhibition in Bairnsdale called Glorious Gippsland and somehow it was quickly agreed that we would go for it and seeing as it was my idea I would be the leader of the committee. A lot of hard work was put in and all the things we have done with funds raised but back then we really did not realise just what we were taking on. I did the job of leading the committee for the first two times then Gael took over and this will be her second time. Thank goodness we decided to make it every second year from the start; it gives us all a bit of breathing space.

Margaret Lomas

Water Tank at Gwandi

Construction has begun on an underground water tank at Gwandi Secondary School.

Fostering Futures is funding this project with money raised at our Pop Up **Book Shop** which we ran in December and January.

This will be a huge step forward for the students because they all had to carry water to school every day – enough for drinking, cooking of lunch and general hygiene. With some students now sleeping in the classrooms this has become very important.

Hopefully more photos will follow as construction proceeds.

Joy Windle

