

# Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



Victorian  
Multi District  
Conference

To give our attendees a chance to recover,  
all the news and excitement from the  
conference will be in next week's bulletin.

## SPEAKER OF THE WEEK

**Tim**  
Leprosy Foundation Melbourne



BE THE INSPIRATION

## Tuesday Meetings

5:45pm for 6:15pm

**The Bairnsdale Club**  
68 Nicholson Street

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## FARMERS RELIEF

This week, 40 of the bales we received have been allocated to five farmers in Buchan, who will organise their own transportation from Bairnsdale to a central point in Buchan where it can be picked up by the individual farmers. Rex is in consultation with the farmer who donated the hay and we have agreed to pay \$1200 towards the cost of the cutting, raking and baling, so that means not only has he donated 100 bales but has paid \$1500 towards the costs, very generous. Hopefully the next load will arrive next week, ready for distribution.

Gillian has been in contact with various clubs/organisations over the last week, talking money and although we have not heard anything back at this time, we are hopeful to receive some substantial funds so that we can continue our good work. Gillian posted an article on our Facebook page about the dire situation here with that evocative photo of Brian's, as at today we have reached 24,000 people and had 5100 engagements. Some of the comments have been encouraging, even someone in Townsville offering us some of their rain, if only!!!

It was wonderful to get a phone call from our contact at CWA Panmure, who donated funds to us before Christmas, just wanting to know how we were going. She made a very interesting point that there has been little to no media about East Gippsland and the drought situation, but realised that things may still be in crisis. It is disappointing that there will be no relief from rates, due this month, for farmers in East Gippsland and Wellington Shire, another burden they have to bear.

Keep your fingers crossed that we can keep up the good work for a bit longer.



Appreciative St Vincent de Paul staff  
receiving their Health Care Packs

## EVENT CALENDAR

**FEB 19: MEETING**

**FEB 26: BOARD MEETING**

**MAR 05: MEETING**

**MAR 12: MEETING**

**APR 09: GOLF & BOWLS DAY**

**APR 10: CENTENARY HOUSE  
BREAKFAST**

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Howdy, with all the activities we have on, February has become a very busy month for us and we can be proud of what we are achieving locally.

We had a really successful Tuesday night making and packing personal health kits, numbering 75 in total. I delivered a total of 25 to a very appreciative Salvation Army last Wednesday morning. The remaining 50 kits have now been delivered.

Thank you to all for your hard work in sourcing, organising and delivering all the hay and silage to desperate farmers. Our Rotary club must be doing the right thing when it comes to helping out in this very severe drought as we are still getting donations, mainly from outside East Gippsland.

At the last meeting we made the decision to apply for grants to assist with our delivery of the Farmer Relief. Let us hope it will happen for the benefit of our farmers. We have also decided to set up an account which people can donate to our club using their credit cards. Personally I think this is a very smart move, the easier and more direct it is to donate all the better.

Membership is looking more positive as it is likely we will have two new people inducted when we have time in the next few weeks, with a third person looking to also join the club.

Overall I am delighted with the way the club is operating and I always like feedback on possible improvements in the way the club can be managed.

**Tony Murray**  
(2018/19 RC Bairnsdale President)

## HEALTHCARE PACKS

I would like to thank everyone involved with the Healthcare Packs project this year. A special thanks to those who helped (John A, Tony M, Margaret, Gillian & Rex) to transport all the stock upstairs in the morning. To all the club members who assisted in assembling the packs in the evening - my congratulations on completing the task in such an efficient and speedy manner, packing 75 kits in about 25 minutes.



Also, a big thank you to John A, Tony M and John B who were able to deliver the packs to the recipient agencies.

With a total budget of \$2000, we were able to assemble 75 packs (equivalent to more than \$27 per pack), and this allowed us to distribute 25 packs to each of Salvation Army, Neighbourhood House, and St. Vincent de Paul, who were very grateful to receive the packs for distribution to those in need in our town.

**John Beynon**

### Welcome & Door Roster

**February:** John B & Margaret  
**March:** Tony M & Martin  
**April:** Still time to volunteer!



Thank you to District for the matching grant that enabled us to

complete this worthwhile local project.



### Marquee Erection Dates

**Mar 02: Relay for Life**  
(Lucknow Recreation Reserve)  
**Mar 08: Raymond Island**

## DISTRICT 9820 - East Gippsland Cluster Clubs



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



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



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



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