Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



ULLETIN 30



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

Tuesday Meetings

5:45pm for 6:15pm

The Bairnsdale Club
68 Nicholson Street

RI President Barry Rassin

D9820 Governor Janne Speirs

D9820 EG Ass. Gov. Judy van der Vlugt

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.

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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

rcbairnsdale.org

APR 09: GOLF & BOWLS DAY

APR 10: CENTENARY HOUSE

BREAKFAST

2018/19 Contacts

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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

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

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,

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

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

Overall I am delighted with the way

the club is operating and I always like feedback on possible improvements

person looking to also join the club.

mainly from outside East Gippsland.

50 kits have now been delivered.

what we are achieving locally.

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







Thank you to District the matching grant enabled us to

complete this worthwhile local project.







Welcome & Door Roster

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

Marquee Erection Dates

Mar 02: Relay for Life (Lucknow Recreation Reserve)

Mar 08: Raymond Island

DISTRICT 9820 - East Gippsland Cluster Clubs



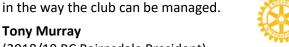
RC Mitchell River (Bairnsdale) Bairnsdale RSL

Monday 5:45 for 6:00pm Leave message (03) 9517 1220



RC 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



all the better.

(2018/19 RC Bairnsdale President)