

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

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Monthly Theme: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

What's On

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

- 13 February Crystal Stubbs
East Gippsland Art Gallery
- 20 February Ula & Gillian
India & Nepal
- 27 February Board Meeting
- 6 March Mike & Louise Ankatell
Building homes in Cambodia

Advance Notice

- 30 March Royal Childrens Hospital
Good Friday Appeal
Counting the money etc
- 29 April District Assembly
Churchill

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

A new roster is being
prepared

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Just an update that I forgot to report last week.

Due to the generosity of our members the meeting before Ula and I left for India, we raised \$150.00. As promised this money was put to very good use, together with funds donated by the members of the NID team. The total amount given to the Principal of a rural primary school, where we have already assisted in the building of a library and supply of computers, was \$1250.00 AUD.

This will be used to purchase 180 desks and chairs for the expanding school. We had noticed on previous visits that the younger children have to sit on the floor. Thank you once again for those members who gave their own funds, as you can see a small amount of money goes a long way.

Gillian

District Governor 2020-2021

The District Governor Nominee Designate is Mark Humphries from the Rotary Club of Hastings Westernport. I am sure that all our Members congratulate him on his nomination.

Celebrations

Nil



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: John Ariens
Programs: 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 SPEAKER CRYSTAL STUBBS

Last week we welcomed the very enthusiastic Crystal Stubbs, Director of the East Gippsland Art Gallery, situated at the old courthouse in Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale. Although she only held the position for 18 months it would appear that she has made quite an impact on the day to day running of the gallery.

East Gippsland Art Gallery was established in 1992 by the then City of Bairnsdale after being approached by local residents concerned that there was no public gallery in East Gippsland. Initially, East Gippsland Art Gallery was provided with one room at its current address, which it soon outgrew. Fortunately, it was eventually able to utilise all of the building as exhibition space. Renovations carried out in 2003 greatly improved exhibition facilities, opened up the foyer and created a display area for a gallery shop that stocks a range of local fine art and craft items.

This gallery is only one of two in Victoria that is not owned and run by the local Shire. It is funded by the Shire and Creative Victoria and all expenses must be met out of these funds, so as director Crystal is always trying to bring in more money either from grants or fund raising. We are certainly lucky to have such a facility here in our town and it is up to all of us to support it in any way that we can.

The artists have to pay for an exhibition, but the Director has the ability to curate two shows a year to give an opportunity to local artists to exhibit their work at no cost to them. The most popular show is the Reconciliation Exhibition that is an annual event and funded largely by the Shire.

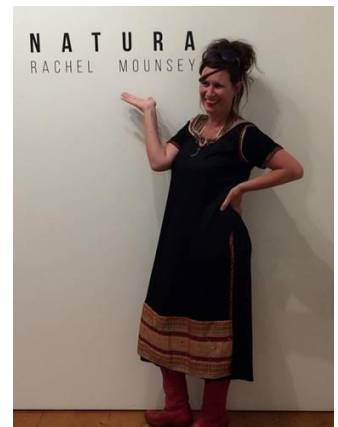
As well as exhibitions, they showcase artists' works in the shop for sale to the public charging a commission. They also conduct many workshops with primary school aged children, which has proved very popular and they have gone from one, to three a month. Part of this cost is met by Uniting Care, which is greatly appreciated. Crystal is all about trying to attract the youth of the town to have the opportunity to interact with art and artists.

After her initial talk Crystal had many questioned fired at her and she demonstrated once again her intense passion for the East Gippsland art Gallery.

Crystal herself is a celebrated glassblower working from the family gallery on the highway between Bairnsdale and Sale. Her mother Dawn produces beautiful wildlife paintings, her father Chris is a sculptor, sister Kelly specialises in silver jewellery while brother Lane also works with glass. They are certainly a very talented family and perhaps we should have a vocational visit the next time Crystal fires up her kilns.



Gillian



Some photos of the current exhibition and artists

DISTRICT 9820 CONFERENCE – SALE

Tony and Gillian attended the annual Rotary conference held in Sale. This was the first one for Tony who found it very informative and thought that the speakers were really informative and interesting.

Rotary was represented with presentations from Polio Plus, Disaster Aide, Rotary Health, and Interplast.

Next year's conference will be a multi-district event, held at the Melbourne Convention Centre, 15-17 February 2019. Put it in your diary