

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



BE THE INSPIRATION

Tuesday Meetings
5:45pm for 6:15pm
The Bairnsdale Club
68 Nicholson Street

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23 APRIL 2019

BIRTHDAYS

Brian Ross – 22 April
Tony Desio – 23 April

MEETING

Planning Management

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

This was the third year that we have counted the money collected at the traffic lights on the corner of Main and Service Streets. It proved to be a successful day and so far we have counted \$6,381.15, which included tins that had been at a couple of shops and we still have more to collect this week. We even agreed to count the money collected by the CFA in Paynesville and Raymond Island an update on that will come later.

Thank you to Carolyn who has been leaving tins around the town and collected them on Thursday as well as helping with the counting on the day. Michelle Y and Judy, together with Gillian completed the counting team, this year we had the luxury of coin and note counting machines which certainly helped with the accuracy and speed of counting.

Once again Bairnsdale Camping and Outdoors made their premises available to us, thanks Wendy and David. Let's not forget the very enthusiastic members of the Bairnsdale Football and Netball Club who weaved in and out of the stationary traffic waving the tins from 8.30 am to after 1.00pm. It was a wonderful joint effort on the day and I know that they are keen to be onboard again next year.

Total recorded Victoria wide is \$18,175,467 WELL DONE!!

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Wedding Anniversary

Noel & Rhonda Wheeldon

59 Years - 16 April 1960

EVENT CALENDAR

APR 23: MEETING

Planning Management

APR 27: FARMERS RELIEF

BINGO FUNDRAISER

APR 30: BOARD MEETING

MAY 07: MEETING

MAY 14: MEETING

MAY 21: MEETING

MUSIC BINGO
songs from the
60s, 70s & 80s

Saturday 27th April
7:30 pm

St. John's Anglican Church
cnr Service St & Francis St
Bairnsdale

\$20 entry
Includes snacks, raffle &
other games!
BYO alcohol

All funds raised will
directly support farmers
across East Gippsland

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Brenda Burney
‘Rotarian behind the Badge’

Last week we were delighted to hear from our newest member Brenda as she filled us in on her exciting and varied life.

Brenda was born in Mitcham, Melbourne, the eldest of three children who was given the nickname of Blossom by her much loved grandfather. The family moved around and at the age of four she was living in Morwell and then by eight in Leongatha and she finished her high school education in Morwell. She spent an active, normal childhood participating in ballet, basketball, horse riding and snow skiing, although she shared with us that her horse hated her now husband Rod.

After leaving her tertiary education she became a kindergarten teacher and ended up teaching for 23 years, now married to Rod, with two children Matt and Sarah. She ended her teaching career at an Aboriginal preschool, which she loved and after she left missed being called Auntie.

Since the age of 18 she had the voice in her head and heart that she wanted to follow Jesus so in her early 40's, she decided that the time has come for her to become a priest. In 2006 she was ordained as a Deacon, then in 2007 she was priested and her first parish was at Lang Lang, then Hazelwood and now of course in beautiful Bairnsdale at St Johns Anglican Church.

The other side to her bubbly personality is the fact that she likes to dress up as a

clown and engage in all that that entails, when she left her last Rotary club, they surprised her and made her President for the night, donning red noses in honour of her clown persona. She also revealed that she is a Richmond supporter and I must admit that the first time we met she was in full Richmond splendour and loudly singing the club song, during the finals last year, we just knew she should be part of our club.

Brenda then went on to tell us about her trip to Rwanda, the country of a “1000 hills and a 1000 smiles”. Most people associate it with the genocide that occurred in 1994, but she painted a picture of a country that has turned it's self around with a President who is tough, but obviously moving the country forward. The Gippsland Diocese through fundraising have donated cows to the farmers, so the local breed is now mixed with Holsteins. They stayed near Kigali and judging by the photos, was a picture perfect place, but just avoid the water and the hippos, known as the most dangerous animals in the world. While there they attended an outdoor conference and although her and Rod wanted to sit with the locals, they had to move on to the stage with all the other important people, although Rod did make his way back to the crowds and we were treated to a spot the Rod picture (the only white one). Most of the questions that followed her talk were about her stay in Rwanda so I think we might have to get her back and expand on that.



FARMERS RELIEF

Bernie Eastman from Sports First is winding up the Shopping Days promotion that he organised, a few of the participating stores had not sent any money, but that is OK, as we know a lot of retailers are doing it tough. I spoke to Paddy from Hastings/Westernport Rotary Club, who are in the process of purchasing a semi load of hay and sending it to us mid-May, at no cost to our club, great news.

The fund raiser on Saturday is getting closer so we hope that all members are trying sell tickets to their family and friends as we want to make this a success and highlight to the community that the farmers are still in need of help.



Shaking the cans & counting the money
for the Good Friday Appeal

Welcome & Door Roster

April: Ian & John A

May: Patricia & Gillian

Marquee Erection Dates

Marquee available for hire

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