

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

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What's On Club Speakers

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

October 23rd

Board Meeting – all Directors to have a report for the night

October 30th

No meeting – re Polio Plus Film Night Thursday 1 November

November 6th

No Meeting – Melbourne Cup Day

November 13th

Graeme Reynolds – Chocolatier from Chocky Sweet Box

November 20th

Leah Radatti – One Young World Summit update

DOOR & WELCOME ROSTER

October – John and Bonnie

November – John Crawford and Tony

December – Rex and Michelle

January – John A and Rex

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

Marquee

Nov 28 – All Abilities Playground

Dec 1 – Patties – East Bairnsdale

Celebrations

Inductions

Geoff Johnston – 2 November 1976 - 42 Years

Birthdays

Lyn Johnston – 2 November

Anniversaries

John & Bonnie Walker
29 October – 58 Years

FARMERS RELIEF

We have been offered another 36 bales of hay by the Lilydale Rotary Club, at a reduced price and discounted freight. They have now spent over \$17,000.00 on this project, which has been much appreciated, so our club will be funding most of this load. It arrived on Monday and was stored at Donalds Motors, ready for pickup by local farmers.

Rex has been in negotiations with another local supplier and we will be purchasing more hay supplies from them as well. John Crawford has been able to give us names of sheep farmers that need help, so we will be distributing vouchers to them so that they source their own pellets. In the end we were able to use our vouchers to help pay the account for two sheep farmers, who are very grateful for the assistance.

Rex will have to be admitted to hospital to have the phone surgically removed from his ear!!

Other Clubs

Bairnsdale Sunrise - Hotel International
Wednesday 6.45 for 7.00am Hotel International. Call Sue 0438 278258

Mitchell River - RSL

Monday 5.45 for 6.00 pm Bairnsdale RSL. Leave message 95171220 before 11.00 Mondays

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 5154 3051

Rotary Theme

October

**Economic and
Community
Development**



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: Ula and Ken Sheather
Foundation: 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 – rcbaairnsdale
Our Webpage – rcbaairnsdale.org
Youtube.com/rotary
Rotary International - rotary.org.au

Marquee Hire: John Crawford
0412432325

Marquee Volunteers are welcome



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POLIO PLUS FILM NIGHT
Bohemian Rhapsody
A foot stomping celebration of Queen and the life of
Freddie Mercury

Thursday 1 November
6.00pm for 7.00pm start
\$25.00 per head

Do you have your tickets for the fundraiser for Polio Plus? Ula has done a fantastic job of selling the bulk of the tickets allocated to our club, but I am sure that there are still a few available for purchase.

We are supplying the hot food, sausage rolls, pies, quiches – you know the sort of thing, so let Ula know what you can bring on the night, even if you are not attending you may be able to supply food.

GUEST SPEAKER

Last week we had the pleasure of hearing Leading Senior Constable Toni Redshaw a member of the Bairnsdale police force, talk to us about the dangers of the use of the internet by youth today, amongst other topics. She is also the daughter of Past President Peter White and wife Barbara, who I am sure are extremely proud of her. Recently she was awarded the Australian Police Medal, which is only given to about five or six recipients each year, in recognition of her New Directions Program, to help the youth in our area.

She began by informing us of the very harsh penalties that are in place for young offenders, who cannot be charged for an offence until they are 10 years old. After that if they say, cause wilful damage at first a caution and then they will have to appear in court. Counselling is also offered through a Youth Diversion program, but although it seems to have a high success rate the juveniles often reoffend, with some children embarking on crimes sprees as young as six years old.

What seems to be a real issue is the increasing incidents of teenagers using the internet, phones etc to send inappropriate pictures to each other. While this might seem OK while the youngsters are in a relationship but when things go wrong these pictures end up being displayed on social media, for everyone to see. This could lead to one party, ending up being on the sexual offenders list, which could mean exclusion from certain occupations, higher education and travelling overseas. Toni asked us as parents and grandparents to ensure that family members are made aware of these harsh penalties and watch what is happening. Set house rules on the use of the internet and monitor it on a regular basis. The police have devices that can plug into a computer, tablet or phone and download all pictures and texts, plus conversations on the various social media sites. Within 30 minutes they will have all the evidence that they need, even if it has been deleted.

Paedophiles are on the net everywhere, chatting to impressionable youngsters, grooming them and trying to lure them into dangerous situations. Toni told the story of one girl who was stopped at the local train station, ticket in hand, ready to travel to Melbourne to meet her supposed 14-year-old internet friend. It took some persuading that this was in fact a man in his thirties who had other plans. Gaming consoles are the

popular way that most paedophiles contact prospective victims, what seems to be just a game for some where you could be talking to someone anywhere in the world, grooming you for something else entirely.

On a lighter note, Toni spoke about the new P turns that have been brought in at Hoddle and Johnston Streets in Melbourne. This amended road traffic law has been implemented to ease the congestion at the major intersection there. As we may all be aware when passing an emergency vehicle, you must slow to 40 kmph and that means if they are coming towards you as well, where no barriers are in place in the middle of the road. The fine is \$277.00 for noncompliance, no small amount.

Tougher laws on drunk drivers are now in force, for .05-.07 it is now automatic three months loss of license plus six months interlock device on your car. The installation of this device is at the cost of the offender, regular checking must be done and the removal is all at there cost!



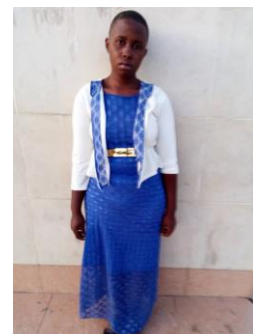
Drugs of dependence, as always are a huge problem in our town, but I think some members were surprised to realise that alcohol was the major offender. Other drugs are catching up with Ice being at the forefront, the fact that it is so cheap to buy makes it very attractive.

Unfortunately, the quality cannot be controlled and there have been instances of bad batches finding it's way on to the streets and one young man was recently rushed to hospital in Melbourne and will never fully recover from the effects. Some young people think that Marijuana is a "healthy, organic choice" but some of this is sprayed with a mixture of Ice and causes terrible symptoms.

Although it was quite a sobering talk, no pun intended, there is hope and crime is on the decrease in our town, due to the program that Toni has put in place, which looks like it will be rolled out in other places in Victoria. So, it is up to us all to be vigilant within our own families and neighbourhood. A very thought provoking talk.

Fostering Futures for Kids in Farkwa

In June the Rotary club of Bairnsdale sent a donation of \$500 for FFKF. I am very happy to be able to tell you this money has been allocated to Ulumbi Emanuel Gunna. She is a hard-working girl from Gwandi Secondary School who has the honour of being selected to do form 5&6, following her excellent results in the form 4 National Examinations. The form 5&6 schools are few and she must board at the school. This is a wonderful opportunity and an honour for Ulumbi. She is only the second student to be selected ever from Gwandi to go on. Thank you for your support, it is going to a very deserving girl. Best wishes and thanks to all at Rotary.



Joy Windle
(Coordinator, Fostering futures for Kids in Farkwa)