

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



BE THE INSPIRATION

Tuesday Meetings

5:45pm for 6:15pm

The Bairnsdale Club

68 Nicholson Street

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This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again.

- Paul Harris (Founder)

BOARD MEETING

All Directors to report on the night

FARMERS RELIEF

What a difference a week makes in the life of the Farmers Relief committee. After making several submissions, plus talking to various Rotarians and clubs at the conference, we can confirm that we are receiving the following donations:

\$5,000 District 9820

\$7,000 RC Drouin

\$30,000 District 9800 Drought Relief Fund

\$1,450 From our Facebook post so far

We have also had communications with other members of the public and organisations which could bring in more funds. It has certainly been heart-warming to see how the local community is responding to the dire circumstances that a lot of farmers are in.

Talking to Ron Haines, President of RC Lilydale has resulted in another 80 of 4 x 4 bales, offered at a lower cost from a farmer in Yellingbo. So now Bonnie is in the throes of trying to organise free or discounted cartage to get it here for the farmers. Rex has once again been in contact with farmers to find out what and where the most need is.

FARMERS RELIEF FUNDRAISER

On Friday night we commenced the planning on a fundraiser to be held on Saturday 27 April at the St John's Church Hall.

This will be a musical bingo and other games night, which has been put together by Michelle W, based on an event held by a Rotaractor Club. She has been researching the music, setting up tickets, advertising flyers etc and we will let you all know the full details soon.

We need to get as many people there to make the night a success.

EVENT CALENDAR

FEB 26: BOARD MEETING

MAR 05: MEETING

Caitlin Taniane (Pharmacist)

MAR 12: MEETING

Ben Gritt (Ceramicist)

MAR 19: MEETING

Di Fleischer (Antique Clocks)

MAR 26: BOARD MEETING

APR 09: GOLF & BOWLS DAY

**APR 10: CENTENARY HOUSE
BREAKFAST**

**APR 27: FARMERS RELIEF
FUNDRAISER**

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Wanting to make the most of the major event that the Victorian Multi District Conference is, Gillian and I turned the weekend visit into a long weekend, spending Thursday visiting many of the sights that make Melbourne 'The Place to be'.

On the Friday evening Gillian, Tony M and I joined some members of the RC Mitchell River (Bairnsdale), as well as Judy and Cat from the RC Orbest for dinner. It was a fun night with plenty of fellowship, precisely what these are events are about.



Melbourne Convention Centre



**Rotarians relaxing
in the Foyer**



**Conference registration
for the Districts**

With the beautiful Melbourne Convention Centre as the venue for one of the largest groupings of Rotarians in one place, we found our way through the throngs of people early on Saturday morning for the Opening Ceremonies, with the first speaker being Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sally Capp. She spoke on Homelessness in Melbourne and she was a very powerful speaker. The RI Presidents representative, Stephanie Urchick was the next speaker.

Brittany Arthur spoke next on 'Connecting Rotary with Alumni and Youth', she also

was a great speaker. John Soe was the next speaker with his topic 'Polio, Rotary and Me'. John talked about his life with polio and how he turned this debilitating disease into positive experiences and fulfillment in his life, a moving life story.

Dr. Edna Aldan Ismail spoke on 'Maternal Health in Somaliland'. She was a very passionate speaker and had a very interesting presentation. Lunches were served in the Friendship Centre enabling Rotarians to view the different booths as well as networking with other Rotarians.



It begins.....



The next session had Grace Forrest speaking on 'Human Slavery' in our region. It was a real eye opener. We then had Jason Ball who spoke on 'Free to Be Me'. Jason talked about being able to overcome the stigma associated with his sexuality and playing professional sports with pride and having the support within the system.

Our next speaker was Sheree Marris speaking on 'Diversity in Our Underwater World'. Sheree was a fabulous speaker and very humorous. We then had breakout sessions.

There was information given about 'One Persons Idea' which was introducing Birthday Kits for disadvantaged children and also Kits that were made up by Rotary volunteers for seniors with small items that are necessary in life but seniors may not be able to afford. (eg flashlights).

There was a lot of information to take in with all these great speakers which was topped off Saturday night with a big gala, with the Baker Boys performing. Dinner was excellent and we had lots of fun.

Sunday morning was for individual District meetings with its members. Then we had a dynamic speaker, Christine Nixon who worked for Victoria Police and her topic was on 'Leadership in a Male Environment'. Christine was an excellent speaker and I came away with some good information.

There was also entertainment within these sessions and we also were introduced to all our exchange students within all the Districts.

Sunday night we enjoyed a relaxing dinner to debrief after an eventful weekend. With a full night of rest, we then had a leisurely breakfast on Monday before boarding the train for home.

I thoroughly enjoyed the District Conference, I learned a lot and I am looking forward to the 2020 in Bendigo.

Patricia Murray-Walton

(All conference photo's courtesy of Gillian Reeve & District 9800)



Entertainers 'Busy Feet'



Ride to Conference riders



Discussion panellist's



Member Induction Brenda Burney

It was with great pleasure that President Tony Murray inducted our newest member, Brenda Burney, current Rector of St John's Anglican Church in Bairnsdale.

Sponsored by John Walker, with a number of years of being a Rotarian behind her as a member of Koo Wee Rup/Lang Lang & Hazelwood including a Paul Harris Fellow, her vocation is Minister of Religion (Priest).

We know that she will be an asset to our club with her bubbly personality and commitment to helping the local community.

Welcome to our club Brenda.



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

What a weekend! Attending the first Victorian Multi District Rotary Conference in Melbourne with six other Rotarians from our club was an experience that cannot be overstated. So many Rotarians from so many different districts, gave the conference a feel and vibrancy that is unmatched. As President, the opportunity to see how other Presidents and Clubs were operating was invaluable.

The conference itself was interesting with all speakers being relative to today's world in subject matter. Past Commissioner of Police, Christine Nixon spoke about her life story and the challenges she faced and how she overcame them.

On Saturday night I was able to catchup over dinner with 10 Michell River Rotarians and two Rotarians from Lakes Entrance Club. It was probably the most enjoying part of the weekend with a lot of networking taking place between fellow Rotarians. From my point of view it was very productive in getting to know better the Rotarians of Mitchell River like never before. The whole weekend was very worthwhile and I would do it again.

Tony Murray



Opening Ceremony



Q & A session



Ian Riseley – RI President 2017/18

The Rotary Club of Bairnsdale & The Bairnsdale Golf Club 36th Annual Charity Golf and Bowls Day

Tuesday 9 April 2019
All players will be entered into the draw for \$100.00
SPONSORED BY ELDERS INSURANCE

GOLF	BOWLS
Entry fee of \$25.00 per person Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea Hit off times 8.30am - 9.00am and 11.30am onwards Registrations can be made at the Bairnsdale Golf Club or by phone 5156 6252 18 hole Ambrose Teams of four Teams can be men, ladies or mixed and can include non handicap players Nearest the pin on all par 3 holes Sponsored by PETER MURRAY FUNERAL	Entry fee of \$20.00 per person Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea Starting time - 10.00 am Mixed Rinks Sponsored by MAULEND STREET MEDICAL CLINIC & R & C ESTIMOTEY

All proceeds go to the
BOWEN BIRDS
At Bairnsdale Regional Hospital
To purchase much needed special
equipment





Tim Collison
The Leprosy Mission, Melbourne

Last week we had a very enthusiastic Tim Collison, from the Leprosy Mission in Melbourne, deliver an interesting talk on this probably well known but misunderstood disease. I don't know about the other members but I was impressed that he had taken the time to look on our website and see the programs that we do and likened their purpose to the Six Areas of Focus adopted by Rotary International.

Tim is the Engagement Co-ordinator for the Leprosy Mission, where has worked for the last two years. Tim's parents spent time in Tanzania and Kenya with Jungle Doctors, as his father was a GP, during which time he saw leprosy first hand.

Caused by a bacteria – Mycobacterium leprae or Mycobacterium lepromatosis, leprosy affects people differently, depending on their own level of immunity and has been around for thousands of years. The disease has been traced back to India and China but has travelled to other countries in the world and is also known as Hansen's Disease.



Basically it attacks the nerves and affects the skin, so when contracted it causes desensitisation of the skin, this is what



The Leprosy Mission Australia

results in wearing away of digits and other extremities. As sufferers cannot feel pain in the affected area they often rub it to the point of causing extensive damage. An example would be a stone in a shoe which will wear away at the sole of the foot till a hole appears and then becomes infected.



Lepers used to be segregated from society and it was thought that the disease was highly contagious, but although it is transmitted by droplets it can be controlled. Some people are naturally immune, apparently if your body core temperature is high the bacteria cannot infect you and Tim explained that you have to have continued contact with a sufferer for quite some time to become infected. Simple hygiene helps, like washing hands but if the symptoms are diagnosed early enough, then antibiotics can be administered and within 6 -12 months the results can be positive. The Leprosy Mission wants to destigmatise this disease and bring understanding to communities about it's true nature.



The disease is still being transmitted and he told us that as many as 3 million people are not diagnosed, some do not want to admit that they may have a problem as it will then ostracise them from their communities. Some research is underway to develop a vaccine but as yet nothing to release on the market.

As well as helping the people suffering from leprosy, they practice these 5 areas of focus, to help make a difference:

- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies



Saving Mothers & Children - Nepal Self Help Group & Village Health Volunteer Training

A very interesting talk and all members learned a lot more about leprosy, the cause, treatment and outcome.

Follow the link below to see everything they do and make a small donation which could make a huge difference.

<https://www.leprosymission.org.au/>

Welcome & Door Roster

February: John B & Margaret

March: Tony M & Martin

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