

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



BE THE INSPIRATION

Tuesday Meetings

5:45pm for 6:15pm

The Bairnsdale Club

68 Nicholson Street

BULLETIN 35
26 MARCH 2019

With great sadness we inform you that
Bill Gamble passed away on Thursday.

A member of RC Mitchell River (Bairnsdale),
our thoughts go to his wife Claire-Lise
and we are thinking of her at this time.

BOARD MEETING

All Directors to report on the night

FARMERS RELIEF

This week has seen some of the funds from the Shopping Days hit our bank account, so far we have received \$3688 with another \$200 being donated from the sale of a painting online. Gillian and Bernie Eastman were interviewed by the Channel Nine Gippsland News, and a short segment was aired on Wednesday evening on the local news. From that coverage we have heard of an organisation that had done a fund raising drive and may donate \$4000 to Farmers Relief.

The Molafos has been ordered and the first load paid for, which will be delivered to Buchan this week. Through Gippsland Farmers Relief we were given the name of a farmer who has 45 bales of last years hay that she is donating to us and our good friend Paul Wilms from Trafalgar is willing to cart it to Bairnsdale. So together with the 34 bales due to arrive from our Lilydale contact, the yard at Donald's will be full.



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EVENT CALENDAR

MAR 26: BOARD MEETING

APR 02: MEETING

Carina Turner (Environment)

**APR 09: 36th ANNUAL CHARITY
GOLF & BOWLS DAY**

APR 09: NO NIGHT MEETING

**APR 10: CENTENARY HOUSE
BREAKFAST**

APR 16: MEETING

**APR 27: FARMERS RELIEF
FUNDRAISER**



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

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 handicapped players

Nearest the pin on all par 3 holes
Sponsored by

PETER MURRAY FUNDRAISER

BOWLS

Entry fee of \$20.00 per person
Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea

Starting time - 10.00 am

Mixed Rinks

Sponsored by

MARLENE STRECK MEDICAL CLINIC
&
R & C ENTROPY

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



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Di Fleischer
'Antique Clocks'

We had a very interesting talk from Di Fleischer, who has worked at Bairnsdale Clocks since 2000. The owner Trevor Herbstreit and Di are clock makers, or horologists (the study of the management of time), with Trevor and his scimitar clock, which took two years to complete, winning both a first prize and a highly recommended at the 2018 Crafts Competition in the United States. Being able to manage time, by whatever means was a powerful tool and gave control over your peers.

The Egyptians had sundials and sand clocks, the Asians using water clocks to keep track of time. The first weight driven clocks came to being in the 1100's but were so expensive were only available to the very rich or clergy which gave them control over their parishioners, using bells to then toll the hour. The 1300's saw the appearance of clocks with striking mechanisms. 1400's the Italians had clocks that were spring wound and smaller. In 1620 the lantern clock was built, small and contained in a protective case. In 1800 they had the carriage clock, once again smaller and contained in a wooden box, it could be turned upside down without stopping, suitable for carriages. In 1660 the long case clock came into being, Di had one of these with her, so we were able to see the complex mechanism inside and the large spikes at



Scimitar Clock

Winner 2018 Crafts Competition USA

the back where it was hammered into the wall. Grandfather clocks became popular, with large and ornate cases holding all the clock workings, sizes are: Grandfather over 6 feet, Grandmother over 5 feet and the Granddaughter over 4 feet.

The Harrison clock, invented in 1740 was used to accurately record the longitude

and latitude which is used by my mariners, Di told us that it took till 1772 for Harrison to eventually receive full payment for his invention. It was interesting to learn that the first battery clock was made in 1838, with glass liquid cells. The anniversary clock was in use in 1879 and as its name suggests only has to be wound once every 400 days, or once a year. The Germans made the first wrist watches for the military in 1880 and before that cheaper watches were manufactured for the general public and became known as the two bob watch, a term we are all familiar with.



As we know now a days we have clocks and watches in all shapes and sizes, powered by small batteries, but there are many people who love the old type clocks and it should be remembered that those mechanisms were invented and made from the materials to hand in the day. We all found the talk extremely interesting, which was reinforced by the many questions that were asked. So the one stop shop for sales, purchase, repairs and valuations of clocks would be Bairnsdale Clocks and the wealth of knowledge that Di and Trevor have.

Welcome & Door Roster

March: Tony M & Martin

April: Still time to volunteer!

Marquee Erection Dates

Apr 18: Metung Book Fair

DISTRICT 9820 - East Gippsland Cluster Clubs



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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