

# ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

Bulletin No. 12/18 - 26 September 2017

Monthly Theme: Basic Education and Literacy

## What's On

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

26 September Board Meeting  
All welcome

3 October Tim Bull

24 October Board Meeting

7 November No Meeting  
Melbourne Cup

### Wednesday 8 November

Polio Plus Film Night

### Murder on the Orient Express

Details to follow

### Saturday 11 November

Man the gates at the Agricultural Show

## 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 0430 501 012

## Celebrations

*None for this week*

### DOOR & WELCOME ROSTER

September Ula Sheather  
Volunteer required

October John Crawford  
Rex Estoppey

## BBQ Dates

Friday – Saturday 6-7 October  
Futsal Tournament ~ BARC

## HOPE RESTART CENTRE

The Board of Hope Restart Centre takes the opportunity presented by the recent \$3m commitment by the Federal Government to thank **ALL** those who have supported this fantastic and much needed project, financially, in kind and with their voices, over the past couple of years.

This critical funding development is the result of the overwhelming support of every one of you, the Gippsland community and, indeed, the wider Australian community.

We look forward to receiving the remaining support from others to make the vision a reality enabling the completion of Stage 1 of the project at a cost of \$7.23m potentially around mid-2018.

Our major philanthropic push will commence very soon and we are confident your continued contribution and sharing of our website, Facebook page and Founding Video will achieve the target we need to reach.

**John Glynn**  
**HOPE Restart Centre Inc**  
**0409 529 167**



We hope to have someone come and talk to us about this in the near future and John Ariens is keen for our club to come on board. All donations to this organisation is a tax deduction for those who may want to help personally

## RYLA

Ula and Patricia are hoping to be able to find a suitable student for this Rotary project, so keep your fingers crossed.



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
Minute Secretary:	Noel Wheeldon
Treasurer:	Gillian Reeve
Membership & Vocation	Brian Ross
PR, Bulletin, Facebook, Web:	Helen Crosby and Gillian Reeve
Youth Service:	Ula Sheather
Community Programs	John Ariens 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

Last week we had Frank Brown Graham give us a very detailed update on the Friends of East Timor and the work that they have done over the last 15 years, in Timor L'Este. It was very obvious that this project is very close to Frank's heart and his enthusiasm rubbed off on us all I am sure.

He spoke about the large unemployment in the country, but this has not caused the youth to resort to crime as we often see here, but rather they gather in groups and talk/socialise and are keen to be a useful member of society. Rubbish is a huge problem but some villages take pride in their environment while others not.

Independence has brought it's own problems with the national currency now being the USD, plus the schools now have to teach Portuguese as it has been declared the national language. The only problem with that is that the teachers will now have to learn that language in order to teach it, bizarre!!

At least now with peace in the country and bon ami with the Indonesian government, who once were enemies, there is hope.

Frank found that a lot had changed since his visit several years ago, some bad, some good. The support funds they provide for the children as well as young people in a trade that will be useful for their future.



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We saw pictures of three engineering students who have been sponsored through their education and now have acquired jobs in their chosen field. The students also use their talents to make



furniture and repair all types of vehicles. Four years ago with held a joint film night and raised \$2500 towards the education of just such a young person. It was great to see their smiling faces and so proud of what they have achieved.



Timor L'Este is a beautiful country with beaches, sporting white or black sand. Verdant undergrowth and

magnificent buildings in typical Portuguese style a leftover from the days when the country was part of their empire.



While there, elections were on and Fretilin supporters were everywhere. This country has certainly had it's share of turmoil and Frank visited a cemetery which was the site of a massacre during the war, thought provoking.



I am always in awe of what local groups in our town manage to achieve, making adifference to

communities overseas. Keep up the good work

