

# ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

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Monthly Theme: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

## What's On

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

27 February	Board Meeting Directors please have your Reports ready
6 March	Mike & Louise Ankatell Building homes in Cambodia
13 March	Annika Fitzpatrick National Youth Science Forum experience
20 March	TBA
27 March	Board Meeting Leigh Venables Gippsland Centenary House Breakfast

### Avance Notice

30 March	Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal Counting the money etc
29 April	District Assembly Churchill

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## 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 0429 591 012

**DOOR & WELCOME  
ROSTER**

Still not done

## Marquee Dates

|            |   |            |
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| 3 March    | - | Lucknow    |
| 31 March   | - | Metung     |
| 28 April   | - | W Tree     |
| 27 October | - | Bairnsdale |

## RIP NORMA WARD

As advised to our members it is with much sadness that we have to report that Norma passed away on Friday at Opal nursing home (Harnham). I am so glad that I got to visit her prior to our Christmas break up, she was upset that in the end she was unable to attend. We will all remember at the 2016 breakup, when she entered into the spirit of the night and "pinched" the croaking frog at the very end. It had pride of place in her room and we had a laugh about it on my visit. Our thoughts go out to her family at this sad time. Watch the local papers for the funeral day and time as there is no information available as at going to publication.

## UPDATE ON SOLOMON JONES

Patricia gave us an update on Solomon the delightful young man who spoke to us in December about his RYLA experience. He has been involved in a few Rotary programs and has made full advantage of the opportunities given to him.

Solomon was accepted into the University in Canberra and decided to apply for the Charles Allan Seymour Hawker Scholarship. This is open to only 200 applicants in Australia, of which 18 will be chosen for the interview and only four awarded the scholarship. The award provides for three years accommodation all paid at ANU.

He was one of the 18 selected for the interview process and was flown to Adelaide free of charge. He thought that he did not do very well and was not hopeful of being successful, as he reported to Patricia.

You will all be very pleased to hear that he was awarded the scholarship and it will certainly take the pressure off for his three years of study.

## Celebrations

*Wedding Anniversary*

Marg & Geoff Macfarlane – 5.3.1981



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

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| 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                                                                                                                    |
| Treasurer:                     | Gillian Reeve                                                                                                                    |
| Membership & Vocation          | Brian Ross                                                                                                                       |
| PR, Bulletin, Facebook, Web:   | Bonnie Walker and Gillian Reeve                                                                                                  |
| Youth Service:                 | Ula Sheather                                                                                                                     |
| Community Programs             | John Ariens<br>John Walker                                                                                                       |
| International Foundation:      | Margaret Macfarlane<br>Margaret Macfarlane                                                                                       |
| Club Meets at Tuesdays 6pm     | The Bairnsdale Club<br>68 Nicholson St<br>Bairnsdale<br>PH: 5152 4301 Phone<br>Club before 12 noon                               |
| Web Sites to visit:            | Our Facebook Page – rcbairnsdale<br>Our Webpage – rcbairnsdale.org<br>Youtube.com/rotary<br>Rotary International - rotary.org.au |
| Marquee Hire:                  | John Crawford<br>0412432325                                                                                                      |
| Marquee Volunteers are welcome |                                                                                                                                  |



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## GUEST SPEAKER

### ULA SHEATHER – DAYS FOR GIRLS

Last week we had Ula update us on her recent trip to India and Nepal distributing the Days for Girls kits.

These kits are made here in Bairnsdale by Ula and her team of volunteer sewers. All fabric is still being cut by PHF Colin Toohey from Top Trim, saving much needed time. Ula has sewers in Orbost, organised by Alma Mundy, Twisted Threads in Johnsonville plus the many workshops she has at her own home, even taking her team to Mallacoota. Members of Inner Wheel have been willing helpers on the packing days, as the kits have to be prepared in a specific way.

Ula and Gillian carried 130 kits from the local team and then in Moradabad, India, 135 kits were provided by a Melbourne chapter.

This is the fourth time that kits have been taken to Moradabad, as an add on to the Polio Plus immunisations, the second time for Ula and the third for Gillian. While in Moradabad, through a contact Doctor Arif Kahn, three schools benefited. Ula, as a Health Ambassador for DfG, gave all the presentations, sometimes with the help of a local Health Worker, Sima and sometimes

having to improvise and mime the instructions (or pantymime as she called it, a DfG joke).



At all schools they were gratefully received by the girls and some who had received them three years ago, could not speak too highly of the difference it has made. They were in great demand, even the teachers wanted the packs. Thanks to all the Melbourne Rotarians who carried them over to India and helped make a difference



Then it off to Pokhara in Nepal, where Ula had made contact with the local Inner Wheel club, who organised for the two ladies to go to a remote village 2 ½ hours from Pokhara, Karkaneta. To get the 130 kits to Nepal Ula and Gillian

looked like a pair of packhorses and carried nearly 71kgs between them of clothes and kits.

The trip to Karkaneta was a story in its self as they travelled in a Mitsubishi, Triton, dual cab, designed to carry five, with at sometimes eight inside and three in the back. Away off they went climbing up the hills on very narrow winding roads. A welcoming committee was in the village, with musicians and dancers to herald the arrival.

The local Secondary School was badly damaged in the earthquake of 2014, although some work has been done to rebuild, everything has come to a grinding halt, but

the Rotary Club of Pokhara New Road is hoping to raise the funds to complete.



What seemed like the whole school, together with some villagers gathered in the dirt courtyard and the morning began with a

distribution of stationery packs to the younger students, which was a project of the Inner Wheel Club. Then it was Ula's turn to try and speak to over a hundred students, teachers and Rotarians. Our original interpreter, Prem, the President of the Rotary Club started to translate but one of the Inner Wheel ladies thought he was not doing a good enough job and took over the task, very well indeed. Eventually 90 kits were distributed, once again to very grateful students.

Back in Pokhara, at the Childrens Welfare Education, Ula made contact with Deepak who arranged a visit to a poor school on the city outskirts. The principal had to be shown the kits and agree that they could be distributed to the girls. He was very impressed and next day Ula was able to hand out the remainder of the kits to some very needy students.

What was wonderful is that in Nepal talking about menstruation is not taboo and was discussed openly, which makes the job of distributing kits and helping the girls all that much easier. In India to some extent it is not discussed openly and certainly not in male company, which put certain restrictions on the team.

The plan is to go back to Nepal and start an enterprise, teaching the locals to make the kits themselves and perhaps creating a micro industry, so watch this space for more information.



This is what a pack horse looks like



## 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Planning is already underway for our 80<sup>th</sup> in August 2018. We will be discussing some of the arrangements at the Board Meeting and hopefully will form a small committee to carry on with the plans