

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



BE THE INSPIRATION

Tuesday Meetings

5:45pm for 6:15pm

The Bairnsdale Club
68 Nicholson Street

BULLETIN 44
28 MAY 2019

Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence.

- Anonymous

BOARD MEETING

All Directors to report on the night

FARMERS RELIEF

The promised molasses did not arrive during the week, apparently held up on the dock somewhere, but Rex is hoping for it to arrive this week, so keep your fingers crossed. The last load of hay came from the Rotary Club of Hastings/Westernport and we asked them if they could source more which we would pay for from our funds, supply is becoming problematic in our local area. The good news is that after receiving an e-mail from them during the week they can acquire another load which they will contribute \$3000 towards the cost. Warren from Donald's has offered to cart the hay here and we will cover the cost of petrol. Once again an inspiring week for Farmers relief.

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE 2019/20 CHANGEOVER

It is that time of year again and the club changeover is just around the corner.

This event is open to any past members, family and friends of current members so please pass on. If you would like to pay online prior to the day, the details of our new Admin account has been provided in a separate email.

Don't forget to RSVP to Patricia.

CHANGEOVERS

RC Bairnsdale Sunrise
Friday 31 May (Evening)

RC Mitchell River (Bairnsdale)
Saturday 15 June

District 9820
Sunday 23 June (Lunch)
Gumbuya Park

RC Orbost
Wednesday 26 June (Evening)

RC Lakes Entrance
Friday 28 June (Evening)

Inner Wheel Bairnsdale
Thursday 11 July (Evening)

EVENT CALENDAR

MAY 28: BOARD MEETING

JUN 04: MEETING

JUN 11: MEETING

JUN 18: MEETING

**JUN 23: DISTRICT 9820
2019/20 CHANGEOVER**
Gumbuya Park

JUN 25: BOARD MEETING

JUL 02: MEETING

**JUL 07: RC BAIRNSDALE
2019/20 CHANGEOVER**
B'dale Golf & Bowls Club

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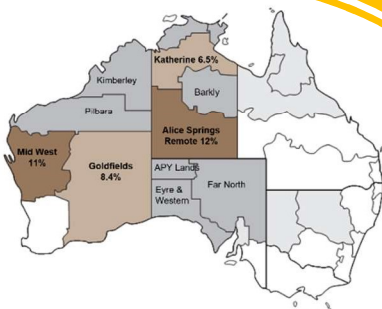
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Sally Dell "Trachoma"

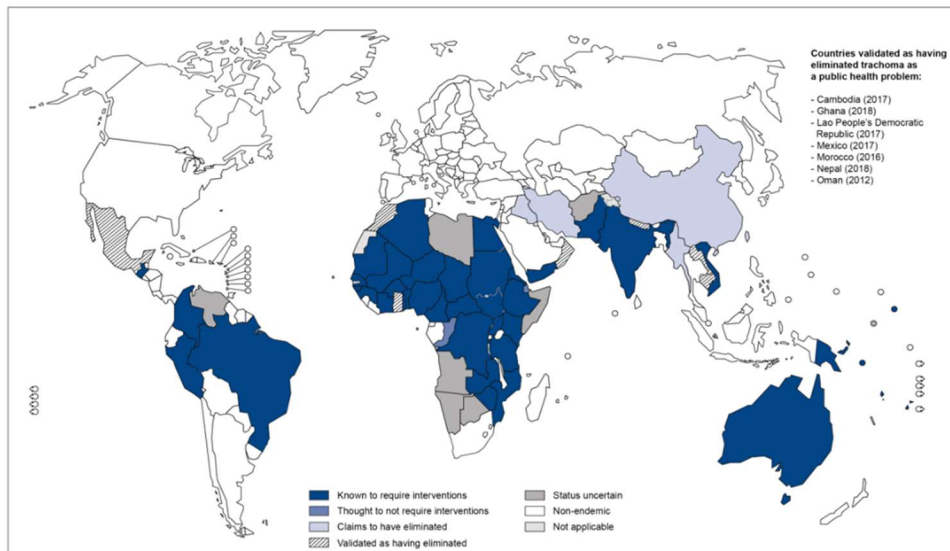
Last week we had Sally Dell, the District 9820 Champion for End Trachoma 2020, an initiative started in 2017-2018 by Past RI President Ian Riseley who felt that this totally preventable disease could be eradicated from Australia, the only developed country that still has recorded cases, amongst our indigenous community.

What is Trachoma?

Trachoma is the world's leading cause of infectious blindness. Some may know it as Sandy Blight, it is a contagious bacterial infection, caused by the bacterium *Chlamydia Trachomatis*. It is completely preventable however with repeated infection, it can cause scarring inside the eyelids which causes the eyelashes to turn in, leading to painful scratching of the eye on every blink, which can then lead to irreversible blindness. Trachoma spreads by personal contact (via hands, clothing, towels or bedding), or by flies in contact with infected discharge from the nose or eyes of children's faces. Women seem to suffer much more frequently and severely than men as they are the carers of young children.

In April 2016, Lien Trinh who is our End Trachoma Project Manager, attended the World Health Organisation (WHO) 'Global Elimination of Trachoma by 2020' meeting on behalf of Rotary to meet with all the

Status of elimination of trachoma as a public health problem, 2018



Australian Stakeholders to learn about Trachoma in Australia and to decide if we should become involved. Lien studied for a Master's of Public Health at the London School of Tropical Medicine as a Rotary Foundation Global Scholar in 2013/14. She is an optometrist and expert in public health. Sally explained that using good hygiene, such as careful washing of hands, blowing noses and keeping the face clean, bacteria will have a hard job of taking control. With this in mind using funds raised to buy simple things like a personal face washer, not to be shared with others and ensuring reliable clean water. It is not a good statistic when you realise that Australia is the only developed country that still has cases, but with the help of the World

Health Organisation, the Australian Government and Rotary we hope that it can be eliminated soon.

Sally together with DG Janne attended a conference in Alice Springs and were able to see firsthand what is happening in the Aboriginal communities and how education is being delivered to improve the hygiene for those living in basic conditions. Janne spoke briefly about it when she visited recently and was obviously very impressed by what she saw, as was Sally and both seem to have fallen in love with Alice Springs.

Thank you to Sally and her husband Peter who made the trip from Warragul to talk to us, although Sally has said she is willing to travel anywhere to promote the cause.

Welcome & Door Roster

May: Patricia & Gillian

June: Rex & Judy

Marquee Erection Dates

JUL 17: Mt Taylor

DISTRICT 9820 - East Gippsland Cluster Clubs



RC Mitchell River (Bairnsdale)
Bairnsdale RSL
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