

# Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



BE THE INSPIRATION

## Tuesday Meetings

5:45pm for 6:15pm

The Bairnsdale Club  
68 Nicholson Street

**BULLETIN 27**  
**29 JANUARY 2019**

## INDUCTIONS

Martin van Elst  
4 Years - 27 January 2015

## BOARD MEETING

All Directors to report on the night

## FARMERS RELIEF

We have been offered 100 bales of 4x4 bales of hay from a farmer in Wesburn near Yea, who has donated them to us and is willing to cover the cost of the cutting, bailing and wrapping. The farm site is difficult to take in a large truck to load the hay, but Rob Bennett from Lilydale, who has helped us before, has a plan to move the hay to a more suitable site and then organise machinery to handle the loading. Rob has also offered us a generous deal on the freight to get it to Bairnsdale, so we have given the go ahead for him to organise at the Wesburn end.

Rex, Bonnie and John have been working on the logistics for over a week, but we are confident that we will achieve a positive outcome. Once again the generosity of everyone involved is inspiring, but this will probably deplete our funds to almost zero, although we have had another donation promised from Warrnambool Rotary which will help. Hopefully we can continue on with our good work a bit longer.

## INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE CHANGEVER

Last Saturday night several members of our club attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Inner Wheel Club of Bairnsdale, a great night with plenty of fellowship.

Eight members who have been there for the whole 25 years were given recognition pins on the night, what an achievement to be involved in an organisation for 25 years. Congratulations!!!

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## EVENT CALENDAR

**JAN 29: BOARD MEETING**

**FEB 05: MEETING**

Speaker Diane Scott  
"Dementia Australia"

**FEB 12: MEETING**

Health Care Packs sorting

**FEB 15-17: 2019 Victorian**

**Multi-District Conference**  
Melbourne Convention Centre

**Rotary**



## 2019 Victorian Multi-District Conference

15 -17 February 2019  
Melbourne Convention Centre

Normal (after Nov 30) \$225  
(note Gala Dinner is at a separate cost)

**Further Information**  
2019indvictoriarotaryconference@gmail.com

**Rotary**



VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



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## Rotarian Gillian Reeve "Canada: Halifax, Nova Scotia"

Last week Gillian gave a very interesting talk about Halifax, Nova Scotia that was part of a cross Canada trip, the last destination prior to travelling to Toronto for the 2018 Rotary International Convention.

The journey began in Quebec boarding the overnight train, Gillian had a private sleeper on a train that puts Victoria to shame with great meals & facilities. On board was a husband and wife team of musicians who had been away in Seattle, they treated the passengers to an impromptu performance in the lounge, a violin and cello playing traditional Haligonian music, a very special treat!



Halifax is a beautiful port city with a rich history of seafaring. Walking along the boardwalk, looking out over the sheltered water of the port area was beautiful. On this day there was a ceremony for the 14 Canadian nurses lost when the HMHS Llandovery Castle on a voyage from Halifax to Liverpool, England was sunk. Assembled were 14 nurses dressed in various styles of uniform. One by one they threw a single red rose into the water, in memory of each of the ladies that lost their life. An emotional ceremony.



Overlooking Halifax is the Citadel, a large fort built to protect the city, having gun emplacements overlooking the harbour. The way that they had presented the



Citadel with various guides, dressed in the appropriate outfits, showing the visitors all the historic features was great. Gillian was pleased to discover that one of the musicians dressed in military dress was the young man who had played the violin on board the train.

A trip to Lunenburg, a picturesque town on the water which was settled by German refugees who were given a plot of land and materials to build a house. The homes are all built of wood and painted in many bold colours, walking through the streets to look at the distinctive architecture was a treat. The church was



especially spectacular. The area is justified to have World Heritage Listing and the nickname of UNESCO Fresco.

Mahone Bay is another picturesque small town on the water. This town is known for the pewter studio and Gillian was able to watch as they made the pewter and created various pieces of art.



A trip to Peggy's Cove which is a very small fishing community with a lighthouse and was extremely windy. Another beautiful spot with lots of history.

Halifax is renowned for when the Titanic sank, it was the ships and seaman from this port that went out to recover the bodies, with coffins, morticians and an innovative system of tagging the bodies and all their possessions for later identification. With 334 bodies, some were buried at sea and only 150 were able to be brought back to Halifax for burial. One harrowing account by one of the seaman, that when arriving at the scene he looked in the water to see the body of a young child no older than three.



All bodies were given a service and burial paid for by the city of Halifax, with graves laid out in the shape of a boat. Several graves still only have the numbers that were allocated to the bodies, as their identity has never been discovered. One small child who lay in an anonymous grave, was eventually identified in 2001 and the body returned to his family, but the memorial remains. An emotional visit but not to be missed.



It was obvious that Gillian was impressed by her stay with her impassioned talk.

### Welcome & Door Roster

**January:** Rex & Michelle  
**February:** John B & Margaret  
**March:** To be Confirmed

### Marquee Erection Dates

Marquee available for hire

## 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