

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

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Monthly Theme: Maternal and Child Health Month

What's On

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

3 April	Rotarian behind the badge Michelle Young John Walker
10 April	Golf & Bowls Day No meeting at club
11 April	Breakfast Fundraiser for Centenary House at Eastwood Retirement Village
17 April	Clair Geibenow Her time on a Mercy Ship
24 April	Board Meeting
1 May	Gillian Reeve National Immunisation Day Moradabad

Advance Notice

29 April	District Assembly Berwick
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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

April - John & Bonnie Walker

May - Rex & John Ariens

Marquee Dates

7 October - Bairnsdale

The teams can have a rest for a while

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

We had a very successful Good Friday Appeal, this year we counted \$5835.00 a huge increase on last year. The Bairnsdale Football and Netball Club once again did a great job rattling the tins at the traffic lights and really got into the spirit of the day. Carolyn had been around local businesses and left tins in the weeks prior. When they were all collected it was an extra \$500.00 that we did not get last year, thanks Carolyn. Some businesses said that they would hold tins for the whole year, so next time is looking good.

Our team of counters, Michelle, Carolyn, Ken and Gillian, were able to keep up with the flow of money and had it all done and dusted half an hour after the final tin came in. We all had dirty fingers but had a good time.

Thanks to the David and Wendy, owners of the Bairnsdale Camping and Outdoors who allowed us to use their back office to do the counting, couldn't have done it without them.

We have plans in place to make next year even bigger

Celebrations

Birthdays

Tony Murray - 1 April
Ula Sheather - 7 April

Inductions

Tony Desio - 3 April 1979



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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 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 SPEAKERS

ROTARIANS BEHIND THE BADGE

On 20 March we had a couple of Rotarians gave us a brief outline of their lives. It was interesting to get the stories of a long term member of our club and a relatively new member (to our club at least).

John Walker

John was born in 1934 in Ballart, went to school there. In his youth he enjoyed playing football. After High School he was off to Melbourne University where he studied Civil Engineering.

His first employment was with Garlic & Stewart, but after two years John and a friend decided to travel overseas, the first stop being Canada, where they ended up working for two years.

They then travelled on to America, Mexico, more of Canada and Europe. It was during this time that John reconnected with Bonnie, who he knew before setting off on his travels. He told us how they got a scooter in Rome and travelled all over the place with it. It must have sparked something else as they got married in London

Once back home John started working for Garlic & Stewart again, where a lot of their work was in the East Gippsland area. John and Bonnie also lived in Tasmania for eight years while John was working with the same firm and it was during this time he became involved with Rotary.

They did come back to Bairnsdale for work for a few years and built their new home. During their stay John was involved with Rotary. The decision was made to return to Ballarat and their families where John was working for the family manufacturing works.

During their time in Ballart John was involved in Rotary, Pony Club and the Agricultural Society. Approximately 10 years ago John and Bonnie returned to Bairnsdale and they house they had built before and re-joined our Rotary Club. They are here for keeps and are enjoying their retirement.

Patricia Murray – Walton

Patricia was born in Canada, the second child in her family. At the age of 18 she made the big decision to leave home catching the train to Toronto where she hoped to find a job and make a fresh start

She worked in Toronto for five years in the Finance industry, during which time she met and married her first husband.

They went into a Cabinet Manufacturing business which was very successful, also during this time Patricia opened up a Retail Bed & Bed Linen shop. They had three children two boys and a girl

Patricia first joined Rotary in 1990, as well a Business Professional women's organisation were she became a Director. She felt that being part of these organisations taught her a lot. She was very involved within these clubs, Santa clause parades in July and December, Youth exchange, and much more.

The children left home at 18, 19, and 21 years, the boys went on to join the armed forces while Patricia's girl got married.

After the divorce, Patricia got very busy with her work, Corrections Officer, Community Service, Disabled Programs, as well as running a successful Bed and Breakfast. A very busy lady we would all agree

It was at this time her children told her to travel and enjoy her life, not work so hard. So Patricia came to Australia to catch up with one of her sons, who was with the RAAF in Sale. She managed to travel around and even went on a Cruise around Australia as well as other countries.

While in Sale Patricia went to the different Rotary Clubs in the area, during this time she meet up with her now husband, Wally from the Sale Central Rotary Club. After enjoying a close association with our club, Patricia joined during this Rotary year and is enjoying herself.



The busy bees after all the counting was done

THANK YOU

Thanks to Tony M, John C, Jeff F, Gillian and Ken who came along to help the Rotary Club of Mitchell River at the Paynesville monthly markets, which was held in conjunction with the Food Van Fest. It was great to be able assist our fellow Rotarians and pay back some of their help with our marquee.

