

# ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

BULLETIN No 8, September 4, 2018

## What's On

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

### September 4<sup>th</sup>

Leah Radatti – One Young World Summit

### September 11<sup>th</sup>

TBA

### September 18<sup>th</sup>

Phoebe Hicks – My Health Record

### Bring a Friend Night

#### Bulletin Editor

While Ula is away on holiday I will be doing the bulletin, so send any editorial to me by Sundays - Thanks

## DOOR & WELCOME ROSTER

September – Rhonda and Noel

October – John and Bonnie

November – John Crawford and Tony

December – Rex and Michelle

January – John A and Rex

**Remember to find a replacement if you are not able to do your roster**

## Marquee

No booked jobs till after October

## Celebrations

### Inductions

Bonnie Walker –  
6 Sept 2016

### Anniversaries

Brian & Anne Ross –  
11 September 1976

## FARMERS RELIEF

Once more a busy week for the Farmers Relief Committee. We have had a meeting with Melissa Ferguson the CEO of the Gippsland Farmers Relief Inc, which proved very productive and it was good to meet her face to face.

Our club has now facilitated the rental of a storage unit here in Bairnsdale where GFR can store the 60 food hampers that will arrive each month, to be distributed by volunteers to Buchan, Orbost and Omeo areas.

More businesses are coming on board with the voucher scheme we will be putting into place so that the farmers can be assisted with purchasing essentials. Once again, the generosity of people never ceases to amaze.

John W, Bonnie and Tony M attended a meeting in Orbost last week, the inaugural one for the Standing by Farmers Community Group.

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## Other Clubs

**Bairnsdale Sunrise - Hotel International**  
Wednesday 6.45 for 7.00am Hotel International. Call Sue 0438 278258

### **Mitchell River - RSL**

Monday 5.45 for 6.00 pm Bairnsdale RSL. Leave message 95171220 before 11.00 Mondays

### **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 5154 3051

## Rotary Theme

**September is  
Basic Education and  
Literacy Month**



BE THE INSPIRATION

President RI: Barry Rassin

D9820 Governor: Janne Speirs

D9820 EG Assistant Governor:  
Judy van der Vlugt

Club President: Tony Murray

Past President:

Corres Secretary: Gillian Reeve

Treasurer: Michelle Young

Membership  
& Vocation Brian Ross

PR, Bulletin, Bonnie Walker and  
Facebook, Web: Gillian Reeve

Youth Service: Patricia MurrayWalton

Community John Ariens

Programs John Walker

International: Ula and Ken Sheather  
Foundation: Ula and Ken Sheather

Club Meets at: The Bairnsdale Club  
Tuesdays 6pm 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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## Farmers Relief Contd.

We will purchase vouchers through the Orbost Chamber of Commerce for distribution to farmers in that area. In the future we will work in with this group and the Rotary Club to do what is best for the farmers.

It was agreed at the last Board Meeting that the Farmers Relief Committee will disperse funds etc. at their discretion and report back to the club.

### MARQUEE

Thanks to Jeff F, John A, Rex, Brett, Gillian, John C (yes, he is back) & Martin for assisting in either the erection or de-erection of the marquee over the last week. We went from beautiful conditions on Wednesday at Metung to rain and cold on Friday at Lindenow, back to reasonable conditions on Sunday

## Presidents Report

I write this report in relation to the ongoing drought in our region and the relationship our and other Rotary Clubs are having with farmers in East Gippsland and other charitable organisations helping to ease the burden of the drought. The ongoing drought is really hurting farmers. It must be made clear that the worst drought lasted three years, (1971 to the end of 1973). When thinking about it, at this point the current drought is very serious and could last for some time based on past records.

As a Rotarian and ex farmer, I'm thrilled how the club and other organisations have taken on helping the farming community to get through the current hardship associated in the areas of very little feed for suffering livestock and the mental health of farmers and families. Livestock farmers are also becoming short on clean water for livestock. It should be noted it is so pleasing how so many people in the community are helping with this issue. From experience I have never experienced a rural disaster which has gained so much media coverage which I am very grateful for.

From a Presidents point of view it's fabulous the way all of you have risen to the task of trying to help those not so fortunate. I also think this could mean some farming families may be forced to sell their farms and livestock due to unsustainable debt levels and the shortage of fodder and grain plus absorbent prices being charged for feed.

As I see it, this project could be a long term if the drought does not break, so all Rotarians please be prepared for the possible problems looming. You need to realise that most livestock find this is the hardest time to stay alive during wet windy cold weather. Grass also takes time to grow.

As stated, this is very serious situation and it could get worse meaning Rotary could be involved with for some time. Let's hope we get soaking rains.

**President Tony Murray.**

### Sergeant

It was decided at the Board Meeting that the Sergeants job will be filled on a rotation basis. For September that will be **Rex Estoppey**. So watch out for any miss behaviour as he will be watching you.

### BRING A FRIEND NIGHT - 18 September 2018

All members should have received a separate e-mail concerning our proposed Bring a Friend Night. Put the date in your diary and bring along a potential member.

**Brian Ross - Membership**

### BBQ CLEAN UP

We will need to do some maintenance, clean up our BBQ and store all utensils etc in proper containers. We originally thought that we would do that on Sunday 30 September, but that will clash with an IYFR event, so it has been moved to **Sunday 23 September**.

We will make it a social event as well, venue will be confirmed prior to the day. Hope to see you there.