

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



BE THE INSPIRATION

Tuesday Meetings
5:45pm for 6:15pm
The Bairnsdale Club
68 Nicholson Street

BULLETIN 32
5 March 2019

Life's most persistent and
urgent question is,
'What are you doing for others?'
- Martin Luther King Jr

SPEAKER OF THE WEEK
Caitlin Taniane
Pharmacist

FARMERS RELIEF

Another good week, as all of the promised money has hit our bank account, plus an anonymous donation of \$258, which will be all very useful.

After talking to our contact in Buchan it was suggested that we could assist more farmers by purchasing two loads of Molafos which can assist up to 50 farmers. The supplement will arrive in tankers to a central point in both the Buchan and possibly Swifts Creek areas, Rex is sorting that out at the moment. The farmers will come with their own containers and fill from the tankers, each load will cost about \$10,000, which thankfully we can now afford. As always we listen to the needs of the farmers and change the type of help we can give to what is required.

Rex has also been talking to a contact in the Meerlieu area and although some are doing OK, there are some that are doing it extremely tough. As yet we have not helped as many farmers in that area so no doubt we will be in the near future.

Bonnie is still trying to organise the freight on the hay from Yellingbo and is following several contacts to see what can be done, as they can only be collected on a Monday when the tractor driver works on the farm.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

On Sunday, Gillian and I attended a video meeting with Foundation Seminars on applying for grants under their banner. Encouraging increased participation, grants up to \$1000 are for selective students who are disadvantaged economically to help the normal schooling process. Areas of importance are peace, water, education, maternal/child health and development for overseas grants.

Paul Mee spoke on the process of grant application, with all records being up to date and transparent. Funds are sent to school prior to April 30. Our district received \$60,000 last year. Rotary does not give out all its funds to retain a buffer for unexpected disasters in the future.

It is an excellent project worth pursuing.

Tony Murray

EVENT CALENDAR

MAR 05: MEETING

MAR 12: MEETING

Ben Gritt (Ceramicist)

MAR 19: MEETING

Di Fleischer (Antique Clocks)

MAR 26: BOARD MEETING

APR 02: MEETING

Carina Turner (Environment)

**APR 09: 36th ANNUAL CHARITY
GOLF & BOWLS DAY**

APR 09: NO NIGHT MEETING

**APR 10: CENTENARY HOUSE
BREAKFAST**

**APR 27: FARMERS RELIEF
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FROM THE BOARD

It was encouraging to see so many members attend our board meeting, including Leigh Venables who gave us information on the upcoming Centenary House Breakfast on 10 April 2019.

FOUNDATION

If some members are finding it hard to fill their centurion tower, perhaps we all can commit to a smaller amount and at least it will be better than nothing and we will qualify for Every Rotarian Every Year.

YOUTH

Patricia gave us a run down on her approaches to the local secondary colleges, where she spoke to them about various Rotary Youth projects that they might be interested in. She had some very positive responses and will now be in further conversations to see if we can get students to participate.

All members agreed that all projects are worth pursuing and we will find the financing depending on the uptake.

MEMBERSHIP

There are still more potential members in the pipeline.

FARMERS RELIEF

A comprehensive report was tabled about what has happened over the last month, which has been documented in detail each week in the bulletin and on our website. Martin has been in touch with a contact at 3TR and if we put a submission together to get some air time for the Farmers Relief, so we will be working on that. The fundraiser for Farmers Relief has been confirmed for 27 April, members were asked to assist with sourcing prizes and attendees.

HEALTH CARE KITS

All distributed, we just have to complete paperwork for District to get the grant.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Reported in separate article in bulletin.

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Far East Gippsland Team leaders, Ula and Vicki with Ula husband, Ken the stud master, travelled over the roughest roads in the universe to get to Dana in Myagdi District in Nepal last week to distribute 200 kits. The trip was organised by the teaching support team from LEARN in Kathmandu. Our belief is that if there is a successful education program being implemented and monitored in a region, then it is not successful if the girls leave school after year 7 because they don't have the means to manage their periods. I met four of the teaching institute team in northern West Bengal when I and friend Margot conducted a train the trainer program for teachers, and four came from Nepal. The program they are conducting with teacher training is fantastic and being monitored and supported each month. Tried and tested teaching methods are being used with great success. LEARN is supported by Quality Education Nepal. So far there are 55 schools in the program in four clusters with plans to add more to total 75 schools. You would be amazed that the support trainers have to walk to remote schools, some up to two hours as there are no roads.



Simian is a leading teacher in the Dana cluster who interpreted for us during the distribution, and is now passionate about doing the Health Ambassador course with DfG so that she can distribute to the schools where she supports the teachers. I have put her in touch with the Kathmandu Office where we made a visit whilst in Kathmandu. Those ladies are quite remarkable in their enthusiasm and passion. We also visited a small enterprise in Beni where two women make the pods and sell them at the market. They work in a tiny space and are making a difference in their community. I hope you have an idea now why we love this work and why we have just promised to get 1000 kits to 1000 girls in Myagdi over the next two years. Somehow!! We may need your help!!

Welcome & Door Roster

March: Tony M & Martin
April: Still time to volunteer

Marquee Erection Dates

Mar 08: Raymond Island
Mar 02: Metung Book Fair

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