

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE INC

Bulletin No. 09/18 - 5 September 2017

Monthly Theme: Basic Education and Literacy

What's On

Our Meetings 5.45 pm for 6.15pm start

- 5 September Trip USA - Gillian
12 September Trip USA - Ken & Ula
19 September TBA
26 September Board Meeting
3 October Tim Bull

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Saturday 11 November  
Man the gates at the Agricultural Show

## 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

## Welcome Michelle

Last week we welcomed another new member to our club, Michelle Young a Bairnsdale local who has been working at Clifton Mobile Homes for many years. She has agreed to be the Assistant Treasurer and I am sure that she will be a great asset to our club.



## BBQ Helpers

As you will be aware we are manning a BBQ for Child Protection Day, on Thursday 7 September outside of Woolworths. A couple more volunteers may be required, so talk to co-ordinator Ula. This is to assist in a local youth project and to show our face in the public.

## Celebrations

Anniversary  
Brian & Anne Ross – 11 September 1976

## DOOR & WELCOME ROSTER

- September Ula Sheather  
Volunteer required  
October John Crawford  
Rex Estoppey

## BBQ Dates

Thursday - 7 September  
Child Protection Day ~ Woolworths

Friday – Saturday 6-7 October  
Futsal Tournament ~ BARC



- 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  
Minute Secretary: Noel Wheeldon  
Treasurer: Gillian Reeve  
Membership  
& Vocation Brian Ross  
PR, Bulletin, Helen Crosby and  
Facebook, Web: Gillian Reeve  
Youth Service: Ula Sheather  
Community John Ariens  
Programs John Walker  
International: Margaret Macfarlane  
Foundation: Margaret Macfarlane  
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

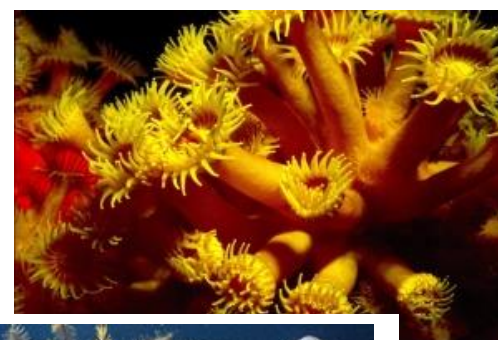
Marquee Hire: John Crawford  
0412432325  
Marquee Volunteers are welcome



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John Ariens , is one of the original members of this Parks Victoria Friends Group. He is an advanced scuba diver and keen photographer as well as an underwater film maker. Others in this group are Don Love – president, Alan Wilkins – treasurer, Mike Irvine - Parks Victoria Ranger and others that may come and go.



John's address focused on what this diving group have done over the last decade and more specifically the achievements over this time.

This aging but active diver has been involved with documenting the friend's group activities using underwater cameras and video showcasing the work that this dedicated group undertake.



These include re- discovering long forgotten 19<sup>th</sup> Century steam ship wrecks that have met their fate at Beware Reef located offshore from Cape Conran in East Gippsland.

The marine life here has been given particular attention, being very special, as the location of this reef is in an ideal location to benefit from the food source known as plankton, microscopic marine life that feeds that most microscopic marine animal to the largest animal on this earth, the blue and humpback whales.

They have shared this historic wreck story and information on Marine Life here, with Parks Victoria, Coast Care, and Reef Life Survey. Presentations are given to the general public by Don Love.

To conclude, John spoke about the events of late 2016, when one of the friends group, and Don's partner, Liz Gillian, passed away just after a dive with John. No conclusive reason was found for her sudden loss of life.

Last week, Don and John (Alan could not make it) on Friday 1 September, were off to Government House to a morning reception with the honourable Linda Dessau AC, to be awarded an 2017 Victorian Landcare/ Coast Care Award. Back in 2007 John was the recipient of a Victorian Coastal Award of excellence 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award that hangs proudly in his office at home!

As always the pictures were spectacular and took us to an underwater wonderland that only a few of us have seen.



### *September is Basic Education and Literacy Month*

This reminds me of the speech by Dolly Parton at the International Convention in Montreal, which was truly inspiring. Basic education should be available to all children and on an international level our club has certainly been proactive.

*The Imagination Library programme improves early childhood literacy for children by giving them a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book each month from birth to age 5.*

*"This program is one of the most important ways I know to improve the educational opportunities for children in your community.*

*When I was growing up in the hills of East Tennessee, I knew my dreams would come true. I know there are children in your community with their own dreams. They dream of becoming a doctor or an inventor or a minister. Who knows, maybe there is a little girl whose dream is to be a writer and singer.*

*on the lives of children and The seeds of these dreams are often found in books and the seeds you help plant in your community can grow across the world.*

*I hope you'll agree to become a champion of the Imagination Library in your community. You will be amazed at the impact this simple gift can have their families. We have seen it work in our backyard and I'm certain it can do the same in your community too!*

*I appreciate your interest in my Imagination Library and thank you for all you continue to do for children."*

Love