

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



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PRESIDENT ELECT'S MESSAGE

It has been one of the most challenging few months for all our community and wider region.

Rotary's role should not, and will not stop with the current circumstances. Our club has picked up the baton in past crises and even though we are years from recovery, I expect we will be able to accept these challenges and as Rotarians recommit to helping those in need.

Martin van Elst

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS CHANGES

Be advised that all in person meetings have been cancelled.

ZOOM meetings are being held as a replacement, at 6:30pm on Tuesday's.

These measures will remain in place until the government restrictions on the number of people permitted at indoor gatherings are lifted.

Tuesday Meetings

Login at 6:30pm

ZOOM Meeting

on a device in your home

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EVENT CALENDAR

APR 07: ZOOM MEETING

APR 07: CANCELLED

**37th Annual Charity
Golf and Bowls Day**

APR 10: CANCELLED

Good Friday Appeal

APR 11: CANCELLED

Buchan Kinder BBQ

APR 14: D9820 ZOOM Meeting

Speaker Hon. Greg Hunt

Fed. Minister for Health

5pm – Registration is required

APR 14: ZOOM Meeting

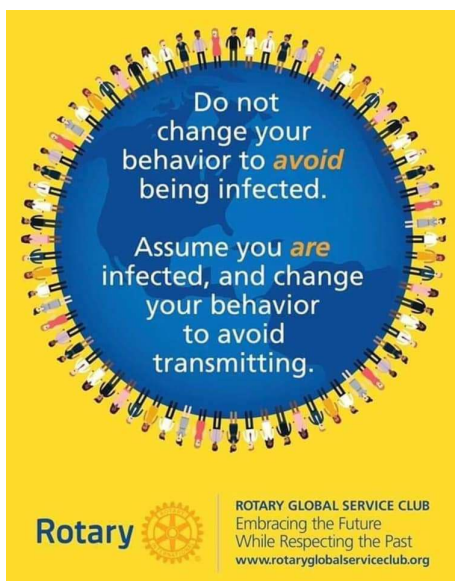
6:30pm – Social meeting

APR 21: ZOOM Meeting

APR 28: ZOOM BOARD MEETING

Be sure to continue attending meetings in this time of social isolation as games and activities organized for each ZOOM meeting.

Meeting invites are sent by email each week.





COVID-19 has taken a lot of the focus off the Bush Fires and drought in recent times. Who could have dreamt of a start to 2020 such as this? Two once on a lifetime events occurring in the space of 2 months in East Gippsland.

RC Bairnsdale is nevertheless still on the case and will continue to support drought affected farmers as the breeding season is nearly upon us, and we will honour our commitment to see our community through these trying times.



Rotary Club of Bairnsdale Projects Acct:
BSB: 633-000
Acct: 165960451
REF: Farmer Relief



CLUB PROGRAM CONTACTS

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East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid
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INDUCTIONS

Tony Desio
 40 Years- 3 April 1979

Judy Moore
 1 Year- 23 April 2019

Rob Moore
 1 Year- 23 April 2019

BIRTHDAYS

Tony Murray – 1 April
Ula Sheather – 7 April
Michelle Young – 7 April
Ken Sheather – 13 April
Brian Ross – 22 April
Tony Desio – 23 April

NEW ASSISTANT GOVERNOR FOR EAST GIPPSLAND



It was with great excitement and pleasure at the last Board Meeting that Tony Murray announced he had been appointed the Assistant Governor for the East Gippsland Cluster.

Tony was heartily congratulated on his appointment by all members present and I encourage all members who were not in attendance to pass their own messages of congratulations onto Tony for this hugely responsible role he has taken on.

The position has been made vacant as Anne Cross has decided that under her present circumstances she could not continue and reluctantly resigned.

Tony is very conscientious and of course passionate Rotarian and we wish him all the best in this next step of his Rotary Service.

MEMBER INDUCTION



On 10th March our club welcomed our newest member, Cec Estoppey.

Cec has been an ex-officio member for many years, ably assisting Rex as his behind-the-scenes backup and PA for RC Bairnsdale's Farmers Relief project.

We are sure that Cec will have plenty to add to already great crew.

East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid



Direct Deposit to:
East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid
BSB: 633-000
A/C: 165960451
Use the reference 'Fire Aid'

Five members of our club made the trip to Cann River on March 14 to represent East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid at the community BBQ, held at the local sporting reserve. The Rotary Club of Orbost were there and organised all the meat, bread etc, plus they brought along their fairy floss, popcorn and snow cone machines.

Janne Speirs from District together with Pearl Findlay-James, chairman of the EGRFA made the journey with two car loads of donated goods which were distributed to the appreciative locals.

The Army band entertained us all playing modern music, dancing with some children and generally lightening the spirits of the people there. Although not as many people came as we may have liked, it was great to interact with the locals and Trish was able to catch up with friends and family from her home town.



(ABOVE) Don Osborne (Orbost) with Judy and Patricia cooking on the BBQ at Cann River



Pearl Findlay-James (*Sunrise*) Chair
Michelle Young (*Bairnsdale*) Treasurer
Robyn Counihan (*Sunrise*) Secretary
John Fallon (*Sunrise*)
Bernie Farquhar (*Mitchell River*)
Don Osbourne (*Orbost*)
Peter Sindrey (*Lakes Entrance*)
Martin van Elst (*Bairnsdale*)

Thank you to Rob and Judy, who drove our BBQ trailer to Cann River, Gillian and Patricia who assisted serving the public, plus Martin and Trish who interacted with the local residents. Once again Rotary at it's best.

With the hay and stock feed side of things, we have been donated approximately 200+ bales of hay from a property in Colac with EGRFA only needing to pay for the cartage to East Gippsland. Jim Cahill has been doing a tremendous amount of work to make this happen around the current issues of movement restrictions.

(BELOW) The Australian Army Band of Melbourne were in fine musical form



VALE ALAN CROSS

AG Anne Cross has advised the Rotary community of the passing of her husband Alan, who has fought bravely over the last 13 months against cancer.

To all my Rotary family,

It is with extreme sadness that I inform you of the passing of Alan, my husband of 46 years and soulmate.

His loss to me, family and friends is enormous. He was a community man and brilliant engineer and his contribution through his work in his business Crossco will be enjoyed by all for many years to come.

His contribution through Apex and many other community pursuits taught his family the importance of giving back to the community we love.

He called East Gippsland 'Gods own country' and he always made the most of everyday with outdoor adventures and creating healthy communities through service and his work.

Know that Rotary has been a massive part of both of lives thanks to Bob, Bernie and Frank who started Sunrise 18 years ago this month. It is here along with my amazing family I will find comfort in the friends I have made and service I enjoy.

In time, I will return to this service. I am proud to be a Rotarian and my life's work has been giving to others.

I thank all of you who have supported us though the hardest 13 months of our lives.

At this insane time unfortunately, it won't be possible to share personally at the church celebration of Alans rich life on Friday April 3, but we will have an inclusive community celebration once restrictions are lifted at Picnic Point on the Mitchell River where Al wants his last resting place to be.

I am fortunate to have been able to give everything I had to care for Al in the past 13months and his last few days he was surrounded by me and his 3 beautiful children as we said our final goodbyes to a wonderful human being....who will be missed everyday.

Love to you all, **Anne Cross**

MEMBER UPDATES

Cec has been in touch with Ian Campbell who is home and being looked after by the capable Bev, but no doubt getting bored out of his mind. He has at last, at the age of 87, retired which is a huge step for him. From Cec's comments it would appear that he has not lost his wit and we wish him all the best.

Tony Desio called me the other day and we had a long chat. He and Antonia are in good health although his shoulder is still a bit of an issue. As Tony is not connected through the internet with any of us, phone is the only contact. His family in Melbourne and Bairnsdale call and check on them everyday (maintaining their distance) and ensure that they have everything they need, so at the moment he is going well, plus he was going to check up on one of our other members to see if they were OK.

Cec & Rex sent an e-mail and apart from spending their days handling business matters, they have cleaned and reassembled their water feature in the back yard, judging by the abbreviated expletive I think they must have worn themselves out.

COVID-19 VIRUS OUTBREAK

SOME WELLBEING TIPS FOR CLUBS

FACTS, NOT FALSEHOODS

Check the latest information from Health Departments and Rotary International's web page is here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/20200401-rotary-international-covid-19>

MEETING BY ANY MEANS

Move club and committee meetings to online when recommended. Think regular, meaningful use of Zoom, Skype, WhatsApp etc of right duration.

HANDWASHING – THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

Protect others. Wash hands for 20 seconds after toilet use, blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing and right before eating. Keep hands away from face.

KEEP PEOPLE INFORMED

Plan - Stay in touch with club members and community contacts and have a way for them to contact the club. Uncertainty is the greatest killer of trust.

SERVICE STILL NEEDED

Adapt projects. Find ways to keep members engaged like Rotary learning, planning projects etc. Be aware of members needing a helping hand.

HOW TO SHIFT YOUR MINDSET IN A PANDEMIC

I'm stuck at home

I'm safe in my home with my loved ones

I will get sick

I will practice safe social distancing, self-isolation and wash my hands to decrease the chances of getting sick

I will run out of the items I need during self-isolation

I have everything I need for now, I will use my items wisely

Everything around me is shutting down, I'm panicked

Essential places like grocery stores, pharmacies and medical centres are open, I'll be okay

There is too much uncertainty in the world right now

I can't control the situation but I can control my actions, keep informed, look after myself and act responsibly to help at this time

GRANNIES COOKING SPOT

With us all stuck in the house, Grannie has delved into her fabled cookbook to provide us with some recipes that are as easy to cook as they are to eat!



COVID-19 PIKELETS

Ingredients

- 1 Cup self-raising flour
- Pinch of salt
- ¼ teaspoon of bi-carb soda
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 large egg
- ½ cup of milk
- 2 teaspoons melted butter
- Extra butter for frying

Cooking

- Sift flour, salt and bi-carb soda into a medium bowl.
- Make a well.
- Add egg, sugar, milk and melted butter. Stir gradually, bringing flour in from the sides to make a batter.
- Put tablespoons of batter on a hot, greased pan or griddle. (If batter get too thick, add a little milk).
- Cook until bubbly on the top & brown underneath. Turn over.
- Eat hot with butter, jam and cream. Yum!

Great if you are entertaining the kids, grandchildren or those older "children" & you're up the B.... wall with ideas.

MAY BULLETIN

With everyone at home with plenty of time on their hands, the May Bulletin will be comprised entirely of member submitted content.



Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



RC Mitchell River (Bairnsdale)
Bairnsdale RSL
Monday 5:45 for 6:00pm



RC Bairnsdale Sunrise
Bairnsdale International Hotel
Wednesday 6:45 for 7:00am



RC Lakes Entrance
Central Hotel
2nd & 4th Wednesday 6:00 for 6:30pm



RC Orbost
Orbost Club
1st & 3rd Wednesday 6:00 for 6:30pm

FROM THE BOARD

We held our Board meeting via ZOOM last week and I think it was successful, with 12 members attending.

In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the associated isolation requirements, virtually all Rotary Projects are now on hold across the world.

COMMUNITY

CANCELLED - Good Friday Appeal.

Not surprisingly due to the high level of personal interaction, the event will no longer go ahead Australia wide.

CANCELLED - Bowel Scan Kits in May.

All kits that will expire this year have been returned to Max Fry.

CANCELLED - Golf & Bowls Day.

The raffle will still be drawn on the advertised date. A smaller profit will be made, but still a profit.

YOUTH

We have refunded the money paid by our NYSF student for his share of the cost of the cancelled NYSF in January. District Governors around Australia are fighting to see if Rotary Clubs can back all of the monies paid. If not, then our club has taken quite a financial hit.

It was reported at the District Leadership meeting that all Youth programs are on hold probably until next year.

FOUNDATION

Gillian attended the District 9820 Foundation Seminar held via Zoom. Mostly the same information that we have received in previous years, with special mention of the Scholarship Grants, \$500 per club organised through Paul Mee.

FARMERS RELIEF

The visit from the Rotary Club of Lilydale is provisionally still going ahead but will almost certainly be postponed with current restrictions unlikely to be lifted before the scheduled visit.

Hay and stock feed is still being distributed even with current restrictions on travel. The important breeding season is coming up and we will be there to assist farmers.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THINGS



Single man with toilet rolls would like to meet a female with hand sanitizer..... for good clean fun! 😊



What do you call a group of 20 people?
Two weddings and a funeral.

2019: "Start concentrating at school otherwise you'll be stacking shelves for a living!"

2020: Stacking shelves - most secure job in the country.

STILL HAVEN'T DECIDED WHERE TO GO FOR EASTER

THE LIVING ROOM OR THE BEDROOM

FIRE AID

Rex still organising distribution of hay, with five trucks to arrive from Colac with approximately 250 bales. With this hay being donated, EGRFA will be paying the freight only.

A big thanks to Jim Cahill who has organised all of the trucks. Couldn't have been done without him.

The Bird boxes that have been kindly donated to fire affected areas have been given to Michelle W to be distributed through DELWP.

ADMINISTRATION

All members must be mindful of our Rotary family, by keeping in touch with those that do not attend ZOOM meetings. A phone contact protocol will be put in place to ensure that no one drops through the cracks.

No Welcome roster for April, though the Sergeant can still perform their duties in a ZOOM meeting.

Please make the effort to join our next ZOOM meeting on Tuesday 7 April.

APRIL ROSTER

Welcome: NOT REQUIRED
Sergeant: Tony M

MARQUEE ERECTIONS

All Marquee bookings have been cancelled or postponed