

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Ecumenical Service and BBQ on Australia Day Long Weekend in Bairnsdale was a success. Our Club along with Bairnsdale Lions Club and Mitchell River Rotary did the BBQ's for it. The networking was good and the participants enjoyed themselves.

We handed out pamper packs made by Ladies of the Land in Seymour for the women that have been affected by the bush fires. Bushfire Aid and Farmers Drought Relief are our clubs committed projects this year and for the next few years to come. We are thankful for the continued donations that are coming in for Bushfire Aid and Farmers Drought Relief.

Our club will continue to be involved in BBQ's organized for communities affected by the bush fires. The future plans are to have BBQ's in the communities of Omeo, Buchan, Orbost, Cann River and Mallacoota.

I would like to thank all our members for their continued support in the projects that the club has taken on.

Yours in Rotary,

Patricia Murray-Walton



INDUCTIONS

Brenda Burney

1 Year- 19 February 2019
(Joined RC Koo Wee Rup in 2008)

It's about supporting
people in need,
it's not about recognition.

- John Beynon OAM

EVENT CALENDAR

FEB 04: Meeting

Roy Rooney
(Rotarian behind the Badge)

FEB 11: Meeting

Rod Bridgeborn
(Rotarian behind the Badge)

FEB 15: Canni Creek Races EGRFA supported event

FEB 18: Meeting

Club Assembly

FEB 25: BOARD MEETING

MAR 03: Meeting

MAR 10: Meeting

MAR 17: Meeting

MARCH 20-22 2020

Rotary District 9820 Conference

Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo

MAR 24: Meeting

MAR 31: BOARD MEETING

**APR 07: 37th Annual Charity
Golf and Bowls Day**
Bairnsdale Golf Club
Supporting the Bower Birds

APR 14: Meeting

APR 21: Meeting

APR 28: BOARD MEETING

Tuesday Meetings

5:45pm for 6:15pm

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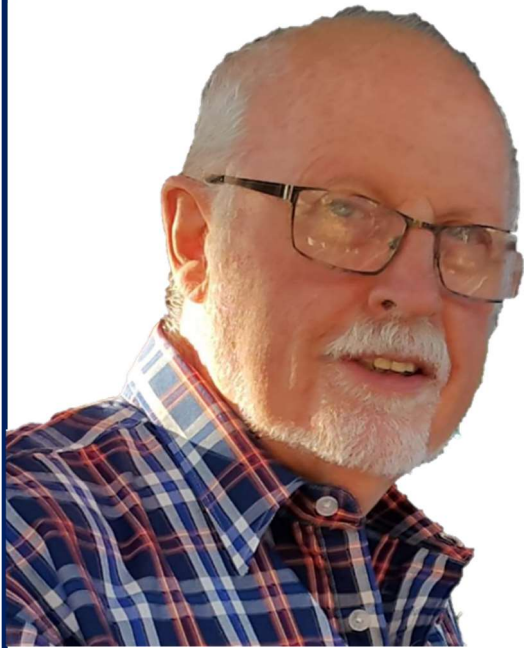
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AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Order of Australia Medal

John Beynon



Congratulations to Rotarian John Beynon, awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2020 Australia Day Honours, for service to the community of Bairnsdale.

Always the calm voice of reason, with advice born of experience, we are proud to have John as a member of our club.

Collectively it takes many people to support a successful rural society, but it is John's tireless individual contribution across multiple aspects of community life that makes his involvement stand out. John Beynon has spent a lifetime serving his community and has always regarded this public service as a privilege.

Over the years he has devoted substantial time to the civic, business and community aspects of town life, and has also made significant contributions to the sporting and healthcare sectors for the people of Bairnsdale. John has managed successfully to involve himself and give his time for over a period of almost 50 years, whilst at the same time working in his pharmacy business.

John's has adapted his community service over the years to the current needs of the public, such as being the driving force behind our Clubs Bowscan Kits initiative, and providing personal hygiene packs for those living rough in Bairnsdale.

One of John's more noticeable achievements was securing the initial funding for what is now the Bairnsdale Aquatic and Recreation Centre (BARC). However, that information isn't common knowledge in East Gippsland, and that's the way he likes it.

John is best described as a quiet achiever, whose reward is seeing noticeable improvements for community members rather than praise for himself. When recognition was given when John received a Paul Harris Fellow in 2007, he saw it simply as a chance to raise awareness of, and promote Rotary projects in Bairnsdale, and an opportunity to motivate others to get involved.

"I was surprised. You do these things and you're not looking for the accolades or anything like that, you just do it," Mr Beynon said on his OAM. "I'm very proud to be recognised by my friends and colleagues and everyone else, very humble about it all. You can't do these things without the support of your family."

Mr Beynon highlighted the importance of volunteers, saying they are the fabric of tight-knit communities. "Volunteers are the backbone of the community and without them it would be a lot worse place. "No one is doing for recognition, they're doing it to help. "It's alright to raise the profile, but it's not for the pat on the back."

Whilst John might view acknowledgement of his achievements as unnecessary fuss, it is because he sees a lifetime of ongoing service to his community as an honour, that he has received this high public recognition.

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale

- * President, 1985
- * Member, since 1981
- * Paul Harris Fellow 2007

Civic Service

- * Mayor of Bairnsdale, 1979-1980
- * Bairnsdale Town Council, 1973-1984

Bairnsdale APEX Club

- * Life Member, since 1981
- * District Governor
- * President, 1972-1973
- * Treasurer, 1969-1970 & 1978-1979
- * Member, 1963-1982

Ski Club of East Gippsland

- * Former President
- * Former Treasurer
- * Veteran Member, since 1968

Community

- * Former Chairman, Committee of Management, Bairnsdale Recreational Centre
- * Fmr Chairman, East Gippsland YMCA
- * Fmr Board member, Bairnsdale Chamber of Commerce.
- * Fmr Board member, Bairnsdale Club
- * Foundation Chairman, JP's of East Gippsland, 1991
- * Justice of the Peace, 1979- Present
- * Bail Justice, 1991-2016

East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid



I would like to thank all the members of RC Bairnsdale that attended and worked the BBQ at the Bushfire Ecumenical Service at St Mary's Church on Monday 27th January.

With Bairnsdale Lions Club there cooking on their BBQ and 18 of our own members present, it was awesome to see the level of community spirit on show.

At our last meeting Brian spoke about the recovery process in relation to clean up and rebuilding. Grocon have a contract to clean up properties, with grants available for some people to rebuild.

Dr Rob Barton, a retired Veterinarian, from the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale Sunrise attended our meeting to ask us about purchasing and allocation of Beef and Sheep Pellets so he could report to the EGRFA committee, in conjunction with RC Bairnsdale's own representatives Martin and Michelle, who is also on RC Bairnsdale's Farmers Relief committee.

Rob wanted advice from RC Bairnsdale (especially Rex) about how we have run an extremely successful and streamlined Farmers Relief program, with wide ranging and varied contacts for donations and allocation with an organised distribution network – to help EGRFA understand how RC Bairnsdale will utilise the operation for the Fire Aid effort.

EGRFA have successfully applied for a US\$25,000 Global Grant from Rotary International for our District, with the help of Janne Spiers. This grant will be spent exclusively on stock pellets. Rex from our club will be coordinating all offers and donations of pellets, hay and lick blocks.

Our voucher system will commence this week, with over 300 stores in towns across East Gippsland on board.

The Cann River Community Event may now occur on February 15. Another community group has booked an event on that date and if EGRFA is to be involved with it, that organisation will let us know.

Donation Funds should be directed to:
Rotary Club of Bairnsdale Projects Acct
BSB: 633-000 Account: 165960451
REF: FireAid



**East Gippsland
Rotary Fire Aid**

Pearl Findlay-James (*Sunrise*) Chairperson

Robyn Conahan (*Sunrise*) Secretary

Michelle Young (*Bairnsdale*) Treasurer

John Fallon (*Sunrise*)

Bernie Farquhar (*Mitchell River*)

Kathy Gupta (*Orbost*)

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Bob Yeates (*Sunrise*)

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ENJOY GREAT HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS





As many will be aware, our club has been helping farmers during this terrible drought, since August 2018 and have been overwhelmed by the amount of support we have received from Rotarians and the general public.

Now East Gippsland has to deal with the fires that have ravaged country and farms already affected by the drought. Our club continues to support these farmers and will honour our commitment to see this through till it is all over.

Since 1 January 2020 we have joined with the other four Rotary clubs in East Gippsland to form East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid to maximise the assistance that we can offer to those affected by the fires. Our member Rex who is in charge of the donated hay to drought affected farms, through our Farmers Relief project is now using his contacts to distribute donated hay ear marked for fire affected farms.

The fires have taken a lot of the focus off the drought and some recent rains have eased the situation somewhat, but hot days or winds negate the good of any rain. We are still focused on helping our drought affected farmers (yes there are still many areas in need) and thank all of you out there who have offered support over the last 18 months.

We have taken delivery of 350 bales of donated hay from the Melbourne Water Board in Clyde which was delivered to us freight free. In the picture is Rotarian Bonnie who was featured on the Nine News, which is great coverage.

Donations are very welcome to:

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale Projects Acct:

BSB: 633-000

Acct: 165960451

REF: Farmer Relief or FireAid
(so it goes to the right place)

CLUB PROGRAM CONTACTS

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Rotary Club of Lilydale Craft & Produce Market East Gippsland Fundraiser



On Sunday our son, Peter Walker, kindly took us to the market at Lilydale where we met many enthusiastic Rotary Club of Lilydale members who were using the market day to raise funds for the East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid committee.

Many of them are looking forward to a visit to our club and some are coming down to Bairnsdale to help with the cleaning up.

Even in this area of Victoria there was plenty of evidence of red dust fallout especially after the rain.

Special thanks to Ron Haines who met us and showed us around the well patronised market. They were blessed with lovely weather for the fundraising day.

Bonnie Walker



Bonnie & John Walker enjoying a day out at the Lilydale Market with their son.

Ron Haines has been assisting RC Bairnsdale's Farmers Relief Drought Program.

Melbourne Water hay



Wayne Smith, Travis Mackleson, Ron McBride, Melbourne Water's David Leggo, Brendon Halit and Melbourne Water's Clint Hendrey. (PS)

As aid pours in from across the globe to help bushfire ravaged communities in north-east and eastern Victoria, Melbourne Water is pitching in to help out with a donation of hundreds of hay bales.

The bales - 315 in total - will be transported from a 50-acre Melbourne Water-owned property in Clyde, in Melbourne's south-east, to the Bairnsdale Rotary Club for distribution via its farmer relief campaign.

These bales are bound for those needy farmers in fire-affected areas in dire need of a helping hand to feed their stock in the New Year.

"It's been devastating watching the vision over the past month of towns being impacted by these bushfires and seeing the affect it is having on those communities," Melbourne Water's executive general manager service delivery, Nerina Di Lorenzo, said.

"Our South East Regional Office staff, based at Bangholme in Melbourne's south-east, reached out to see how we could contribute to the Gippsland Relief campaign and found this opportunity to help.

"It's been heartening to see so much farm fodder being donated as many animals that have survived the fires have gone without food for days.

"Melbourne Water is only too happy to assist where we can and help ease some of the burden on farmers in the Bairnsdale region and we congratulate the Bairnsdale Rotary Club for its commitment to helping those in their community most affected."

Melbourne Water has also sent a taskforce of 20 firefighters, equipment and vehicles to support the tireless work being done by crews to bring the fires in the East Gippsland region under control.

This taskforce will be relieved by further rotational Melbourne Water crews on an ongoing basis until the fire risk is reduced.

"Melbourne Water's fire crews are very professional and highly regarded - they will make a positive contribution to protecting life and property in the Gippsland community," Dr Di Lorenzo said.

"We will continue to have Melbourne Water fire crews available to maintain our first attack fire capability, essential in protecting Melbourne's water supply catchments."

RC BAIRNSDALE 2020-21 BOARD ANNOUNCED



PE Martin has finally announced his Board for 2020-21.

Due to very busy schedules for both Martin & Patricia, the Changeover Date will be 30th / 31st of May 2020.

Secretary – Judy Moore

Treasurer – Michelle Young

Foundation – Brenda Burney

Membership/Vocation – Brian Ross

Community – Michelle Worsley

International – Gillian Reeve

Youth – Patricia Murray-Walton

Programs – John Walker

Public Relations – Bonnie Walker

2020-21 ROTARY THEME



Rotary Opens Opportunities

RI President-Elect Holger Knack's theme for 2020-21, *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action, and improve the lives of those in need.



DONATIONS RECIEVED

Donations have being received in person by RC Bairnsdale.

The Bairnsdale Club donated \$4000 for EGRFA and an additional \$2000 for Farmer Relief.

A further \$1000 came from RC Bairnsdale President Patricia and her husband Wally.



Hanna Nichols

RYLA

14 January 2020

Hannah's father (R) with Hannah Nichols (C) and Patricia Murray-Walton (L)

What a delight to meet a transformed Hanna Nichols, after her week of personal development experience with RYLA at Rawson recently.

Is this the "shy student" we heard only a few months ago? Oozing a new strength? Yes it was and Hanna described the highlights she felt herself transformed by.

These included the benefit of doing a Cert IV whilst walking beside CEO's and professionals in the same course, under a pressured program of sink or swim socialisation!!

"Hannah highlights" were learning a new language, increased social confidence, discovery of the "Rotary Magic and how to Promote it", and not just this but developing Leadership skills above and beyond the "student status" she only recently outgrew.

Moving forward Hanna reports she is planning new goals and projects so let's all look out for these!

In my mind it's "Thank you Patricia" for delivering her dream to have us foster youth and assist, resource and challenge young people through our club despite our average ages!

A final quirky joy was to hear our beloved Anglican Minister's hubby describe his RYLA experience and its benefits 150 years ago!

It appears luck will be with Hanna as she took home the heads and tails bottle of red, so even the heavens are helping her!

Rob Moore



100% of all funds raised by the East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid Committee, and the Rotary District 9820 Disaster Relief Fund will be used to directly benefit the East Gippsland Community that has been impacted by these fires.

Donations will go to the following areas;

1. Hay, Fodder, Fencing

Many land-owners have insurance for their fencing and only require volunteers to assist with cleaning of fence lines. Others will require hay/fodder for their livestock.

2. Money Vouchers

Allowing people affected to purchase items they determine for themselves at participating businesses, placing money into local retailers which have been hit hard by the loss of the peak holiday season trading.

3. Emergency Fund

For items that sit outside the above two categories and are deemed to be having a great impact on a community or a family and need urgent action.

4. Community BBQ's and Working Bees

Organised to assist and support communities to reconnect.





Rotary Club of Bairnsdale

FROM THE BOARD

It was absolutely wonderful to have so many members at another Club Board Meeting. The only few away were for a valid reasons so our Club was able to have great discussions and have fully informed decisions made. Thanks to Judy for stepping in for Gillian.

MEMBERSHIP

Brian asked the Club to think about where we are going in the next 6 months and what we can do.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Bonnie is a TV Star. She was on Channel 9 Evening News about the Farmers Relief two weeks ago.

Members should email any photos they have of functions and events to Bonnie.

COMMUNITY

Brenda gave a heartfelt thanks to those members of our club who helped with the BBQ – a great success all round. Having Bairnsdale Lions Club there with their BBQ on the night was a great show of community groups working towards a common cause.

YOUTH

Patricia reported that NYSF had been cancelled due to the fires and smoke in Canberra. Unfortunately monies paid may not be able to be refunded.

The club has received a letter from Lea Radatti thanking the Club for our support of her. Leah spoke of her work at Gippsland Community Legal Service, and her current study for her Masters of International Law in Dublin. We wish her all the best!

ADMINISTRATION

As mentioned in the last bulletin, some material items belonging to the Club that have been stored at Gillian's for a number of years now, needs to be housed elsewhere.

A number of these items will be given to other organisations that can use them. Brenda will take some other items and Tony D has offered to help sort things out.



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



The Rotary Club of Bairnsdale & The Bairnsdale Golf Club

37th Annual Charity Golf and Bowls Day



Tuesday 7 April 2020

All players will be entered into the draw for \$100.00

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GOLF

Entry fee of \$25.00 per person
Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea

Hit off times

8.30am - 9.00am and 11.30am onwards

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18 hole Ambrose Teams of four

Teams can be men, ladies or mixed and can
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BOWLS

Entry fee of \$20.00 per person
Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea

Starting time – 10.00 am

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&
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Rotary



PEOPLE OF ACTION

FEBRUARY ROSTER

Welcome: Judy
Sergeant: Tony M

MARCH ROSTER

Welcome: Brenda & Tony D
Sergeant: Tony M