

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year has created immense challenges with the drought, bush fires and COVID-19. We have never had a year like this one.

In spite of these challenges our club has still been able to assist farmers with hay, fodder and molasses as well as dog food through Famers Relief.

The COVID-19 pandemic has limited us to be able to get out into the community and help more of those in need but I am happy to report that MCG Cranes donated \$25,000 with the coordination of our club, to Vince & Antonina of Zagami Produce in Walrewa, and James and Kara Joiner of J&K Joiner Contractors in Bete Bolong. Their businesses were totally burned out in the bush fires. They were both very thankful for the donation as it was very much needed.

I would like to thank all our members for supporting our club and each other as well as being true Rotarians in these very tough times.

Yours in Rotary,

Patricia Murray-Walton



COVID-19

Restrictions on social gatherings have been lifted by the Victorian Government.

We will be returning to in person meetings once these restrictions allow for 50 people.

INDUCTIONS

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4 Years - 7 June 2016

EVENT CALENDAR

JUN 02: Meeting

Heads & Tails & fun games

JUN 07: RC BAIRNSDALE

2020/21 CHANGEVER

Bairnsdale Club @12:30pm

20 person limit in attendance

RSVP to attend via ZOOM

JUN 09: NO MEETING

JUN 16: RC BAIRNSDALE

2020/21 CHANGEVER

Video Presentation @ 6pm

(via ZOOM in place of our

regular weekly meeting)

JUN 23: Meeting

May be the 1st meeting back in person, dependant upon social restrictions.

ZOOM Meeting if Victorian Government do not allow for 50 people to gather inside

JUN 30: BOARD MEETING

Either in person / ZOOM

JUL 07: Meeting

Either in person / ZOOM

JUL 14: Meeting

Tuesday Meetings

Login at 6:30pm

ZOOM Meeting

on a device in your home

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Donations are very welcome to;

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale Projects Acct

BSB: 633-000

ACCT: 165960451

REF: Farmer Relief (or name of Club Project)

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE CHANGEOVER 2020

Covid-19 has changed the way people do many things they have always taken for granted this year. Social distancing has propelled many into the relatively new realm of virtual gatherings and video calls. Rotary is no different.

Tradition is important to organisations such as ours who have been in existence for close to 83 years. But tradition always starts somewhere, and that place is invariably innovation through necessity.

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale's 82nd Changeover in 2020 will be the Clubs first attempt at a "hybrid" event that will combine the traditional luncheon with a virtual meeting via ZOOM. This will be supplemented with video presentations by members and dignitaries who would not normally be able to be present.

As we have been using ZOOM for meetings since the shutdown in March, it should not feel too different for those attending the Changeover in this way. As a club that was an early adopter of this technology amongst Rotary Clubs, we will again be leaders in adapting to the 'new normal'.

As this is new for all concerned and that social restrictions have only recently been eased, and the exact nature of how to proceed with such an event only known since 1st June, it is territory I am happy to traverse first.

Martin van Elst

Rotary



Club of
Bairnsdale



Changeover 2020

President Patricia Murray-Walton and President Elect Martin van Elst invite you to attend the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale 2020 Changeover.

Celebrate the achievements of the Club over the past year and welcome President Elect Martin van Elst for 2020/21.

A hybrid event that will be a blend of traditional gathering, ZOOM meeting and pre-recorded video presentation.

ZOOM Online Attendance

SUNDAY 7th JUNE, 2020

Login before 12:30PM

RSVP by Friday 5th June to attend via ZOOM

0450 921 756 or bairnsdale.rotary@gmail.com



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 2020 VIRTUAL CONVENTION

Here's an opportunity never previously available. As the Hawaii Convention had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 there is this amazing innovation – a virtual convention. The schedule for the Rotary 2020 Virtual Convention has just been released. Here are the Melbourne times (AEST) each session will be occurring live, if you feel like staying up!

The sessions will also be recorded and available on demand to watch later. The Rotary 2020 Virtual Convention is free to watch online, but you will need to register at <https://www.riconvention.org/>

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ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD:
THE 2020 ROTARY
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20-26 June 2020 | Learn more at [riconvention.org](https://www.riconvention.org)

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Rotary  2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION 20-26 JUNE	
Day 1: General Session	
20 Jun, 11pm (AEST)	- Together, We Connect
Day 2: General Session	
21 Jun, 11pm (AEST)	- Together, We Learn
Day 3: Breakout Sessions	
22 Jun, 11pm (AEST)	- Using Virtual Tools to Engage Members
23 Jun, 3am (AEST)	- Engaging Rotary Alumni
23 Jun, 9am (AEST)	- Greening Rotary Events
Day 4: Breakout Sessions	
23 Jun, 11pm (AEST)	- Grow Rotary Through New Club Types
24 Jun, 3am (AEST)	- President-Nominee Session
24 Jun, 9am (AEST)	- Microfinance Projects
Day 5: Breakout Sessions	
24 Jun, 11pm (AEST)	- Adopt-a-River Initiative
25 Jun, 3am (AEST)	- Rotaract Elevated, Now What?
25 Jun, 9am (AEST)	- Disruptive Innovation in Rotary Clubs
Day 6: Breakout Sessions	
25 Jun, 11pm (AEST)	- How to Submit a Great Global Grant Application
26 Jun, 3am (AEST)	- President-Elect Session
26 Jun, 9am (AEST)	- Using Tech to Engage Millennials
Day 7: Breakout Sessions	
26 Jun, 11pm (AEST)	- Engage Young Families
27 Jun, 3am (AEST)	- The Rotary Brand
27 Jun, 9am (AEST)	- Personal Growth Opportunities
(Sessions go for 1 hour) 	



District 9820 Changeover

Rotarians are invited to the greatest virtual social event of the Rotary year where we get the chance to celebrate the District and the clubs as we farewell District Governor Adrian and welcome in 2020-21 District Governor Mark

12:00 noon for 12:15, Sunday June 28, 2020



DISTRICT CHANGEOVER

Rotarians are invited to the greatest virtual social event of the Rotary year where we get the chance to celebrate the District and the clubs

This years "hybrid" Changeover will be a blend of gathering and ZOOM. The "gathering" part is subject to progress on the containment of COVID-19 and if it does proceed will be a small group of invitees.

Irrespective, the Changeover will most certainly be on Zoom. Put a ring around Sunday 28 June at 12:00 noon for 12:15 formalities ([Register here](#)). DGE Mark, Linda, Wendy and I look forward to lots of our friends joining us online.

9820 DG Adrian Froggatt

East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid



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

The EGRFA Committee has continued to meet via online means and have been receiving ongoing referrals of those in need. The Committee has continued to get vouchers to survivors, hay to desperate stock and 20 foot containers onto properties for storage as people start to gather some belongings again.

The latest development has been the first on site deliveries of caravans which have been refurbished by people within a neighbouring District and that will make a huge difference to people's lives as some are currently living in very poor conditions. Donated generators have also been delivered to some of those who need as the climate is deteriorating quickly, particularly as you get higher into the mountains

The other major undertaking at the moment is the writing of three Global Grant applications which will assist in fire recovery at the request of locals in need.

The first is nearly ready to go and will supply bulka bags, hay and lick blocks for stock which before experiencing bush fires, have been existing in drought conditions for some 4 years. Autumn calving means that many of the cows have calves at foot, so it is even more vital that these animals are receiving the most nutritious feed available.

Although some areas are greening up and look quite good, long term it will be at least twelve months before this grass is strong enough to really withstand stock and definitely before it will be able to be baled for hay or silage.

Training will also be undertaken for farmers to assist them to overcome the drought and fire by use of appropriate pastures, genetic best practices for breeding stock and other aspects of farming.

DPDG Janne Spiers

Volunteer workers in Buchan

Rex and I returned to the Canni Creek Racecourse "Camp" in early May to take donated carpet for the volunteer worker's units.

The units did have bare floors which is not ideal in winter and were hugely thankful for the carpet, with all 11 workers receiving a 4m x 4m section to use for themselves. It was a hive of activity to lay each section of carpet before it rained, as all the furniture in the camp had to moved outside, and back in!

Rex was able to get the carpet donated by a local business, Wayne Comer from Proclean.

These workers are still assisting the farmers of Buchan for fencing and are currently working on 4 different farms to share it around.

They are now working 5 days a week where previously it was 6 days. The work is cold and labour intense, so they are using this free time to take some well learned rest. All are well, except for one worker who has injured herself while playing some sport during their free time.

They are still being supported by BlazeAid for food, they even have a new volunteer chef arriving before the end of May.

They are a jolly lot who appreciate everything Rotary has given to them, especially the sleeping bags & beanies, and work clothes. They have been 'showing it off' around Buchan, advertising the company logos on the pockets!

It was nice to catch up with the workers and see how they are going.

Cec Estoppey



**East Gippsland
Rotary Fire Aid**

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*)





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

Another good meeting with 18 members logging in via Zoom, we are getting very good at this I think.

PRESIDENT

Patricia has been in touch with a company in Melbourne, MCG Cranes who wanted to donate money to fire affected businesses in our area, but using the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale as a conduit.

Two businesses were chosen from the Bete Bolong and Wairewa areas by MCG Cranes and they will receive \$12,500 each. What a great outcome.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Bonnie is hoping to get an article in the local paper focusing on the aid that our club has given to the overseas backpackers working in the Buchan area, after electing to stay here and help during the Covid-19 lockdown.

MEMBERSHIP

The sub-committee have been meeting and discussing plans for the future.

Our speaker from 19 May Peter Gardner is interested in becoming a member. We hope to see him in person when we get back to normal meetings.

YOUTH

NYSF will be up and running in January 2021, so we should be putting out feelers for possible candidates.

FARMERS RELIEF

Not a lot happening this month as most of the effort has gone EGRFA but a tanker of molasses has been ordered for the Buchan and Ensay areas.

EAST GIPPSLAND ROTARY FIRE AID

The EGRFA committee is still meeting fortnightly, donations are still coming in including additional RAWCS Funding.

Treasurer Michelle Y is being kept very busy.

ADMINISTRATION

Beginning from the 2020 Changeover, Bulletins will become bi-monthly, to keep everyone in the loop.



Rod Bridgborn
Rotarian behind the Badge
17 March 2020

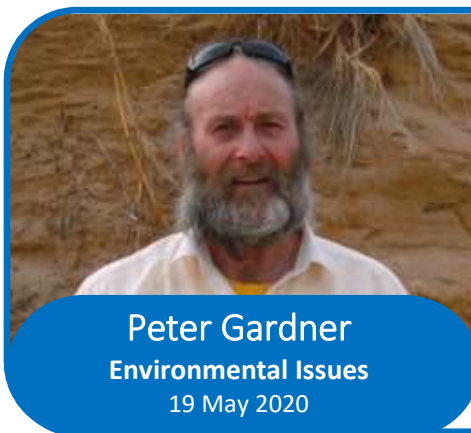
A life lived to the full

Rod Bridgborn did not bring much to show for his "Behind the Badge" talk, but what he did bring perfectly illustrated his early life.

His display board of all his Australian and Victorian medals won for kayaking was certainly impressive. Rod still remembers when he won each one and the story behind it.

Rod followed that up with stories of his life in the electronics trade and the many varied companies and innovative technologies he has worked on.

Martin van Elst



Peter Gardner
Environmental Issues
19 May 2020

Peter Gardner has been researching and writing on local and regional history since 1973. Topics include Aboriginal history, the history of the Victorian Coal Miners Association and Gippsland and High Country place names.

Peter is now writing short essays on climate change and renewable energy in Gippsland.

Martin van Elst

Changeover will be going ahead on Sunday 7 June, as a 'hybrid' event. This will combine the traditional in person with ZOOM Live presentations and pre-recorded material.

With 20 people maximum in attendance, it is strictly in person invite only. Members are invited to attend via ZOOM, and it will be recorded for distribution to all members and friends of Rotary who are unable to attend at a later date.

Meetings will be back at the Bairnsdale Club when the restrictions allow up to 50 people so that all members who want to, can attend.

JUNE ROSTER

Welcome: NOT REQUIRED

Sergeant: Tony M

MARQUEE ERECTIONS

All Marquee bookings cancelled

At the moment according to Victorian Government guidelines, that would appear to be no earlier than 23 June, and no later than end of July.