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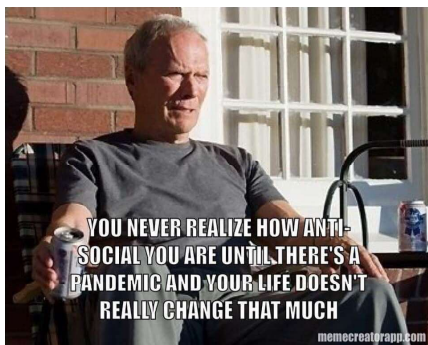
ZOOM Meetings

Since our first ZOOM Meeting on March 24th, we have had more and more members taking the plunge and embracing this different way of holding meetings.

As we have discovered, it is not that hard to get the hang of once you've used it a couple of times.

Starting this week we will be trying out a few things to fully utilise ZOOM. For Tuesday May 5th we will try putting on backgrounds as Bernie demonstrated last week with a picture of where she was supposed to be on holiday.

Could every member have a picture or two ready on their ZOOM device for Tuesday. If not there are stock images available on ZOOM for use.



COVID-19

Restrictions on social gatherings
are still in place for May

INDUCTIONS

Ian Campbell
46 Years - 7 May 1974

Brian Ross
9 Years - 24 May 2011

BIRTHDAYS

John Beynon – 3 May

EVENT CALENDAR

MAY 05: ZOOM Meeting

Putting a background on
your video feed and frame
yourself on the screen

MAY 12: ZOOM Meeting

TRIVIA NIGHT
(Each household is a 'table')
Heads & Tails & fun games

MAY 19: ZOOM Meeting

Guest Speaker
(Heads & Tails & games)

MAY 26: ZOOM BOARD Meeting

JUN 02: Meeting

Heads & Tails & fun games

JUN 09: RC BAIRNSDALE

2020/21 CHANGEVER

Video Presentation @ 6pm

JUN 16: Meeting

Heads & Tails & fun games

JUN 23: Meeting

Heads & Tails & fun games

JUN 30: BOARD MEETING

Tuesday Meetings

Login at 6:30pm

ZOOM Meeting

on a device in your home

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REF: Farmer Relief



A Taranaki (NZ) farmer created a giant hay bale teddy bear as part of the COVID-19 'Ted in the Window' campaign

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE 2020 CHANGEOVER

With social distancing and business shutdowns the new normal in 2020, there is no guarantee these conditions will be lifted in time for our clubs Changeover.

Plans have been put in place by Martin to have his 2020 Changeover as a Video Presentation Event on June 2nd.

Full details will be emailed to all members this week with how this will proceed, and the requirements from members to make this event just as special and memorable as usual.

DROUGHT EFFECTS ON GIPPSLAND RED GUM PLAINS

The Gippsland Red Gum Plains contain significant environmental, cultural, agricultural and recreational values. It is home to the nationally endangered Plains Grassy Woodland, an ecological community once more widespread and impacted by 100 years of land clearing.

The current drought conditions are still with us but things have improved to some extent. From the start of the New Year, rainfall has been a little under average and the subsoil moisture content is still very dry. Pastures and crops are battling away and are very reliant on receiving showers to keep them going. Without these showers plant growth will stall and this means supplementary feeding will need to be ramped up again.

Rotary will be kept busy during this time through RC Bairnsdale's Farmers Relief project, which is ever more important for farmers in the area.

The drought is a long way from being over and what's needed rainfall wise, is at least 100mm of gentle rain over a couple of days. It then needs another 75mm plus



Red Gum Plains in East Gippsland (Highlighted in purple)

of average rainfall to replenish the sub soil, before it can be said the drought is easing.

Wind has a huge bearing on the amount of moisture retained. More wind, more moisture is lost meaning plants have less to grow on. Over the last three years, a lot of the weather cold fronts are coming from the wrong direction and because of the mountain range, this has resulted in a lot of East Gippsland being in a rain shadow. The drought will continue until these cold fronts change direction.

It's interesting to see how farmers cope with this extended dry and how they are handling these trying times. The leading farmers have been able to manage their farms as the drought conditions change.

They have been able to turn off prime condition livestock and fibre. Those who planted summer crops are much better off than those who didn't. One farmer was able to cut over 1000 tonnes of silage off just one paddock. This will set him up for many months of prime livestock production despite the drought.

This drought/dry spell is still happening despite reasonable rains since the new year, with just enough to sustain plant growth at the moment. What happens next is in a very fragile state. Every day without rain is a day closer to rain I tell people. The wish is, the region gets a lot of rain in the near future.

Tony Murray
D9820 East Gippsland Assistant Governor



ANZAC DAY

Saturday 25 April 2020

The story of a "Digger" on the ANZAC's, as given to a member.

He died in 2015 at the age of 97 years old.

Known as "Diggers" ever since World War 1, Australian soldiers are not clear as to how that name was earned.

It is thought by many that it dates back to unrest at the gold diggings in the 1850s and the battle of the Eureka Stockade, but it is not known how it came to be the universal term for all Australian foot soldiers, but not the Navy and Air Force.

However those soldiers who dug the trenches in the First World War, and many of their own graves also, may have seen themselves as "Diggers", with the abbreviation "Dig". This was used synonymously with the term "Mate" which is a peculiarly Australian term.

Billy Hughes, Prime Minister during World War 1, was immensely proud of his nickname "The Little Digger".

The term "ANZAC" was derived from the initials of the words Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, when men from both countries fought together during the First World War.

They took a prominent part in the landing at Gallipoli in 1915, the battle of the Somme in 1916 and in the campaigns against the Turks in Macedonia, Salonika, Egypt and Palestine.

The name was revived briefly during the short lived campaign in Greece in 1941

during the Second World War when Australian and New Zealand troops again fought together for the first time since World War 1.

Every Anzac Day, April 25th -- the anniversary of the day of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915 - Australians everywhere, from Melbourne to Darwin, from Geraldton to Goulburn, meet at many monuments, commemorating the sacrifices made by a large numbers of Australians who have fought in wars from 1900 onwards -- in the Sudan, South Africa, Vietnam and Korea, as well as in the two World Wars.

These memorials vary a lot, from stained glass windows in many churches to the simple obelisks in smaller country towns, to the more elaborate buildings in the capital cities where dawn services attract thousands of people each year.

But varying as much as they do, all we erected as heartfelt tributes to those whose lives they commemorate. Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance, is one of the best known of these, visible as it is on its hill, to travellers along the picturesque St Kilda Road, and quite close to Government House.

Tourists on the Western Highway will have seen the Arch of Victory which straddles the road on the outskirts of

Ballarat, leading them into the Avenue of Honour with its commemorative deciduous trees lining the road for 22 km, each with a plaque bearing the name of a fallen man. Another avenue leads the way into Beaufort.

Scarcely a family in Australia did not have a member serving in one of the wars.

Never let it be said that these monuments have been put there to glorify war. The present generations is too far removed to remember the horror, the heartbreak, and the disillusionment that spread throughout the country in those times. Perhaps some mistakes were made, seen retrospect, but no doubt they were made in all good faith.

Hopefully, future differences between countries will be settled in a peaceful manner, but we must remember that this must start within our homes, and with our children and grandchildren. Let us look to their education for peaceful settlements of their small differences, and let us see that their reading and more important, their television viewing, together with the example set by their elders, does not encourage violence.

It is up to every one of us personally if the world situation is to be changed. With modern technology, a third world war does not bear thinking about.



Thousands of people across Australia and New Zealand stood outside their homes at dawn to mark Anzac Day, after being urged to pay tribute even amid the coronavirus lockdown.

Crowds usually gather for services, but these were cancelled in March amid wider restrictions on gatherings.

Instead people were urged to hold a candle in their driveways and live stream services.

Some of the alternative, home-bound tributes reported on Saturday included musicians playing the Last Post on brass instruments in suburbs, while others

shared pictures of poppy wreaths online and baked Anzac cookies at home.

"Two-Up" is traditionally played, with many of these games being moved online keeping the spirit of mateship alive.

Australia's veterans group, the Returned Services League (RSL) also encouraged "diggers" - service men and women - to call each other in lieu of the normal marches and parades.



ONLINE MEETING ETIQUETTE

To have meetings wherever you does not mean there aren't basic guidelines you should follow. Here are some meeting etiquettes everyone should observe

JOIN EARLY



Make sure your microphone and camera are working properly.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY



You'll also put yourself in the right headspace to be productive.

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS



Make sure your background is tidy, professional and work appropriate.

MUTE YOUR MICROPHONE WHEN YOU'RE NOT TALKING



Avoid noisy distractions while others are speaking.

STAY SEATED AND STAY PRESENT



Sit up straight, don't make big extraneous movements and always give your attention.

MINIMISE DISTRACTIONS



Avoid rustling papers, eating or making other distracting noises in the background.

GIVE GRACE



Be patient with participants and allow some grace to any miscommunications.

PLAN FOR AN EFFECTIVE WRAP-UP



End with a quick recap providing decisions made and actions agreed on.

• ONLINE VIDEO CHATQUETTE •

HOSTING WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE GATHERINGS ON THE INTERNET



HIT THE MUTE BUTTON IF YOU'RE NOT TALKING

This gives whoever is speaking the space to be heard. It also means you can say 'ohh big stretch!' when your dog wakes up from their nap... and no one will hear it.



WAVE AT PEOPLE AS THEY ENTER THE CHAT

A friendly wave and a smile is a non interruptive but welcoming way to greet people as they enter the video chat, especially if someone else is already speaking!



BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER

This one probably seems a bit obvious, but it's important to recognise that some people are more confident with technology than others and for some, your gathering may be their very first. Be patient, gentle and kind. But probably don't blow kisses.



TAP YOUR EAR IF YOU CAN'T HEAR SOMEONE

There's a high chance that someone might forget they've muted themselves at some stage. As a gentle, non-intrusive way to remind them that they're muted is to tap your ear. Hopefully they won't think you're imitating a game of Charades.



RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK

If there are quite a few of you on a video chat and the conversation is booming, it might be handy to raise your hand when you have something to say. A bit like an invisible talking stick.



PROP YOUR SCREEN UP IN ONE SPOT

The last thing you want to do is cause your fellow video buddies some eye sickness by moving around too much. We recommend propping up your phone or laptop in one spot so you reduce the amount of motion and hopefully avoid seeing those kinds of faces looking back at you.



Australian Government
Department of Health

CURRENT STATUS OF CONFIRMED CASES

6,675

Total cases

78

Total deaths

5,136

Cases recovered

42

CURRENT CASES
INTENSIVE CARE UNITS (ICU)

ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
0	19	0	6	2	0	11	4

138

CURRENT CASES
ADMITTED TO HOSPITALS

ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
0	43	10	18	4	16	27	20

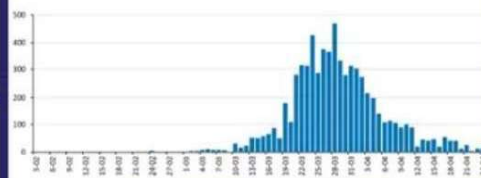
482,370

1.4% POSITIVE

TOTAL TESTS
CONDUCTED

ACT	NSW	NT	QLD
7,440	188,416	4,120	94,977
POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE
1.4%	1.6%	0.7%	1.1%
SA	TAS	VIC	WA
50,396	7,883	96,000	33,138
POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE	POSITIVE
0.9%	2.6%	1.4%	1.7%

DAILY NUMBER OF REPORTED CASES

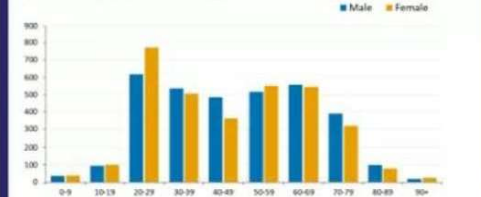


CASES IN AGED CARE SERVICES

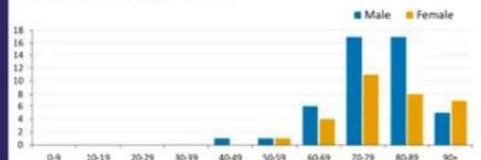
Confirmed cases	Australia	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	Tas	Vic	WA
Residential Care	56	0	54	0	1	0	1	0	0
	[14] [15]		[14] [13]		[1]		[1]		
In Home Care	29	0	12	0	7	1	5	3	1
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Cases in care recipients [recovered] [deaths]

CASES BY AGE GROUP AND SEX

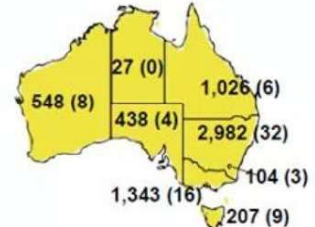


DEATHS BY AGE GROUP AND SEX

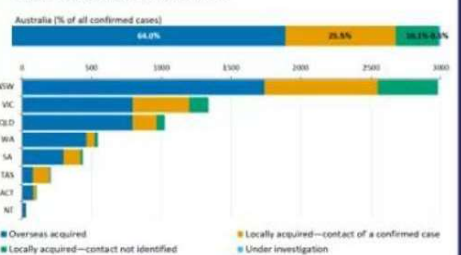


Coronavirus (COVID-19)

CASES (DEATHS) BY STATE AND TERRITORIES



CASES BY SOURCE OF INFECTION



PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE MEASURE



Last updated 24 April 2020

This infographic is updated every afternoon based on the data we receive by 3.00pm from states and territories

East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid



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

Things has slowed down with COVID-19 restrictions really coming into effect in April, meaning there was less travel able to be done. As these are lifted, we expect things to get back into full swing in May.

Containers

All Shipping containers (21) obtained and utilised so far have been sourced, supplied and paid for by D9800 and other sources.

With further delays in utilising these containers, Pearl Findlay-James and Bob Yeates have decided to take this to a State Government level.

Donated Goods

Most donated goods such as light farm equipment, whitegoods and other items are being sourced via 'GIVIT'. This organisation partners with State Governments and Disaster & Emergency Recovery Services to source and distribute goods to areas in disaster recovery.

Pearl Findlay-James has RC Sunrise signed up with this program to provide aid for Bush Fire survivors. Pearl advises other clubs in the EG Cluster who wish to provide donated goods for Bush Fire Relief, to do so separately and sign themselves up to GIVIT.

Rotary 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*)

Stock Feed and Fencing

Fencing assistance is being distributed with \$1500 allocated to farms that have missed other assistance to help defray some costs incurred while rebuilding.

Stock feed is still being distributed including to Far East Gippsland. Rex is doing a mountain of work ensuring it gets to where it is needed.

Vouchers

Even with COVID-19, vouchers are still being presented at a steady rate. With work situations in flux, vouchers have become valuable way to keep ahead for those who have received them. Michelle is being kept busy on a daily basis.

Rotary Webinar

with Rotarian and Federal Health Minister

Greg Hunt

on Rotary and caring for
our communities during
COVID-19

Rotary
District 9820



Many of you would have attended the recent webinar from District 9820 that featured the Federal Health Minister, the Hon Greg Hunt MP.

I found it good to hear directly from the minister in charge, details regarding the government's response to COVID-19 and reasons behind measures that have been taken. There was also an excellent Q & A session to finish off the webinar.

There has been lots of positive feedback on this Rotary COVID-19 webinar and quite an achievement to have a guest of his stature involved, and to know he is also a Rotarian.

If you would like to view again or share then you'll be pleased to know it was recorded and is available to view by following either directly from;
<https://youtu.be/H5h1VqJwAja>
or from our District Website;
www.district9820.org/

During the webinar some support contact details were provided which are noted below for your information.

- Coronavirus Australia app
 - Download via the app store or;
 - www.health.gov.au
 - Essential information
 - Symptom checker
 - Register isolation
 - States & Territories advice
- National Coronavirus Health Information Line 1800 020 080
- Coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au free call 1800 512 348

Additionally, District 9820 has the **COVID – 19 Rotary Club Guide** which is updated as significant changes happen. This can be accessed directly by following this link [COVID – 19 Rotary Club Guide](http://www.district9820.org/), or from www.district9820.org/

NOW MORE THAN EVER, ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD: THE 2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION

20-26 June 2020 | Learn more at riconvention.org



The 2020 Rotary International Convention will be held completely online and will be FREE to attend!

This will be a great opportunity for many of us to experience a Rotary International Convention for the first time, so save the dates 20-26 June 2020.

Go to www.riconvention.org to find out more.



The Rotary Club of Bairnsdale & The Bairnsdale Golf Club

37th Annual Charity Golf and Bowls Day

Due to COVID-19 the 37th Annual Rotary Golf and Bowls Charity Day on 7th April 2020 was cancelled.

With raffle tickets already being sold for the Fuel Raffle usually held during the event, the draw went ahead as planned.

With only 67 completed books sold this year due to the Bower Birds not being able to sell tickets in the streets as would normally happen, meant that those with tickets had a much better chance of winning!

The draw was conducted under isolation conditions with representative of the Bairnsdale Golf Club, President of the Bower Birds, and a representative of the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale.

\$1,700 was raised for the Bower Birds, aiding their efforts at Bairnsdale Hospital.

The Raffle winners were both residents of the local area.

1st Place \$750 – D. Roberts (Green St)

2nd Place \$250 – W. Campbell (Eastwood)



Rex Estoppey (Rotary Club of Bairnsdale) & Marg Porter (President of the Bower Birds)

COVID-19 OUTCOMES

- After all the many stupid things I've done in my life...if I die because I touched my face, I am going to be seriously annoyed.
- 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
- The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
- You think it's bad now? In 20 years, our country will be run by people home-schooled by day drinkers...
- Do not call the police on suspicious people in your neighbourhood! Those are your neighbours without makeup and their natural hair colour!
- Day 15 at home and the dog is looking at me like, 'See? This is why I chew the furniture!'
- Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
- I never thought the comment 'I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole' would become a national policy, but here we are!
- I swear my fridge just said, 'what the hell do you want now?'
- Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told 'no' if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.
- When this is over...what meeting do I attend first...Weight Watchers or AA?

GRANNIES COOKING SPOT

Grannie has had enough of cooking and has turned the kitchen over to Gramps, who likes his food simple and is willing to share one of his favourites with us all.

BANANA BREAD



Ingredients

- 2-3 ripe bananas (best is very ripe, black and past eating or can have been frozen)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 1 egg
- Loaf Tin (10cm x 21cm x 6cm)

Cooking Method

- Mash bananas really well with sugar, until almost sloppy.
- Add self-raising flour and egg and mix together.
- Cook in a Loaf Tin, lined with baking paper, for 40min at 180°.
- If you like you can sprinkle the top after cooking, and whilst still warm, with castor sugar and/or cinnamon.
- Can be eaten plain or even better, when just warm, spread with butter.

MAY ROSTER

Welcome: NOT REQUIRED

Sergeant: Tony M

MARQUEE ERECTIONS

All Marquee bookings cancelled



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

Last Tuesday we had another successful board meeting held via Zoom, with 18 members attending, some arriving a bit late, but better than never.

Thank you to all the members that have embraced these new meetings, which has enabled us to keep in touch during these difficult times.

ZOOM MEETINGS

Meeting weekly will continue until we can meet face to face. The 6.30pm time slot seems to suit the majority of members.

Patricia has phoned all members who have not been able to attend our regular Zoom meetings and reported that all seem to be in great spirits and managing to keep themselves occupied.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Bonnie has been sending articles to District hoping to get it in the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

In the aftermath of the fires, there are projects that can be done to showcase Rotary and make contact with potential new members. The subcommittee will have plans in place after the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

We were all encouraged to keep asking potential new members to attend a meeting and see what we are all about.

YOUTH

Still no youth programs but NYSF hope to have another camp in January 2021.

FUNDRAISING

Ula has donated a quilt 80" x 80", which will be completed soon, she is putting it up for a raffle and all members are asked to buy tickets.

OTHER

Ula reported on a young girl from a small village in Nepal that she visited on her trip last year, she has had a terrible accident and lost both of her hands. A fund has been established to assist with her immediate needs and the ongoing support that she will need, there may be something that we could do.

After washing your hands well, slice a chilli and rub it all over them.

It does nothing for viruses, but you quickly learn not to touch your face



Day 5: got so bored I checked out all of your profiles.
f Oldtimers
Two of you have the same boyfriend

When bartenders find new jobs after all the bars close down



FARMERS RELIEF

More bales of hay have been received and are being distributed. Rex is hoping to get a couple of load of molasses to the Ensay, Swifts Creek and Cobungra areas, as per last year it will assist in conditioning the cattle for winter.

THE FACE YOU MAKE WHEN REALIZING

COVID-19 DIES AT 80 DEGREES AND GLOBAL WARMING CAN SAVE US

This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊



Government:
Work from home

Lifeguards:



EAST GIPPSLAND ROTARY FIRE AID

A lively discussion followed with our members and recommendations where tabled. We asked our representatives, Martin and Michelle to pass these on to EGRFA at the next meeting.