

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This month the club had some good speakers. We started the month off with Graeme Wigg speaking on his experiences as a Justice of the Peace. The next two meeting we had Jim Basham speaking on conflict resolutions. Jim engaged the club members and we had a lot of interactions and feedback from the members. Our Polio Plus fundraiser on October 22nd at St. John's Hall was a big success with pizza, games and lots of fun. Our guest speaker was Graham (Wally) Walton, my husband. Wally spoke on Post-Polio and his experiences with Polio as a toddler. We had guests from the Bairnsdale Sunrise club as well as members guests. Many thanks to Brenda Burney, Michelle Worsley and the committee for all their hard work to make the night such a success. Our board meeting was very productive this month with good feedback from the members. We are having a membership drive night on Friday November 1st at Mr. D's. There has been a lot of hard work put into this project by membership chair Brian Ross and his amazing committee. Many thanks for all your hard work and the best of luck for its success.

Once again, I would like to thank the membership for their support and help with everything we do for Rotary.

Yours in Rotary
Patricia Murray-Walton



INDUCTIONS

Geoff Johnston

43 Years - 2 November 1976

Noel Wheeldon

40 Years - 13 November 1979

Tuesday Meetings

5:45pm for 6:15pm

The Bairnsdale Club

68 Nicholson Street



EVENT CALENDAR

NOV 05: NO MEETING

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

NOV 12: Meeting

Tom Forster
(My Health Record)

NOV 19: Wood Fired Pizza Night

@ John Crawfords House

NOV 26: BOARD MEETING

DEC 03: Meeting

Cameron Dyson
(Eye Health)

DEC 10: Vocational Visit

The Clay Place (Pottery)
Wendy Reeve & Liz Kent

DEC 17: Christmas Breakup

DEC 24: NO MEETING

Christmas Holiday Break

DEC 31: NO MEETING

New Year Holiday Break

JAN 07: International Night

@ Estoppey House
Thai Theme - \$25 for 2 courses

JAN 14: Meeting

JAN 21: Meeting

JAN 28: BOARD MEETING

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During the last month we received communications from the Rotary Clubs of Portland and Foster, who both wanted to send donations but were keen to know more information. Luckily we have the report that was produced at the end of last year and it really says it all about what we have achieved. Portland were having an open garden day on 25 October, but as yet have not said how much money was raised, any funds would be used specifically for the farmers in the Bairnsdale area, who in Rex's opinion are the ones most in need at the moment. Foster have replied requesting that we assist farmers in their area, but we are not sure that is possible, so further communication will be in order.

Rex has been in contact with Greg Hunt who has a connection with Mount Eliza and it would appear that the Mornington Peninsula have hay available that is over 12 months old and some farmers may be willing to donate, or we purchase at a good price. Rex thought that we might even get cartage donated. Rex has also been able to source 40 bales at \$132.00 which is a good price during this time.

Also there may be the possibility of rye grass hay from our own Silt Jetties, 60 bales at \$120.00. Our funds are down to \$13,000.00 so to be able to continue we will need to access some more dollars.

The club received an e-mail from a Rotarian from District 9810 who is

thinking of settling in Metung and was considering a fundraiser for drought relief, so we may be able to tap into that too. Any member who has a contact or can assist with accessing more funds please let us know.

Sally Dell had an idea that we could give family tickets to Gumbuya World to families in drought affected areas, to be used when suitable to them, but we are not sure how many farming families have young children or grandchildren that would be interested. It would seem that young farmers are becoming few and far between, which is sad but a sign of the times.

We are still committed to keep on helping all those affected by this continuing drought, it seems as soon as we get rain, wind or heat destroys any benefit.

Gillian Reeve

FARMERS RELIEF MESSAGE SPREADING

Our walking (or more accurately running) billboards spread the Farmers Relief word through Western Victoria with Bairnsdale Futsal Clubs Men's and Women's teams competing in Ballarat recently.



MEMBERSHIP NIGHT

A great night was had by all last Friday at Mr D's, with many prospective members enjoying the relaxed atmosphere and fellowship of current Rotarians.

The burgers were big as the pictures demonstrate, which was matched by wonderful venue of Mr D's.





ROTARY'S
WORLD POLIO DAY
ONLINE GLOBAL UPDATE
24 OCTOBER 2019
Visit the Rotary International
Facebook page to RSVP.
#endpolio | endpolio.org

Pizza Party for Polio

As the Rotary International website says, we have been “working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years, and we’ve made incredible progress in the fight to rid the world of it forever”.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative has helped to reduce cases of polio by more than 99.9% with only two countries where it remains endemic, Afghanistan and Pakistan. If polio isn’t eradicated, within 10 years as many as 200,000 children could be paralysed by it each year. A polio-free world will be a safer world for children everywhere.

To help in the fight against polio, Rotary clubs across the world come up with a variety of ways to promote polio eradication on or around World Polio Day which is October 24th. Some clubs don red ponchos, others have pub crawls.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Pizza Party night. 32 people attended and we raised just over \$600. There was plenty of pizza thanks to Earth and Soul Pizza who just happened to have a “buy one get one free” deal on a Tuesday night and who also donated two garlic pizzas. I’m sure you’ll agree they were delicious pizzas!

Michelle Worsley and I were more than happy to come up with some “entertainment” for the night. Because children who have been vaccinated have their pinkie painted purple, to let Polio Plus workers know that they have been vaccinated, those attending the night could have their pinkies painted once they’d paid their dues for the night.



The first bit of fun for the night was a table activity. Each table was given a plate of purple grapes and some toothpicks with which to construct the tallest tower. A highly competitive 5 minutes ensued.

The next event was an individual event. Purple balloons were then popped to see who had won a prize. This was followed by another table event – Purple Trivia. Each table was represented by a carefully chosen and wise representative who had race the others to use their squeaker,

snorter or bell in order to answer the question Michelle put on the screen.

The Celebrity Head game had us in stitches as Rex, Gillian and President Patricia tried to guess who they were. The final event for the night was a Purple Parade, where those dressed in something purple tried to get the crowd to vote for them. Lots of quirky purple prizes were the order of the night.

The highlight of the evening was our guest speaker, Wally Walton, who shared from the heart his journey with polio. What an amazing story! I’ll leave the reporting of Wally’s story to Rob Moore.

Many thanks to all who helped set up on the night, those who contributed prizes and food and for those who helped clean up at the end. Special thanks to Michelle for her suggestions, the planning and preparation she undertook and for being co-host on the night. Thanks to Gillian and Patricia for their advice and support and to all who supported this very worthwhile cause.

Brenda Burney
Foundation Chair



MC Brenda and Rhonda clowning around at the Pizza Party for Polio



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END POLIO NOW

Pizza Party for Polio



**Wally Walton
Polio**
24 October 2019

The speaker for the Polio Plus fundraiser was Graham (Wally) Walton, my husband. Wally was diagnosed with polio at 9 months. He experienced being in a frame for many years and having his legs being painfully massaged by his mother for a long time.

His mother believed in Sister Kenney's method of recovery which was massaging the legs instead of not mobilizing the legs and being put in an iron lung.

Wally talked about his school years and how he did not let it stop him from playing sports. He continued to play sports right up until his forties. He experienced pains in his legs and at times he would throw one leg.

He did not associate at this time that it was post-polio syndrome. He was determined to not let any of his symptoms stop him from what he wanted to do in life. He joined the Air Force when he was seventeen and continued to push himself in that career for fifty years.

In most recent years Wally would talk with his mother about what happened to him as a toddler and how it affected their lives. It was not until the last few years that he found out about research into the after effects of polio.

Wally and I attended a conference in Sydney for Post- Polio and found it to be an educational experience not only from the speakers and researchers attending but also speaking with several of the attendees about their experiences. Wally



came away with a better understanding of what to expect in his later years with post-polio. At times he really struggles with the pain especially when he is tired.

Wally continues to push himself to the limit, he believes that if he doesn't, he will experience a lot more pain and suffering so he pushes himself to keep movement in his legs. He never complains or feels like a victim. He claims he is fortunate for the life he has been blessed with.

**Patricia Murray-Walton
President**



'The Long Climb' (artwork by Pauline Derrick)

Amazingly, growing up I had no knowledge or contact with polio and even in adulthood I was not aware who had had polio until relatively recently.

I was, of course, aware of the disease and its effect on growing children and remember being inoculated against it at about the age of 12.

It was not until I was asked to help with a book that recorded the memories of children who had had polio that I gained any real knowledge of this devastating illness and its later return in the form of post polio syndrome.

Joan Smith, the editor and a contributor of her own memoir, had been my principal at the special school I had taught at for many years.

Joan introduced me to Marlene Wookey and together we wrote Marlene's story which is included in the book of memoirs *"The Calliper Kids"*.

During the process of writing this story I gained a huge respect for these children who had, with determination and humour, overcame the effects of this childhood affliction.

In my art work *"The Long Climb"* the leg has become an allegory of a tree of life up which a figure, despite the difficulty of callipers, climbs away from the play land that is childhood in order to reach the full fruits of adult life.



Graeme Wigg
Justice of the Peace
1 October 2019

My thoughts as I listened went back 50 years ago when I was living with my Grandfather and the cops arrived late at night, spoke to him for ages and just as I thought they were about to chuck him in the Divvy van they drove off with handcuffs ready for someone else, saying "Thanks very much Horry!". My parents informed me later he was a JP and a Bail Justice. "A boy needs to be told these things I thought! (Close Shave No 1?) Later my first girlfriend informed me her father was a Police Inspector, "A boy needs to be told this I thought too!"

So all these years later I am finally informed about these things that a boy needs to be informed about! Thanks Graham, a very informative talk, and one from which I detected the ring of familiarity and truth from. We are all safer and better off, thanks to all these folk who protect and serve us.

Our guest speaker for the night, Justice of the Peace (JP), Graham Wigg, Secretary of Gippsland East Honorary Justices Inc. was introduced by Rotarian John Beynon, himself a JP and retired Bail Justice (BJ) Graham is a local with his family roots at Lindenow South. Graham is a retired Police Officer who served in Bairnsdale as a Commissioned Officer (Inspector) before his retirement in 2010.

Graham commenced with a brief outline of the Gippsland East Honorary Justice Group which presently has 24 members, 20 being JP's and 4 BJ's, there being many more JP's in East Gippsland which are not members of this volunteer group – JP's & BJ's are collectively called Honorary Justices. GEHJInc. members operate the 3 Document Signing Stations (DSS) with assistance of 2 other local JP's.

Graham then went on to give a brief history of Justices of the Peace which can be traced back to Britain in 1195 when Richard the Lionheart commissioned certain Knights to preserve the peace and were known as Custodes Pacis (Keepers of the Peace). During the 1320's and 40's JP's were appointed in each county to hear some minor breaches of the law. The title, Justice of the Peace, derives from 1361 during the reign of Edward III, making the office one of the oldest in the common law system.

Justices of the Peace were recognised in the Australian colonies from 1788, and the first Justice of the Peace was appointed after the settlement of South Australia in 1836 and the first JP for Victoria was appointed in 1851. JP's were also appointed to hear minor court matters and this continued up until the 1980's. Graham retold a story from when he was a Constable at Morwell, one of the JP's hearing his cases was a close friend of Graham's nanna, Graham never lost a case – of course the truth prevailed!

Graham expanded on the role of their members at the 3 DSS, one being at the Bairnsdale Police Station and others at the Shire Community Centres of Lakes Entrance and Paynesville. JP's main function is now administrative and the primary role is focused on attesting to the execution of a document; witnessing a statutory declaration; witnessing an affidavit for use in court; certifying true copies of an original document; certifying

a person's identity; witnessing a power of attorney; witness wills; witness DIY divorce papers; Interstate property transfers and Overseas pensions. Graham was amused on one occasion when asked to witness DIY divorce documents when the customers asked if his wife could be present, Graham assumed the separation being amicable agreed, however the wife present was not the one he was divorcing!

Graham then gave a brief outline of the process to become a JP, explaining their membership is quite diverse with one member being an active JP for over 50 years with several others close behind in service. Another travels from Omeo each Thursday to Bairnsdale DSS as did recently deceased JP Ron Grinter of Swifts Creek

Statistically there are 4,500 JP's in Victoria signing about 1.5M documents each year; helping more than 350,000 people each year; volunteering more than 385,000 hours each year; saving the community more than \$23M in real costs; freeing up 250 police officers with 98 DSS in Victoria. The 3 local DSS signed 116,034 documents last financial year.

GEHJInc. and it's members get no financial support from the Department of Justice as volunteers towards the 3 DSS. The group provides blank forms upon request to customers and purchase ink etc for stamps at the DSS at our own cost. The 3 venues supply the office space at no cost to us

Rob Moore



Justice of the Peace

Volunteers in the State of Victoria



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3,750
JP Volunteers

Free up
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98
Document
Signing
Stations



Signed end on end,
JP's signatures would **circle**
the **MCG 183 times**
each year

TOP DOCUMENTS

• Certified True Copies	70.0%
• Statutory Declarations	12.0%
• Affidavits	8.0%
• Power of Attorneys	5.0%
• National Police Checks	1.5%
• Birth Death & Marriages	1.0%
• Other	2.5%

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Jim Basham
Human Relations Conflict
8 October 2019

Rob the Rotarian reporting with a touch of Calouseau/Columbo.

Last week we had a speaker who spoke with action and words. He spoke on "Conflict Resolution" and said he would talk only for the allocated 20 minutes. And did. So, no conflict!!

My second observation was that his name was "Bash Em" and he quoted a theory by "Kill Men". You will be delighted to know however there was no bashing battery or killing fields theory, and the topic had a brief understandable matrix on an easily read whiteboard. There were 4 poles across a square, and this polarity could determine whether a style was winner, loser, agreement or disaster. My category was not mentioned (Mega Loser!) Questions will be asked of the Rotarians to identify your own style and what were the 4 poles and recommended stance for resolution without loss to anyone.

Thanks to the speaker I now know my challenges. Do you?

Thanks to Jim Basham our meetings may well be more productive as conflict is productive if managed well. Well done Jim, and thank you. (Answers in the next bulletin article)

Rob Moore



Jim Basham redux
Human Relations Conflict
15 October 2019

This speaker again presented more conflict resolution info. In fact my jokes were pinched and my questions were answered!

The 4 poles are Competing, Collaborating, Avoiding, and Accommodating. The central blend is compromising, a suggested means to have a bit of all poles.

The speaker went on to suggest that Maslow's hierarchy of Human needs can be a gauge for group members in conflict to assess what is important to another party. Is it food, air, water? Is it safety? Is it Love and belonging? Is it self-esteem? Is it self-actualisation? Use this to assess what might be good bargaining chips to compromise on.

Unable to finish the speaker has left with me the final bit, groups go through forming storming and norming stages before real performing can begin.

My observation is our Rotary group has welcomed we new incumbents and is planning more newbies. We have been in a honeymoon period of forming, and storming and norming is just ahead of us.

So the above lessons will become very important to us as we grow or go.

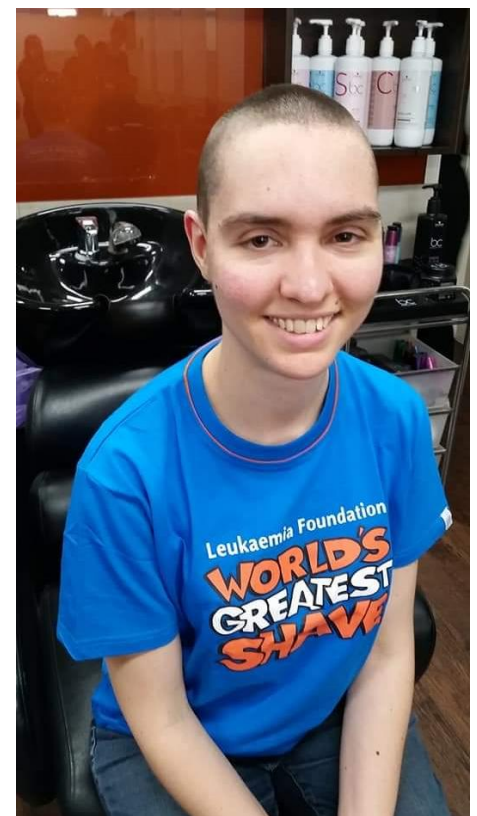
Rob Moore



I would like to give a big shout out to my mates, workmates and the Rotary Club of Bairnsdale for their support for the World's Greatest Shave for Leukemia'.

Massive thanks to all who supported me! Special thanks to Hair Studio 126 for doing the deed of chopping it all off.

Michelle Worsley



After 2 years' worth of growth, the hair is all gone!



Tuesday 15 October was the night for our Lift the Lid celebration, with most members wearing hats, some boring but some full of flair, you just need to look at the picture of Michelle W in her orange creation and you get the idea.

All proceeds from the evening, \$121.85, will be sent to Australian Rotary Health as part of our club's ongoing commitment to this program that began here in our district all those years ago.





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
Wednesday 6:00 for 6:30pm



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

FROM THE BOARD

Tuesday saw all members participate in a lively Board Meeting, although we were nearly squashed under the weight of the amount of correspondence.

MEMBERSHIP

The meet and greet night is all organised for Friday 1 November at Mr D's, perhaps a further report on the evening may make it to press before the deadline.

The article in the newspaper has attracted one response and she has been invited to attend the function. There is going to be guitar playing plus singing so it should be a good night for one and all.

FOUNDATION

The polio fundraiser was a success and has been reported in this bulletin.

YOUTH

We have sent \$150 to both Nagle College and the Bairnsdale Secondary College for prizes on their presentation nights.

Also the usual funds will be distributed to the schools in the Omeo area, as per our Holston Award - \$500 for the Swifts Creek Secondary College and \$200 for the Swifts Creek Primary School, plus \$200 to the Ensay Primary School. We have received invitations to attend all nights and several Rotarians have volunteered to be there.

TREASURER

All the old bank accounts held at Westpac are now closed and all are now with the Bendigo, so make sure that you change the information in your online banking.

COMMUNITY

Ken has taken a look at what needs to be done at the Botanic Gardens at the Howitt Park bridge and it was agreed that any work will not commence till the new year.

We were going to be helping with the cinema fundraiser "Judy" this Thursday, but for apparently the first time in the history of the Sun Cinema they did not get the rights to show the film on that night, which was a week before the official release, so it has had to be cancelled at the last minute. Hopefully it will be rescheduled for Sunday 10 November at 4.00pm. More information will be sent as soon as it comes to hand.

ADMINISTRATION

PE Martin reported that when he attended the Pre PETS day recently, all incoming Presidents are agreed that a joint event with all clubs in our cluster involved would be the way to go.

Gillian Reeve

MARQUEE ERECTIONS

NOV 27: 754 Primary School

DEC 07: Bairnsdale Archery Park

DEC 20: Gippsland Truck Centre

JAN 04: Bairnsdale residence

BIRTHDAYS

Rhonda Wheeldon
26 November

Noel Wheeldon
27 November

Patricia Murray-Walton
28 November

Social Outing at the Spring Lamb Luncheon at Ensay Winery



On Sunday 22 September, a total of 12 members, past and present made the trip to Ensay and enjoyed a great lunch at the winery, Gillian, Tim Gibson, Jeff and Robyn Fuller, John, Bonnie, Noel, Rhonda, Brenda and Rod.

There was lots of laughter along with good food and of course wine, it was great to hold a social event like this that also benefited a local business in Ensay, which as we know, as a region is doing it very tough. The buzz is that we may be organising some more events, but the winery will not be holding anymore until next year, so if anyone has any ideas please let us know.

Gillian Reeve

NOVEMBER ROSTER

Welcome: Judy & Rob
Sergeant: Tony Murray

DECEMBER ROSTER

Welcome: Geoff J & Michelle Y
Sergeant: Gillian Reeve

