

# Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our first speakers in September were the MUNA candidates from Gippsland Grammar, Bronte Cunningham and Indie Roberts. Bronte and Indie spoke of how the program runs and their experiences over that weekend. Peter Ries, a Gippsland Grammar teacher also spoke about how important this Rotary Youth Program is and the training involved with it. Peter stated that MUNA is a wonderful experience for the students and it is very important that Rotary Clubs continue to support it.

The following week Jan Lucas spoke on mentoring our disengaged youth in East Gippsland. Jan gave a very informative presentation.

Our next meeting brought us to a board meeting with lots of discussion on topics by the members.

Gillian and I travelled to Ballarat to be part of the International Presidents dinner that was attended by over 350 Rotarians.

Mark spoke on some of the cultural experiences they have learned on their travels so far. Mark also reiterated the goals that he wants Rotary Clubs around the world to do this year.

Gay Maloney spoke a little on Alabama, where they are from and then spoke of some of the places they have been and where their next trips are going to be taking them.

The evening enabled Rotarians to network with each other. Gillian and I met Rotarians at our table which let us have discussions about our Rotary clubs and share information about our experiences. It's always good to connect with other Rotarians.

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

**Yours in Rotary**

**Patricia Murray-Walton**

## INDUCTIONS

**Margaret Macfarlane**  
3 Years - 4 October 2016

**John Ariens**  
36 Years - 11 October 1983



## EVENT CALENDAR

### OCT 01: Meeting

Graeme Wigg  
(Justice of the Peace)

### OCT 08: Meeting

Jim Basham  
(Human Relations Conflict)

### OCT 15: Lift the Lid

**on Mental Health**  
All members to wear a hat,  
all proceeds going to ARH  
Andrea Vanderveen  
(Gambling, Liquor Regulations)

### OCT 19: RLI Training – Session 1

### OCT 20: Rotary Family Day

Gumbuya Park

### OCT 22: Pizza Party for Polio

@ St Johns Hall (see Flyer)  
Wally Walton  
(Life after Polio)

### OCT 29: BOARD MEETING

### NOV 05: NO MEETING

### NOV 09: RLI Training – Session 2

### NOV 19: Wood Fired Pizza Night

### NOV 30: RLI Training – Session 3

### DEC 17: Christmas Breakup

## Tuesday Meetings

5:45pm for 6:15pm

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# RI President Mark Maloney Victorian Presidential Dinner



**ROTARY  
CONNECTS  
THE WORLD**

Patricia and I made the trip to Ballarat to hear from RI president Mark Maloney, along with 350 other Rotarians, from the five Rotary Districts in Victoria.

His wife Gay spoke about the busy life of a RI President and gave us details of all the countries that they have visited since taking office in July, which was quite a few and it would be hard for them to remember where they are, a bit like "this is Tuesday it must be Belgium" from that old movie. They both live in the same town that Gay was born and bred in, living across the lake from the High School that she attended, so the dreams she had as a young girl, of travelling the world did not eventuate until later in life, Rotary has now given her that experience. This was her fifth visit to Australia and obviously had fond memories of the previous times that she has been here.

few glitches, anyone that attended would agree that it was a wonderful convention.

On a more serious note he emphasised the four points of the Rotary strategic plan that has been developed for the next five years, emphasising that we have the ability to make a huge difference in the world.

**Impact** - People of Action are effective problem-solvers.

**Reach** - People of Action activate and inspire one another.

**Engagement** - People of Action strive to understand the needs of others.

**Adapt** - People of Action are inventive, entrepreneurial, and resilient.

Patricia and I had heard most of this before at the webinar that we attended and are confident that our club is moving forward using these strategies, so keep up the good work.

and elsewhere that we may not have seen for a while and network with new Rotarians. We had Phillip Archer on our table, a great speaker who has on many occasions addressed Rotarians in our district with inspiring words. I caught up with Ian, a fellow traveller on the 2016 NID, who was there to receive an award for 30 years of service in Rotary, plus Kel and Jill Hobby, who now live in Ballarat, as some of you will remember he was a DG in 2011-2012. Bonnie will be pleased to hear that we even caught up with Rotarians from Ballarat that she hoped that we would connect with.



Mark told a few funny anecdotes about his past experiences in Australia, battling with our slang and watching an AFL games, puzzled as to why the goal umpires were using semaphore to signal a score when it was fairly obvious that the ball had gone through the posts. He was on the organising committee for the Sydney Convention and although there were a



He spoke of the United Nations, which will celebrate 75 years in 2020 and the role that Rotary had to play in its formation, something to be proud of. Of course Polio Plus would be the biggest project that Rotary has tackled and we will not stop until this disease is beaten, partnering with other organisations to ensure a positive outcome.

As with functions like this, it is good to catch up with Rotarians from our District



As with all these types of events it is good to keep in touch with the latest developments and it was great that Mark Maloney was able to visit Victoria and address so many committed Rotarians. Patricia and I had a relaxing day afterwards touring Ballarat and districts, blowing away some of the cobwebs of everyday life, so a worthwhile trip in all.

**Gillian Reeve**





## District 9820 Model United Nations Assembly



Our Club supported one team (two students) from Gippsland Grammar to attend and participate in the **Rotary Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)** on the 23-24th May 2019.

These students represented Turkey. This required them to fully understand the country's positions on the topics to be debated and act as representatives, fully clothed in costumes.

How would you go if you were to accept the challenge that these talented and courageous students did? Here are the issues that were debated:

1. Protection of Children in Armed Conflict
2. Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism
3. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty
4. Protection of Global Climate for Present & Future Generations of Humankind
5. Permanent Sovereignty of the Palestinian People in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab Population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their Natural Resources
6. Security Council Resolution on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons
7. The Situation in the South China Sea

No trivial matters!

The format for the Assembly mirrors exactly that of the United Nations and each country represented is expected to present and debate for and against each of the topics under the Rules of the UN.

We sincerely congratulate them for the dedication and research that was required for this event and for giving it a good go!

We had a glimpse of what it takes to Change the World.

What a great start, a practice match for the world stage. A match, where players are humble enough to step into the shoes of their world neighbours and not only paraphrase to each other their wordily concerns from the perspective of the other, but to do battle on their behalf. This the essence of a mediated negotiation and peace settlement.

Thank you Indie and Bronte. Onward and upward!

Mr Leon Adams (Budding Scientist from Nagle College) is about to commence a similar venture, he is going to Canberra in January 2020, to learn new ideas generated at the National Science Youth Forum.

Here again collectives of youth representatives will create from scratch innovative proposals and projects. Look out world here we come! Thank God for Youth!

Perhaps there to the general feeling of the forum may be to questions as Bronte and Indie reported from MUNA, that this year the youth's perception that the unwelcome industrial commercial ideologies of America rushing like a steam train across the world are unwelcome.

### Indie Roberts

In a bit more detail, the assembly took place in Phillip Island, and across the 2 days of debating, all countries shared their opinions on the various global issues our world is currently facing. These debates were at times lengthy, and at other times very intense, especially when it came to all attending countries challenging the values of America in a very heated argument.

Personally my favourite part of the weekend, besides the twins representing Iran and their lovely stories about watermelons, or the intense arguments between everyone and the USA, was definitely the increased confidence I now have in my knowledge of the world and everyone's different perspectives of our current global issues. I've also greatly valued the confidence I gained in my public speaking skills, however I have to admit it still isn't my favourite thing to do.

### Bronte Cunningham

Attending MUNA 2019 was an immensely rewarding and enjoyable experience. I learnt so much over the weekend on how a United Nations is run, as well as the in's and outs of Global Politics. Additionally, I was also given the chance to explain and grow valuable life skills such as communication, negotiation and understanding through the debates and interacting with other delegates. Meeting other delegates and hearing about their countries and their views was a highlight for me, as well as the debate itself. I have found that throughout the whole MUNA process, from researching to writing to speaking, that a connection to Turkey has been formed. I hope that in future I am able to visit the places I have read so much about, and make fond memories like the ones that were formed from MUNA.

Indie and I would like to extend our gratitude to you, the Bairnsdale Rotary Club, for sponsoring us to attend MUNA 2019. Without your generosity, this amazing, invaluable and rewarding experience would not have been possible, and we will forever be grateful for this opportunity.





**Jan Lucas**  
Gippsland Engaged Mentoring  
10 September 2019

We had Jan Lucas, a program coordinator for Gippsland Engaged Mentoring (GEM) program, which is run through Workways, talk to us about this extremely worthwhile program. They have 100 mentors on their books, not all of which are being utilised and are awaiting Mentees to be assigned to them.

The program has proved to make a difference with one example being a student that had been mentored since grade seven right to the end of secondary college, who had made good personal growth and now has a circle of friends, whereas he was a bit of a loner at first. Jan warned us that the selection process for mentors is quite rigorous, applicants need to have a Working with Children, two character references, plus a police check. Once you get passed all that a two day training session is required. The schools are the ones who identify children in need and then they are matched with an appropriate mentor, permission is sought from the parents of course and Jan was telling us of an occasion when a parent refused, which would have been hard for the student involved.



The whole program operates on government funding on a two year cycle. Jan also indicated that they support and partner with Youth in Search as well as L to P, the latter being a program that we had members of our club involved in a few years ago. It was a very interesting talk and although the process may seem hard, you should think about the difference that you could make in a young person's life.

**Gillian Reeve**



**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**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 6:00 for 6:30pm

## BIRTHDAYS

**John Crawford – 10 October**  
**Margaret Macfarlane – 14 Oct.**  
**Gillian Reeve – 14 October**



## OCTOBER ROSTER

**Welcome:** John C & Brenda  
**Sergeant:** Roy

## NOVEMBER ROSTER

**Welcome:** Judy & Rob



## FROM THE BOARD

### COMMUNITY

A sub-committee headed up by Ken Sheather will start the process of repairing the plaques etc at the Botanic Gardens, in consultation with the Shire.

### FOUNDATION

We will celebrate World Polio Day on Tuesday 22 October 2019 at St John's Hall, a flyer with more details to be sent to all members. The other Rotary clubs in town will be invited to attend.

### INTERNATIONAL

We voted to sponsor a student with \$500 for Fostering Futures for Kids in Farkwa.

### MEMBERSHIP

The sub-committee is still finalising the newspaper articles and planning a function to welcome any potential new members.

### YOUTH

We voted to give \$150 to Nagle College as two prizes on presentation night.

RYLA will be a six day event which is a big change for our district, but participants will have to opportunity to come away with a Certificate 4 in Business.

RYLA is also looking for past RYLA participants to be leaders at the camp to be held in New Zealand, we intend to put forward Solomon Jones's name

### FARMERS RELIEF

All hay received to date has been distributed, the committee are looking at sourcing more bales from local suppliers and perhaps approach Hastings Westernport again.

### ADMINISTRATION

We need to start our planning for the 100 years of Rotary in Australia, 2020-2021, plans will be formulated soon and we need to involve all clubs in our cluster.

**Gillian Reeve**