

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



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**Farmers
Relief**



Well this must be a first, there are no bales of hay left at Donald's as all from the last load including the extra two from the 4 x 4 Wheel Drive Club in Yarram, have all been distributed. The pallet of dog food has been dispatched to the Ensay area and will be distributed to farmers in need.



A big thank you to all farmers who have helped us with all this, as they picked up the bales from Mirboo North and then distributed to farmers in the Ensay area.

Rex received a thank letter from a very appreciative farmer who received some of the molasses that we purchased and told us that it had certainly helped to get his cattle through the winter. We still have about \$18,000 in funds and we will now use it the best and most effective way possible.

When Patricia and I spoke at the Probus Club of Paynesville on Wednesday a lovely man there gave us a \$100 donation after hearing about what we have been doing for the farmers, so it will continue.

Gillian Reeve

INDUCTIONS

Michelle Young

2 Years - 29 August 2017

John Beynon

38 Years - 1 September 1981

Bonnie Walker

3 Years - 6 September 2016

BIRTHDAYS

John Walker – 3 September

EVENT CALENDAR

SEP 03: Meeting

SEP 10: Meeting

SEP 17: Meeting

SEP 24: Board Meeting

OCT 01: Meeting

OCT 19: RLI Training – Session 1

OCT 20: Rotary Family Day
Gumbuya Park

NOV 09: RLI Training – Session 2

NOV 30: RLI Training – Session 3

Tuesday Meetings

5:45pm for 6:15pm

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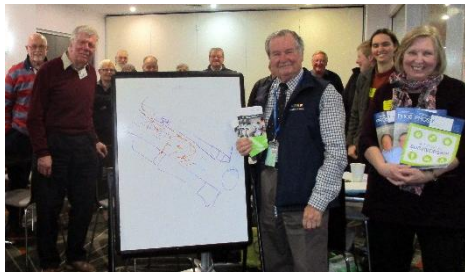
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Wayne Stagg Updated Road Rules 13 August 2019

Rotary was entertained by the most unusual speaker who literally staggered us all with learner driver assessor stories from VicRoads annals of fame. Like Karen Blixen he was a truly engaging storyteller with a wry sense of humour and candour.

Maybe that's why he chose to speak to the 99% of members (less the Michelle's) who were aged drivers. His message, truly scary was, testing can be ruthless, distressing and pedantic and without his help as a trainer we would all be lost. Identifying newer more aggressive laws, mainly in suburbia and only in a logic understood by legislators, he proceeded to tell us about just how easily we could end up having to be tested for relicensing due to age. Highlighting how easily we could be thrown into this process by medical requirements or minor incidents drawn under the VicRoads microscope.

It all became clear to me as he reflected on the fact that he began his career as a driving instructor, by buying out Burton School of Motoring whilst simultaneously gaining a liquor license, all at the same time period that Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin. This most incongruous combination came his entry in driver's education wisdom.

More seriously we were greatly entertained, well warned and given a clear heads up that maybe refresher training may be a good Rotary project for the aging population. And whilst this may seem unnecessary, Wayne pointed out having to be retested is done at your own expense and may well be over \$500 to specialist assessors and car hire and no chance of many retests.

Wayne was popular enough to have his business cards requested by many in case by some stroke of bad luck we may need him (with the exception of the Michelle's).

Rob Moore



MEETING MOMENTS

On Tuesday 20 August our speaker could not make it so we ended up having some very lively discussions on what the club has been up to recently and what we hope to implement in the future.

Membership

The subcommittee reported on what their vision is for the article in the Gippsland Times October edition, the target audience and the type of event that is in the pipeline for perhaps November. It brought some interesting discussions from many members who are excited by the direction the committee is taking and was in full agreement with the plans being put in place.

Community

Ula reported on discussions that she has had with the East Gippsland Shire, on the possible revamp of the wishing well in the main street gardens that is dated and in need of repair. The shire informed her that they have a strategic plan for the upgrading of all these areas in Bairnsdale and seemed happy to consult with us about what could be done at that point. As this is a couple of years in the future we will have to hold fire on any plans. Good to know that the shire is willing to work with us.

Fund Raising

Michelle W had sent an e-mail to the club on possible fundraising activities to look at for this year. All were very interesting Mancave Market, dance karaoke night. She also suggested that we revisit the option of starting an Interact Club in the area, unfortunately a few years ago when this was raised before, our club found the local Secondary Schools less than helpful.

Days for Girls

Ula brought us up to date on her activities as the District Days for Girls Champion, having given a talk at Lakes Entrance Rotary, where it was very well received. Days for Girls are hoping to send 15,000 kits overseas for refugees and Ula is keen to help where the Days for Girls Far East Gippsland Chapter can, but she is already committed to taking 200 odd kits to Nepal when she visits there in November.

It is always good to have informal discussions among members with everyone's views being put in the mix for making us a more vibrant and relevant club for 2019/2020.

Gillian Reeve



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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

It must have been the shortest board meeting in the history of the club, as the Membership Committee wanted to meet afterwards to finalise their campaign, but we still managed to get through it all.

TREASURER

A reminder to all members that we have new bank accounts at the Bendigo, so all monies MUST be paid to these accounts. Michelle has documented this on all invoices issued etc so please change our details in your records. In the next couple of weeks all the old accounts at Westpac will be closed so any payments made in error, will bounce back.

BOTANIC GARDENS

A follow up report on the suggested proposal that we repair/replace some of the broken plaques. Gillian approached the Shire and they were very receptive to us completing some of the tasks as long as we ask permission and they even offered assistance with planning and applying for grants.

FOUNDATION

Remember that October 24 is World Polio Day, so if we can give it some recognition that would be great. No information, as yet, on a possible Polio Plus film fundraiser, as the usual early film release has not been advised.

MARQUEE TRAILER

The marquee trailer has been spruced up, de rusted, repainted and all new signwriting with the updated club brand plus new e-mail, and will look very smart.

Gillian Reeve

SEPTEMBER ROSTER

Welcome: Ken & Ula

Sergeant: Rex

MARQUEE ERECTIONS

SEP 07: Paynesville

SEP 14: Newlands Arm

PRESIDENTS REPORT – Patricia Murray-Walton

The last few meetings have been full of good fellowship and fun. Club members have been engaged in coming up with new ideas for fundraising. Michelle Worsley will be chairing a fundraising committee and organising the events with her team. Our membership committee is hard at work coming up with new ideas to bring new members into the club. The club members have put forward thoughts for projects that can be done in the community. The Farmers Relief program is ongoing and we are looking for more donations to be able to purchase more hay for our farmers in need.

On Wednesday 28th of August Gillian and I attended the Probus meeting in Paynesville on the celebration of their 35th anniversary. Our club sponsored the Paynesville Probus Club. Gillian was the

guest speaker and she was well received by her audience. I presented the certificate for the 35th Anniversary of their club to their President Lyn.

Afterwards Gillian and I were invited for a delicious lunch at the Cruiser Club that we enjoyed as well as some good fellowship.

I am very pleased to be involved with a very progressive Rotary club and a supportive membership.

Yours in Rotary
Patricia Murray-Walton



Probus Club of Paynesville members



Trivia Question

Have you contributed to this month's bulletin?
GOLD COIN fine if you have not.

