



# Rotary

## Club of Mitchell River (Bairnsdale)



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*'Doing good in our community'*

# BULLETIN



### **KEY EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR:**

**Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>** Paynesville Market

**Mar 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>** – RYPEN

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Autumn Festival -  
Nyrimelang

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** – Farmers' & Makers' Market  
& Paynesville Food Van Fiesta

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Pride of Workmanship

Awards

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** – Changeover Dinner

### **WEEKLY CLUB MEETING:**

**Mondays at 5.45 PM**

**Bairnsdale R.S.L.,**

**Forge Creek Road**

**BAIRNSDALE, VIC**

**Rotary International President:** *Barry Rassin*  
**District 9820 Governor:** *Janne Speirs*  
**Assistant to the District Governor:** *Judy van der Vlugt*

### **RCMR POSITIONS OF SERVICE**

**President:** *Alan Newstead*

**Club Service:** *Bernie Farquhar*

**Secretary:** *Michael Nelson*

**Minute Secretary:** *Ryan Pavel*

**Treasurer:** *Chris Ashley*

**Foundation:** *Darren Goodman*

**Vocational:** *Terrie Crow*

**International:** *Chris Ashley*

**Community:** *David Neale*

**Future Generations:** *Debra Herbertson*

**Property:** *Terry White & Warren Ingle*

**Bulletin:** *Michael Nelson*

**Social Media:** *Michael Nelson, Debra Herbertson*

**Publicity:**

**Membership:** *Debra Herbertson*

**Program:** *David Neale*

**Attendance:** *Terry White*

**On to Conference:** *Philippa de Voil*

### **PRESIDENT ALAN'S APPETISERS**

The Club Board met on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March as a number will be absent on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>.

Topics of note were Funds Disbursement, Drought Relief, Proposed Merger Sub-Committee Meeting and Markets, all of which will be discussed more fully on 18<sup>th</sup> March Dinner Meeting.

Summary; Disbursement covered Rotary Projects, Community Projects and Drought Relief which we will manage rather than District.

Our last meeting was to be held at the East Gippsland Water Police. Unfortunately, due to a call out they had to take off down the Bass Strait, leaving us stranded, but along came our heroic Robinson Crusoe, in way of Lindsay Crawford.

Lindsay hosted us on a tour of the Paynesville RSL Memorial Gardens and the adjoining Men's Shed. From all of us a big THANKYOU to Lindsay. Following the tours, we took a quick trip to Paynesville's Old Pub and had an enjoyable dinner.

Those who attended that meeting would have met the three guys from Rotary Club of Canterbury. Bernie and I had met them for lunch at the Bairnsdale Neighbourhood House, hosted by Leanne Jennings who at their request spoke about the difficulties the East Gippsland Rural community were facing. Leanne then took us to her cattle property, showing us and explaining the issues facing her as an example of what others were facing, albeit in a far worse condition. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> property was a sheep property, or should I say moonscape, in Lindenow South and finally we visited Annie's Cottage Sheep Farm, the condition of which had deteriorated badly since our last visit.

The outcome of these visits has led us on a slightly altered path, in that we will continue to support our Rotary Respite program but also take on, for want of a better name, Farm Aid, which will **organise and administer**, with Leanne and the RC of Canterbury, the necessary assistance those properties we can.

A sub-committee has been formed to be led by PE Bernie with money man Chris Ashley plus one other who hasn't volunteered yet.

Please keep in mind the Centenary House breakfast on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Have not had a lot of feedback on moving our meeting to that date for a Breakfast meeting. Thoughts please.

# 2021 – CENTENARY YEAR FOR ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA – A GREAT CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY FOR US ALL

## Rotary: Give Every Child a Future *A Rotary Centenary Project*

### Overview

2021 marks the centenary of Rotary in Australasia and provides a unique opportunity to celebrate Rotary's achievements over the last 100 years. To do this, Rotarians in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, in collaboration with UNICEF, plan to vaccinate 100,000 of the most disadvantaged children and adolescent girls across the Pacific to prevent:

- In women, cervical cancer
- In children, severe diarrhoea caused by rotavirus and meningitis, blood infections and pneumonias caused by pneumococcal disease

### Context

While there have been improvements in immunisation services many children still miss out on vaccines. Three times more women die from cervical cancer in the Pacific than in Australia and every year, 1 in 18 children die before their fifth birthday in Kiribati. Many of these lives could be saved by vaccines.

### The Project

Rotary will work with UNICEF to introduce three life-saving vaccines across nine Pacific Island countries; the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. The Asian Development Bank is financing the introduction of these vaccines into four of the countries (Vanuatu, Tonga, Samoa and Tuvalu) while Rotary will fund regional and other supporting activities in those four countries and fully fund the programme in the other five countries.

### Impact

Rotary and UNICEF are aiming to vaccinate 100,000 children over four years but this is just the beginning. This project will help strengthen the Pacific's broader health systems and ensure the sustainable delivery of these vaccines into the future. Generations will continue to benefit from this project. A truly inspiring Rotary legacy. Vaccines Human Papillomavirus (HPV) against cervical cancers Pneumococcal vaccine against pneumonias, meningitis and blood infections Rotavirus vaccine against severe diarrhoea Funds will support Vaccines Procurement Supplies Including cold chain equipment, storage and logistics Education Healthcare workers, communities and partners Technical support Policy, management and systems strengthening.

To donate and for more information: [everychildafuture.com](http://everychildafuture.com)

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Pneumococcal vaccine against pneumonias, meningitis and blood infections



Rotavirus vaccine against severe diarrhoea

#### Funds will support



Vaccines Procurement



Supplies Including cold chain equipment, storage and logistics



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*"Our aim is to vaccinate 100,000 children...is just the beginning"*



## DISTRICT STUFF...



# National Youth Science Forum

Applications for the 2020 NYSF open this week (March 1) and Rotarians are urged to chat with youngsters in Year 11 this year and contacts within local schools to spread the word. Director of Future Generations Debra has all the details.

### ***Celebrate Rotary Water and Sanitation Month!***

*Clean water is a basic human right that many are often denied. There are 2.5 billion people in the world that lack access to improved sanitation and 748 million people that don't have clean drinking water. Nearly 1400 children die each day from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and unsafe water. When people have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. In 2015, the United Nations introduced their new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty and promote prosperity while protecting the environment and addressing climate change. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water and sanitation encourages us to address universal access to drinking water and sanitation along with improved water management to protect ecosystems and build resiliency. \**

*Rotary members are committed to reaching the water and sanitation SDG through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems, and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure.*

*During March, Rotary Water and Sanitation Month, we're celebrating our commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.*

*Want to find out more about Rotary making a splash? .... Check this site*

<https://rotaryserviceblog.org/2016/03/01/celebrate-rotary-water-and-sanitation-month/>



### The Rotary Club of Bairnsdale & The Bairnsdale Golf Club

## 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf and Bowls Day

 

**Tuesday 9 April 2019**

All players will be entered into the draw for \$100.00

**SPONSORED BY ELDERS INSURANCE**

#### GOLF

Entry fee of \$25.00 per person  
Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea

Hit off times  
8.30am - 9.00am and 11.30am onwards

Registrations can be made at the  
Bairnsdale Golf Club  
or by phone 3136 6232

**18 hole Ambrose Teams of four**

Teams can be men, ladies or mixed and can include non handicap players

Nearest the pin on all par 3 holes  
Sponsored by

**PETER MURRAY FUNERALS**

#### BOWLS

Entry fee of \$20.00 per person  
Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea

Starting time - 10.00 am

**Mixed Rinks**

Sponsored by

**MAGLEOD STREET MEDICAL CLINIC & R & C ESTOPPEY**

All proceeds go to the  
**BOWER BIRDS**  
At Bairnsdale Regional Hospital  
To purchase much needed special equipment

### **FIRE RELIEF .... & ROTARY**

I have just been contacted by Assistant Governor Geoff Young (Melbourne South East Cardinia) in regard to the current fires in and around the Bunyip State Forest.

He has volunteered to become part of the combined Shire Relief Committee and as such to act as a liaison between the Shire Recovery process and the District, working as a member of our Emergency Management Committee.

While the situation is still quite fluid, some areas are becoming open to property owners on a very restrictive basis so information will slowly start to flow regarding damage.

At present, although our first reaction as Rotarians is to get in and help, could I ask that you wait until we get a clearer picture from Geoff as to the direction we can most effectively take. It could be some time before people can think clearly about what they need most and if we learnt one thing after Black Saturday, it was to be patient. Like the drought, the issues will not go away quickly and we need to be available.

May I, as I close, thank the local Rotarians who have provided meals at the various refuge areas or worked as fire fighters through this few days.

May I also add that I have been in touch with a number of our Rotarians living in the fire zone both of the Bunyip fire and the Yinnar South fire and to this point everyone seems to have come through unscathed.

To all of those still working through the emergency our thoughts are with you, keep safe and I will keep you abreast of developments through Geoff as they come to hand. – D.G. Janne

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## ROSTER: Upcoming Month (March RI Theme: Water & Sanitation)

	18 <sup>th</sup> March	25 <sup>th</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> April
Registration	Michael Stephens	Michael Nelson	Ross Robson
Chair	Philippa de Voil		Darren Goodman
Invocation	Michael Nelson		Lorna Hawkey
Vote of Thanks	Janet Burton	Alan Newstead	Deb Brient
Guest Speaker	Watch this space!!	Bare Foot Bowls at Howitt Park Bowls Club	Kokoda Track Trekkers Report

**NOTE: Unable to fulfill your rostered commitment PLEASE organize a replacement**  
**Unable to attend the meeting, please call 9517 1220 before 11.00am Monday to lodge your apology.**

### Mitchell River Photo of the Week: A Different Angle of the Silt Jetties ...



### DON'T FORGET - PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS

The nominations from community members are coming in and Vocations Director Terrie C is impressed with the quality of nominees received thus far.

To ensure your prospective recipient does not miss out on this respected award ...get their nomination form to Terrie as soon as you are able.

We look forward to another great Awards night where we are able to acknowledge the work and commitment of those around us.

Selection criteria include, demonstrated pursuit of excellence in work practice, approach to work tasks and work colleagues, service delivery and personal attributes.

The Nomination Forms are available to download from our Club website or chat with Terrie or Michael N and they will be able to give you a form.

### March 23<sup>rd</sup> PAYNESVILLE FARMERS' & MAKERS' MARKET

*Are you available?*

*The summer markets have been very popular and we have enjoyed bumper crowds. The Roster will be put together over the next couple of weeks so check your social calendar and if the day is free ...we will see you are the market.*  
**ROSTER SHEET WILL BE AT THE MEETING THIS MONDAY**

Opportunities to help out:

Set Up  
Cooking  
Cashier  
Service

Site Fee Collection

Photography

Promoting Rotary with patrons.



**A NOTE FROM D.G. JANNE** To all District 9820 Clubs: Thank you for your response to the ballot which was distributed by PDG Merv Williams. As a result of your support, I am happy to announce that the delegate selected to be on the Zone Director Nominating Committee is PDG Tony Spring. The alternate is PDG Don Ripper. I would like to thank both candidates for their willingness to be considered for this role, which allows us to have a voice in the selection of the next Zone Director. - Janne

Yours in Rotary **Janne**

**BAIRNSDALE – SUNRISE**  
Wednesday 6.45 – 7.00am  
 Bairnsdale International  
 355 Main Street  
 BAIRNSDALE

**ORBOST**  
Thursday 6.00 – 6.30pm  
 Orbost Club Inc.  
 67 Gladstone Street  
 ORBOST

**Other Rotary Clubs in East Gippsland and where they meet.**

**BAIRNSDALE:**  
Tuesdays 6.00 – 6.15pm  
 Bairnsdale Club  
 Nicholson Street  
 BAIRNSDALE

**LAKES ENTRANCE**  
Wednesday 6.00 – 6.30pm  
 Central Hotel  
 The Esplanade  
 LAKES ENTRANCE