



Rotary Clubs of Sale

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Rotary District 9820

Incorporated

TUESDAY 14TH JUNE 2022
SPEAKER: JAMIE GAY
PRINCIPAL SALE SPECIALIST SCHOOL

**NEEDED- NEW BULLETIN EDITOR, CURRENT EDITOR
TAKING UP OTHER ROLES.**

**Please talk to Sandra if interested. Full training provided. This
role could be shared by several people. You don't have to post
bulletin on webpage as this is done by the webmaster.**



Acting President John Cartledge thanks Jamie Gay for his address

Jamie Gay was introduced by Neil Ross, who has worked as a teacher at the Sale Specialist School and who has a link with the school through the Sailability program. Jamie has worked in education since 1988. Most of his career has been in small schools in the North East of the state. He became principal of Belvoir Specialist School in 2008 in Wodonga and grew that school from 85 to just under 200 students and oversaw the building of a new school. He moved to Sale Specialist School in 2020.

Jamie gave us his history in teaching which has encompassed quite a few different schools, most of them small rural schools. He has enjoyed getting involved in community life, and football and fishing. When he moved to Belvoir Specialist School he fell in love with special schools and how they operate. They are like a large family, and the teachers work with parents to set individual goals for each student – skills building independence.



Treasurer Adrian Rijs and Trevor Watt listened to our speaker

They teach English and Maths, but also practical skills like cooking. They try to enable their pupils to live as independently as possible, living an interesting life and contributing positively.

Jamie talked about the way in which disabled children are often not accepted well in mainstream schools and become lonely especially as they get older. Whereas in Specialist schools difference is better accepted.

There are 80 students at Sale Specialist School- they all have a mild, moderate or profound intellectual disability with IQ's between 70 and 40, there are more boys as they tend to struggle more in mainstream schools. It is the parent's decision as to whether they send their children with intellectual disabilities to mainstream or specialist schools.

Covid 19 was very difficult for the school. Not being able to have parents in the school was hard, and students struggled with the limitations.

The school was built for a maximum of 140 students, it has 38 full and part time staff, and a budget of \$3.5 million. They are constrained by a shortage of Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and Speech Therapists (6,100 vacancies for OT's and more than 9,000 for Speech Therapists). Speech therapy is especially important as communication is vital to reduce frustration

and increase independence. Pupils come from as far away as the other side of Yarram, Heyfield, Seaspray and Briagalong. They have breakfast and lunch programs.

In Wodonga Rotary worked with the school to build a four bedroom house that was used to build lifeskills. It was built for \$70,000 and took 2 and a half years to build with many, many hours of donated labor. Many bureaucratic hurdles to overcome.

Jamie answered members questions and was then thanked. Adrian Rijs asked if members had any photos of Lake Guyatt. Acting President John Cartledge presented Nicole O'Connor with her director's pin.



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After a discussion with members, it was decided that there will be no meeting next week.



Happy Birthday Carmel Webb on 23rd June

HANDOVER INVITATIONS:

**YARRAM- Wednesday 22nd June 6pm for 6.30pm at RW May Pavilion
Yarram Recreation Reserve, Buckley Street Yarram, \$30-pp, RSVP 14th**

June to rotaryyarram@gmail.com or ring Sue 0458 043 886. Payment to Rotary Club of Yarram BSB 633 000 Acc: 161 130 604 reference your surname. Car pooling meeting at Greyhounds carpark at 5pm.

DISTRICT: Sunday 26th June- District Changeover lunch 12noon at Warragul Country Club. 41 Sutton St Warragul. \$40pp

Book at <https://rotary9820.org.au/event/district-changeover-lunch/>

Note : If you have trouble registering with the MEMBERS Button please use the GUESTs Button. Record the club name in the “Tag Text” and any Dietary requirements in the “Comments”. Registrations close 16th June.

MAFFRA: Wednesday 29th June 6pm for 6.30pm at Duart Homestead McLean Street Maffra, \$40-pp, RSVP 24th June to Helen Lanigan at helenlanigan@bigpond.com or 0409 030 918. Payment can be made by EFT to Rotary Club of Maffra BSB 633 000, Acc: 119 707 511 Reference CO your name

BAIRNSDALE SUNRISE: Saturday 16th July 6pm for 6.30pm at Bairnsdale RSL Princes Highway, \$50-pp, RSVP by 11th July to sunriseseecretary5.3.2003@gmail.com or phone 0438 528 385, payment please between 1-11th July online Rotary Club of Bairnsdale Sunrise BSB:630 000 Acc: 138 067 590 include name(s) & changeover.

FUTURE MEETINGS and EVENTS:

Tuesday 21st June, no meeting

Tuesday 28th June, club meeting, discussion about ideas and directions for the year ahead.

Any queries re future meetings contact Adrian: Mob. 0408 517 062 (Text or call) Email arijs47@gmail.com

Please send Bulletin contributions to Sandra at sandrah@vic.australis.com.au by 30th June

***Next Rotary meeting-
Tuesday 28th June 2022
at Sale Greyhounds at 6pm
book with Adrian Rijs***

Last Name	First Name	Spouse/ Partner
Adams ^{PP}	Colin	Clare
Burgess	Lisa	Paul
Callinan	Gerard	Jenny O'Neill
Cartledge ^{PP PHF}	John	Liana
Castle	John	Pam
Davis ^{Pres PHF}	Philip	Elizabeth
Dyer ^{OAM PP PHF}	Graeme	Alida
Exton ^{PP PHF}	Rod	Gillian
Henwood ^{PP PHF}	Jeanette	
Houghton ^{PHF}	Sandra	
Hutchinson	Elizabeth	Alan Lewis
Jeremiah	Laurie	Helen
Lewis ^{PP PHF}	Alan	Elizabeth
Mani ^{PP}	Raj	Tracey
McKimm ^{PP}	Robert	Kathy
McMillan ^{PHF}	Kerry	Don
Miller ^{PHF}	L. Keith	Gwen
O'Brien	Danny	Vicki
O'Connor	Nicole	Patrick
Page ^{OAM PP PHF}	Michael	Jan
Pickering ^{PP}	Ted	Margaret
Rijs ^{PP PHF}	Adrian	Louise
Ripper ^{PP PDG PHF}	Don	Jude
Ross ^{PHF}	Neil	Maree
Smith ^{PHF}	Mike	
Smolenaars ^{PP PHF}	Daniel	Norissa
Smyth ^{PP PHF}	Laurie	Jill
Strauss ^{PP PHF}	David	Rachel
Strauss ^{PP}	Rachel	David
Thomas	Jenni	
Tulloch ^{OAM PP PHF}	David	Judy
Versloot ^{PHF}	Andy	Debbie
Watt ^{PP}	Trevor	Liz
Webb	Carmel	