



Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance

District 9820

Chartered 6th November 1959



ANNUAL REPORT

2019-2020





Membership of the Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance at 30th June 2019

Abrecht, Bernard & Jenny
Anketell, Mike & Louise
Curnow, Rob & Joy
Bill & Anne (Honorary)
Dunkley, Ian & Vivienne
Fry, Michele
Howlett, Chris & Kelly
Irvine, Ross & Gloria
McAlpine, Ken & Chris
McGown, Graeme & June
Sindrey, Peter & Paula
Yeats, Sandy & Irene

Allen, Arthur & Dianne
Beattie, Derryn
Chester, Darren & Julie (Honorary) Daniel,
Dobson, Pam & Tom Murphy
Ford, Dan & Dianne
Goodluck, Mike & Bernadette
Hurley, Bruce & Eileen
Mackenzie, Lesley & Tony
Marshall, Sandra & Tony (Honorary)
Murphy, Tom & Pam Dobson
Wilson, Jeff & Sue

Current Membership of the Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance at 30th June 2020

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McCormick Peter
McGown, Graeme & June
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Note: Second name listed is the partner of the member.



Past Presidents of our Club

1959-60	Jack Vining (D)	1989-90	Dick Bardwell (D)
1960-61	Jack Palmer (D)	1990-91	Stewart Marsh
1961-62	Jack Kilby (D)	1991-92	David Jennings (D)
1962-63	Ron Williams (D)	1992-93	Terry Barling (D)
1963-64	Roy Kent (D)	1993-94	Sandy Kee (D)
1964-65	Harold Broome (D)	1994-95	Barrie Peel
1965-66	Jack Peel (D)	1995-96	Dan Ford
1966-67	George Peel (D)	1996-97	Fred Albrecht
1967-68	John Warn (D)	1997-98	Henrie Ellis
1968-69	Clyde Sykes (D)	1998-99	Sandra Marshall
1969-70	Alan Gamble/Jack Peel (D)	1999-2000	Ron Poke
1970-71	Jim Davis (D)	2000-01	Mary Fincham
1971-72	Leigh Robinson	2001-02	Graeme Loukes
1972-73	Harold Harwood (D)	2002-03	Barrie Peel
1973-74	Lionel Byles	2003-04	Mike Goodluck
1974-75	Lex Bromley	2004-05	Rob Curnow
1975-76	Bert Mortimer (D)	2005-06	John Griffith
1976-77	Geoff Ireland/Harold Harwood (D)	2006-07	Lois Hateley
1977-78	Frank Neaves (D)	2007-08	John Munns
1978-79	Lance Newman (D)	2008-09	Dick Ellis
1979-80	Bill Tucker (D)	2009-10	Rick Watts (D)
1980-81	Glynn Timmins (D)	2010-11	Mike Goodluck
1981-82	Les McGregor (D)	2011-12	Jeff Wilson
1982-83	Bernie Ryan (D)	2012-13	Dan Hession
1983-84	Bob Lucas	2013-14	Arthur Allen
1984-85	Mike Anketell	2014-15	Lesley Mackenzie
1985-86	Peter Robinson	2015-16	Louise Allen
1986-87	Ian Farmer	2016-17	Bruce Hurley
1987-88	Colin Bull (D)	2017-18	Peter Sindrey
1988-89	Jim Grimshaw (D)	2018-19	Peter Sindrey
		2019-2020	Lesley Mackenzie

Paul Harris Fellows

Roy Kent	Charles Phillips	Harold Harwood	Clyde Sykes
John Warn	Lance Newman	Dick Bardwell	Bob Lucas
Tom Allen	Sandy Kee	Peter Robinson	Dan Ford
Mike Anketell	Barrie Peel	Mike Goodluck	Rob Curnow
Lois Hateley	Sandra Marshall	John Griffith	Graeme McGown
John Savage	Wendy McKean	Jeff Wilson	Arthur Allen
Lesley Mackenzie	Bruce Hurley	Bernard Abrecht	

Friends of Rotary

Maureen Livingstone	Shirley Bardwell	Gwen Newman	Lois Hateley	Nina Petrie
Shirley Harris	Michelle Fry	Paula Sindrey	Shirley Brauze	Linda Sherring
Eileen Hurley	Ted Hare	Ron Swann	Vivienne Dunkley	John Butler-Cole
Rosemary de Villiers	Arthur Allen	Ross Irvine	Dan Ford	



Outgoing Officeholders 2019-2020

President:	Lesley Mackenzie
Immediate Past President:	Peter Sindrey
President Elect:	Jeff Wilson
Secretary:	Sandy Yeats
Assistant Secretary:	Chris Howlett
Treasurer:	Ian Dunkley
Rotary Foundation:	Bruce Hurley
Youth Projects:	Michele Fry
Protection Officer / Member Liaison:	Lesley Mackenzie
Program:	Mike Goodluck
Sergeant at Arms:	Graeme Mc Gown
Board Member:	Rob Curnow
Property Officer and Assistant Treasurer:	Derryn Beattie



Incoming Officeholders 2020-2021

President:	Jeff Wilson
Immediate Past President:	Lesley MacKenzie
President Elect:	TBA
Secretary:	Sandy Yeats
Assistant Secretary:	Peter McCormick
Treasurer:	Ian Dunkley
Rotary Foundation:	Bruce Hurley
Membership:	Peter Sindrey
Youth Projects:	Jeff Wilson
Protection Officer / Member Liaison:	Lesley Mackenzie
Program:	Bruce Hurley
Sergeant at Arms:	Mike Goodluck
Assistant Sergeant at Arms:	Mike Anketel
Property Officer and Assistant Treasurer:	Derryn Beattie

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2019 – 2020



It has been an honour and privilege to be the Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance President for the past year.

Every success that our Club has achieved is thanks to the dedication, commitment and support of all Club Members, their families, our Sponsors and our friends.

My vision in July 2019 as to how Lakes Entrance Rotary Club would meet the challenges of the coming year seemed simple: Embrace our Districts theme of “Break the Chains” and be more responsive to our Community needs.

On reflection, maybe not so simple, considering the last 6 months of momentous events. However, I believe we have done both these things.

At the end of 2019, our members decided we would meet only twice per month, a break in the traditional Rotary model. This would help reduce costs for our Members and, hopefully, make Lakes Entrance Rotary Club more attractive to the “time poor” younger people in our community.

As fires swept through our area and then Covid-19 meant that people could not get together, we needed to think of another way to stay in touch. We adapted and “Zoom” to the rescue. Our Club has embraced this new technology, we can still talk to each other. Board Meetings and Club Meetings, even guest speakers, are still happening, we can stay informed and in touch.

More responsive to Community needs?

DEFINITELY YES

Our Club is part of “East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid”, donating time and money to ensure assistance reaches those who need it. We have, also, encouraged the other Rotary Clubs to recognise that the revegetation of fire ravaged areas, including home gardens, is an important part of helping the people effected by the fires recover and overcome some of their trauma.

Our Club, thanks once again to Peter Sindrey, has taken a leadership role in Rotary, promoting the support of the problem of the drug and alcohol abuse in this area. "The Hope Restart Centre" has been built and its opening will be soon.

Many Past 9820 District Governors have commented that The Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance "punches above their weight" regarding their support of Rotary Projects. I am sure you would agree. Just check it out, in our Treasurers Report, the list of donations this Club has made in the previous 12 months! It is awesome!

Look at the photos in this Annual Report. The Secondary College Deb Ball and The Junior Rotary Awards, to name only two, these pictures show ways Lakes Entrance Rotary interacts with every level of our society.

We still need to ask our Community the questions "What do you require, want, need? What will make things better for the area?" There have been so many changes in our Region over the past 12 months, from drought to fires to a pandemic to our lakes fishing industry closing. Our Community needs are not the same as they were 12 months ago, but I know we will respond, and we will make a difference.

I still challenge every Rotarian to look at how we can make Rotary better. Not by throwing away our core values of Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership, but by making the "Rotary Package" more attractive to today's prospective members.

At the end of my year as President, all I can say is believe that the Lakes Entrance Rotary Club has made a difference; we have been there for the Community.

Thank you once again to everyone involved to our Club.

For your support

For your Trust

For your willingness to work together

Without you our Club would not succeed

Without you there would be not be a Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance

Lesley Mackenzie

Treasurer's Report 2019 - 2020

Account balances as at 1st June 2020

(Taking into account disbursements at End of Financial Year)

General Project Account	\$8,590.01
General Account	\$3,035.18
Term Deposit	\$53,833.66
Hope Projects Account	\$510.00
Revegetation Project Account	\$4,000.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$69,968.85</u>



Major Fundraising Events 2019-2020

Ballarat South Car Raffle	\$1,165
Debutante Ball	\$1,530
Glow Products (NYE)—not held	\$nil
LSCC Raffles	\$6,384
Cup Eve Fundraiser	\$6,191
Sponsorships	\$5,000
Movie function	\$899
TOTAL	<u>\$21,169</u>

Approved Disbursements

Note: \$8,500+ (approximately) held over to enable Club operations during the early months of 2020/2021.

LEADA NYE Fireworks contribution	\$3,000	
Fire Aid (Lakes Entrance)	\$1,000	
Fire Aid (East Gippsland Rotary Cluster)	\$5,000	
Aruma	\$250	
Pain Revolution	\$500	
Inner Wheel	\$250	
Cluster Revegetation Project Fund	\$2,000	
Revegetation Soil Transportation	\$220	
Sub-total		\$12,220
Surf Life Saving Club donation	\$1,000	
CFA donation (Wairewa CFA Brigade)	\$1,000	
Combined Churches Emergency Fund	\$1,000	
RSL (ANZAC Day donation)	\$250	
Centenary House	\$3,000	
L to P Program	\$500	
Donation to Rachel Dent (for Bella Fielden fund)	\$500	
D.I.K. donation	\$1,000	
Wheelchairs for Kids donation	\$1,000	
International Disaster Aid	\$1,000	
SkyJuice donation	\$1,000	
Rotarians Against Malaria	\$1,000	
Rotary Polio Eradication contribution	\$1,000	
Sub-total		\$13,250
Rotary Foundation Meetings & Centurions (Estimate)	\$1,508	
Sub-total		\$1,508
TOTAL		\$26,978

East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid (EGRFA)

This year Rotary has undertaken an enormous task in providing help to those who have been severely affected by the most devastating bushfires that East Gippsland has seen for many years.



With the severity of the bushfires becoming quickly apparent, the five Clubs in the East Gippsland Cluster joined together on 1st January to create the East Gippsland Fire Aid (EGRFA) Committee, with representatives from each Club taking part.

EGRFA has been working tirelessly since January to assist those most in need. Thanks to the strength and commitment of Rotary worldwide, we have been humbled by the huge response to assist. Our District Emergency team have been wonderful in their support, including in obtaining significant grants and donations to help our cause. And, equally as impressive has been the offers of donations coming from Rotary Clubs in Victoria and across the world.

Apart from financial support, Rotarians from outside our Cluster have stepped forward to offer physical help in clearing debris, planting trees and generally being supportive of our community. Some teams have already been on site, with many more offers coming forward.

The community has also rallied to help with sizable donations coming to us from locals and those from distant locations.

EGRFA has already received significant cash donations and grants, as well as many offers of useful materials. Goods such as caravans and shipping containers, warm clothing, hygiene products through to fencing wire and generators are just some of the products generously donated.

The Committee is committed to work in the recovery phase for the next 2 years, to help those in need:

- Those in the community who have lost their homes – over 200 homes lost in East Gippsland.
- One million hectares burnt, with the associated loss of fencing, livestock, buildings, and plant/equipment.
- Care for livestock in areas already affected by drought, to ensure their survival.
- Helping those who are financially and mentally impacted by the devastation of the last year.

The EGRFA Committee is aware of the task in front of us, but we are also aware of the commitment made by many Clubs and individuals who have offered their support to assist us as we continue this important work.

Peter Sindrey

Hope Restart Gazebo

This year saw the completion of a project devised in 2019 and concluded in 2020. The task was to construct a Gazebo at the newly created Hope Centre.



Our Club developed the idea of the Gazebo after talking to those building the Hope Restart Centre. We gained the support, including significant funding, from the other Rotary Clubs in our Cluster and were fortunate enough to obtain District support by way of a Grant.

The Gazebo was constructed with the help of individuals from the Cluster; a significant challenge given the bushfires and, later, the Covid 19 shutdown. In particular, three individuals worked on the task, from conception to completion. Our thanks go to:

- Peter Sindrey (Lakes Entrance) – project management
- Geoff Carpenter (Bairnsdale Sunrise) – entire construction
- Malcolm Finlay (Bairnsdale Sunrise) – regulatory oversight and certification.

This has been a great demonstration of Rotary Clubs within a Cluster joining together to fund and implement a project for the benefit of the broader community. It will not be our last.

Peter Sindrey



International Activities

One of Rotary's core functions is to support international projects that help disadvantaged communities in developing countries. It is what puts Rotary International on the map.

Rotary set up the Rotary Foundation over 100 years ago to assist this central goal. Since that time, Rotary has spearheaded some wonderful projects, including the fight to eradicate polio. It has a well-earned reputation, world-wide, of being one of the most effective international charities.

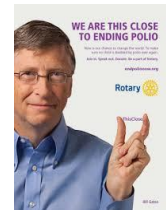


This year our Club has donated over \$7,500 for international activities. Some of these donations are contributed through the Rotary Foundation, while others are made directly to worthy causes such as:

- Donations in Kind
- Wheelchairs for Kids
- Eradication of Polio
- Eradication of Malaria
- Emergency Relief and Disaster Funds
- Skyjuice, which provides water filters for developing countries.

As part of our commitment to international activities, and for several years, our Club has provided financial support for the Tabitha Foundation and its Cambodian House Building projects. Rotarians, including residents from Lakes Entrance, have in the past visited Cambodia each year to work alongside locals to construct housing in poor rural villages but this wasn't possible this year because of the Covid19 virus travel restrictions.

Our club is proud of the support we have provided to international activities in developing countries. We look forward to continuing our efforts in this important avenue of service.



Social Activities

A hard-working group like the members of the Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance need time to relax and enjoy each other's company – right? Well, our Club excels in many things, including relaxing, laughing, chatting, joking and generally having fun.

The fellowship enjoyed in our Club occurs from week to week, every week. But there are occasions when we relax and laugh just a little more than usual.

Many of these occasions are captured in photographs included at the end of this report:

- Our famed grand final football nights, to celebrate the AFL Grand Final.
- Fishing weekends at Bemm River every November, where lots of reputations are won, and lost, in the fishing boats and at the snooker table.
- Sporting challenges between the Lions Club, the Men's Shed and our own outstanding sportsmen and sportswomen.
- Our Christmas party at The Barn.
- And our progressive dinners, guaranteed to be enjoyed by all.

Look at the photographs at the end of this report to be impressed by the breadth and extent of our social activities. All in all, the Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance has it all!

Community Activities

We continue to develop strong ties within the Lakes Entrance community and with other Rotary Clubs in our Cluster. Activities within Lakes Entrance include:

- Our on-going financial support for the New Year's Eve fireworks display. We see our commitment to this event as important, particularly as our township has been declining in recent years and the influx of tourism for New Year's Eve usually brings much needed short-term prosperity to the whole community. This year the fireworks were transferred from New Year's Eve to Australia Day because of the devastation and risks caused by the bush fires in our immediate area.



- Coordinating closer relations with other voluntary community groups. We met with the Lions Club and the Men's Shed for a friendly contest at the Lakes Entrance Bowls Club followed by a dinner in the restaurant.
- The keen interest by our members in the development of Lakes Entrance has resulted in many of our members joining LEADA and having input into local improvements and projects such as the development of Bullock Island, Jemmy's Point lookout and the street landscaping and parking arrangements
- Each year, hosting young trainee doctors working to gain rural medical experience at Lakes Entrance under the John Flynn Placement Program.
- Managing the Rotary Bowelscan program in our town, including product distribution and sponsoring publicity of this vital initiative.

In this section of the Report we need to acknowledge our gratitude for the hard work by Club members to raise funds in Lakes, for us to have the ability to contribute to so many worthy causes. Activities like:

- The Cup Eve fundraiser – a major source of Club funds this year.
- Raffle ticket sales for the annual car raffle.
- Movie show fundraiser
- The weekly Saturday night raffles at the Community Club, held from early November to late January.

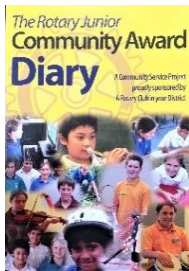
These activities all provide much-needed opportunities to receive funds donated by the community, and visitors to the area. We appreciate the monies, but we also appreciate the efforts of those Club members who donate their time in the interests of Rotary. In short, we say thank you to you all.

Youth Activities

The Club's involvement with the younger generation in our community continues to grow.

We have maintained our heavy commitment to the Rotary Junior Community Award program.

The November Graduation Ceremony saw over 120 people witness 26 students from 6 local schools collect their awards. In 2020 we recruited 60 students for our current program.





This year we also took over the responsibility for collecting and delivering donated food supplies from the Second Bite organisation. Regular truck deliveries arrive from Melbourne at the Neighbour House, Bairnsdale and our Club collects large crates of food and transports them to Lakes Primary School where items are distributed to students in need.



At Secondary School (College) level, we continue to enjoy the annual debating challenge between Lakes Entrance and Orbost. Our two Rotary Clubs contribute to the work, the costs and the prizemoney for these events and we both provide the encouragement to these groups of fine students.



The annual Deb Ball held in August at the Lakes Secondary College continues as a firm fixture in the local calendar. Rotary and the Lakes Entrance Secondary College work together for the benefit of the younger members of the community. Rotary supplies strong support in the preparation and delivery of the event, including providing financial backing in the years when it is necessary.

We remain available to provide help to College student fundraising efforts, by assisting with advice, planning and financial backing. Events such as BBQs and car washes, conducted by students and aided by Rotary, are examples where students can create their own funds in support of their own objectives.



Other community groups at Lakes Entrance also provide tremendous support to the youth in our town. One outstanding example is the Surf Life Saving Club, which boasts over 300 members, many of whom are youth. Rotary has donated funds to this Club over many years and a fundraiser was held this year, with profits going to a variety of causes, including the Life Saving Club.

In summary, our involvement with the younger generation continues to be rewarding for both Rotarians and youth.

Our Club acknowledges the generous support which continues to be offered by our eight major sponsors. Their support is crucial to the continued viability of our Club and, as such, they form an important part of our life in Lakes Entrance. For these reasons our members support these sponsors and encourage others to do the same.



**Buchan & Gelantipy
Racing Club**

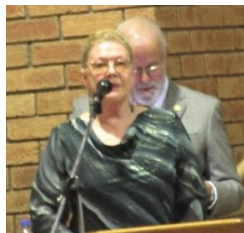


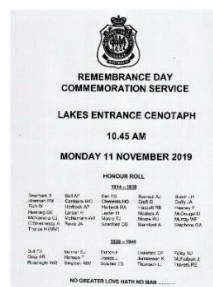
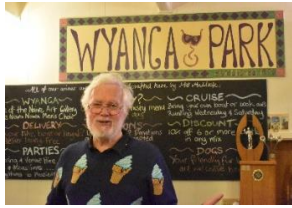
Lakes Entrance Bowls Club



Local people supporting
the community

OUR YEAR IN PICTURES











WHAT WE DID DURING THE COVID 19 LOCKDOWN:



