



Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance

District 9820

Chartered 6th November 1959



ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

RI PRESIDENT GORDON McINALLY

DISTRICT 9820 GOVERNOR LINDA HUMPHRIES

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

PETER SINDREY





Membership of the Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance On 1st July 2023

Abrecht, Bernard & Jenny	Allen, Arthur & Dianne
Anketell, Mike & Louise	Beattie, Derryn
Chester, Darren & Julie (Honorary)	Curnow, Rob & Joy
Daniel, Bill & Anne (Honorary)	Dillon, Eileen
Drew, Lucas & Rhiannon	Dunkley, Ian & Vivienne
Goodluck, Mike & Bernadette	Goodluck, Steve & Cheyna
Hurley, Bruce & Eileen	Lazzar, Don & Sandra
Li, Michael & Ping	Mackenzie, Lesley & Tony
Marshall, Sandra (Honorary)	McAlpine, Ken & Chris
McCormick, Peter	McGown, Graeme & June
Murphy, Pam & Tom (Honorary)	Murphy, Tom & Pam (Honorary)
Sindrey, Paula & Peter	Sindrey, Peter & Paula
Wilson, Jeff & Sue	Woodgate, Leigh (Honorary)
Yeats, Sandy & Irene	Bigham Sue

Membership of the Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance on 30th June 2024

Abrecht, Bernard & Jenny	Allen, Arthur & Dianne
Anketell, Mike & Louise	Beattie, Derryn
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Curnow, Rob & Joy	Dillon, Eileen
Daniel, Bill & Anne (Honorary)	Drew Lucas & Rhiannon
Dunkley, Ian & Vivienne	Goodluck, Mike & Bernadette
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Li, Michael & Ping	Lazzar, Don & Sandra
Mackenzie, Lesley & Tony	McAlpine, Ken & Chris
McCormick, Peter	Marshall, Sandra (Honorary)
Murphy, Tom (Honorary)	Murphy, Pam (Honorary)
McGown, Graeme & June	Sindrey, Paula
Sindrey, Peter	Wilson, Jeff & Sue
Yeats, Sandy & Irene	Woodgate Leigh (Honorary)

Note: The second name listed is the partner of the member.



Past Presidents of our Club

1959-60	Jack Vining (D)	1991-92	David Jennings (D)
1960-61	Jack Palmer (D)	1992-93	Terry Barling (D)
1961-62	Jack Kilby (D)	1993-94	Sandy Kee (D)
1962-63	Ron Williams (D)	1994-95	Barrie Peel
1963-64	Roy Kent (D)	1995-96	Dan Ford
1964-65	Harold Broome (D)	1996-97	Fred Albrecht
1965-66	Jack Peel (D)	1997-98	Henrie Ellis
1966-67	George Peel (D)	1998-99	Sandra Marshall
1967-68	John Warn (D)	1999-2000	Ron Poke
1968-69	Clyde Sykes (D)	2000-01	Mary Fincham
1969-70	Alan Gamble/Jack Peel (D)	2001-02	Graeme Loukes (D)
1970-71	Jim Davis (D)	2002-03	Barrie Peel
1971-72	Leigh Robinson	2003-04	Mike Goodluck
1972-73	Harold Harwood (D)	2004-05	Rob Curnow
1973-74	Lionel Byles	2005-06	John Griffith
1974-75	Lex Bromley	2006-07	Lois Hateley
1975-76	Bert Mortimer (D)	2007-08	John Munns
1976-77	Geoff Ireland/Harold Harwood (D)	2008-09	Dick Ellis
1977-78	Frank Neaves (D)	2009-10	Rick Watts (D)
1978-79	Lance Newman (D)	2010-11	Mike Goodluck
1979-80	Bill Tucker (D)	2011-12	Jeff Wilson
1980-81	Glynn Timmins (D)	2012-13	Dan Hession
1981-82	Les McGregor (D)	2013-14	Arthur Allen
1982-83	Bernie Ryan (D)	2014-15	Lesley Mackenzie
1983-84	Bob Lucas	2015-16	Louise Allen
1984-85	Mike Anketell	2016-17	Bruce Hurley
1985-86	Peter Robinson	2017-18	Peter Sindrey
1986-87	Ian Farmer	2018-19	Peter Sindrey
1987-88	Colin Bull (D)	2019-2020	Lesley Mackenzie
1988-89	Jim Grimshaw (D)	2020-2021	Jeff Wilson
1989-90	Dick Bardwell (D)	2021-2022	Peter Sindrey
1990-91	Stewart Marsh	2022-2023	Ian Dunkley
		2023-2024	Sandy Yeats

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	Marnie Graham
Peter Sindrey			

Friends of Rotary

Gwen Newman	Shirley Bardwell	Lois Hateley	Julie Chester	Ula Sheather
Shirley Harris	Eileen Hurley	Ted Hare	Ron Swann	Vivienne Dunkley
Rosemary de Villiers	Ross Irvine	Dan Ford	Chris Howlett	Siegfried Albrecht



Outgoing Officeholders 2023-2024

President:	Sandy Yeats
Immediate Past President:	Ian Dunkley
President-Elect:	Bernard Abrecht
Secretary:	Paula Sindrey/Peter McCormick
Treasurer:	Jeff Wilson
Rotary Foundation:	Bruce Hurley
Youth Projects:	Jeff Wilson
Protection Officer / Member Liaison:	Lesley Mackenzie
Program:	Steve Goodluck
Sergeant at Arms:	Graeme McGown
Board Member:	Mike Goodluck
Property Officer and Assistant Treasurer:	Derryn Beattie



Incoming Officeholders 2024-2025

President:	Bernard Abrecht
Immediate Past President:	Sandy Yeats
President-Elect:	TBA
Secretary:	Peter Sindrey
Assistant Secretary:	Peter McCormick
Treasurer:	Jeff Wilson
Rotary Foundation:	Bruce Hurley
Membership:	Peter Sindrey
Youth Projects:	Jeff Wilson
Protection Officer / Member Liaison:	Lesley Mackenzie
Program:	Sandy Yeats
Sergeant at Arms:	Ken McAlpine/Graeme McGown
Property Officer and Assistant Treasurer:	Derryn Beattie
Public Image Director	Peter Sindrey



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2023 – 2024

I am honoured to have been the president of this fantastic club. I would like to thank **all** our members for their great work throughout the year.

Jeff, great job as treasurer, youth, ET raffles - Lesley for your meticulous record keeping, club service, protection, centurions, member liaison -Bruce for Foundation and the work you Eileen and Sue Bigham are doing for Timor Leste,- Sergeant Graeme for the efficient and innovative way you conduct the meetings, Paula you have done a great job as Secretary and Peter Sindrey for his guidance throughout the year.

Thanks to Ian and Peter for standing in for me in August and September and to Peter McCormick for helping with the Bulletin.

I aimed to have a speaker at our meetings every month and a social gathering at least once a month.

Our first speaker was Parivesh Kumar, EGCH. He spoke about pain management.

This was followed by a talk from Marion Dawson her work with the East Gippsland Landcare Network.

We had a talk from Carl Turney on the topic "Our standard of living, how is Australia doing?"

On November 22nd, our District Governor Linda Humphries and husband Mark gave a talk on the work of the Rotary Foundation and the End Polio Now project. Linda discussed changes happening in Rotary with the Regionalisation Project and the establishment Rotary Community Groups within District 9815 in which we will be grouped with 12 other Gippsland clubs.

We had a presentation from the managers of the Star of the South offshore wind project. Paul and Lachlan updated us on the progress and future plans for the project.

We had the pleasure of listening to two officers from Victoria Water Police based in Paynesville, Graham and Kate. They managed to address the club despite being called to recover a stolen boat just before our meeting.

We had a great presentation from Angela Ellis, who spoke about her time with her husband working at the local health centre in Northeast Arnhem Land.

Adam Bloem, one of the main organisers and facilitators, gave an informative talk about the East Gippsland Winter Festival, covering various aspects of the festival, which will run from June 21st (Winter Solstice Day) to July 21st.

Throughout the year, we had several "Rotarian Behind the Badge" talks.

Paula shared her early life story and discussed the challenges of her work in the field of education.

Sue Bigham recounted her experiences during Cyclone Tracy in Darwin in 1974 when she was in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). It's worth mentioning that she was only 19 at the time.

Graeme described their life in the "Valley" and in Alice Springs, sharing the ups and downs of their experiences.

Bernard, a CFA member, and President-Elect delivered an informative talk on fire safety measures in the home.

Our **Social visits** throughout the year included Lake Tyers Beach Tavern, Nicks Restaurant, Sea Shanty, The Barn Kalimna, Lake Tyers Beach Fishing Club BBQ, Wyanga Park Winery, Swan Reach Hotel, the Servo, Jemmy's Point BBQ, and most recently The Esplanade Café.

Events

On the 27th of September, we had a footy night at Wyanga Winery. A big thank you to our Sponsor Sarah and to the Goodlucks for decorating the venue, and to Mike for conducting the quizzes.

I returned in time for "Melbourne Cup Eve Spectacular," and it was truly amazing. With 80 attendees enjoying delicious food, good company & music from Gerry and Jeff. Again, thank you to the Goodluck family and Ken and Chris, for creating a wonderful Flemington atmosphere at Belle Vue.

The club was well represented at the Remembrance Day service with eight members and partners attending. Our member Cmdr. Sue Bigham (R.A.N.) did an excellent job as MC for the whole event and Lesley Mackenzie laid a wreath on behalf of the club. This was repeated on ANZAC day

Our annual fishing weekend at Bemm River took place in November. What happens at Bemm River stays at Bemm River!.. but judging from the photos a good time was had by all...

On the 19th Nov, we had our first sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Bairnsdale. Thanks to Don and Sandra for their valuable input and catering experience and to the other sausage sizzlers, Jeff, Sue, Irene, Arthur, Peter McCormick, Lesley, and Rob Peter Sindrey. We had two other sizzles and are on the ballot for this next year. 17th August

Peter Sindrey once again volunteered to take on the Ballarat South car raffle, as if he had nothing else to do! Chris and Ken took the prize for the most prolific ticket sellers at Aldi and the Buchan races. Thanks to all who sold tickets.

Lakes Sports and Community Club Saturday night raffles ran from 11th Nov to 17th Feb. Thanks, Jeff Wilson and all those other members and partners who have assisted with this important fundraiser. Always a great social occasion with dinner afterwards.

On December 13th, we had our Christmas dinner at the Wyanga Park winery. Musical entertainment was provided by the "Stringalongs," who performed Christmas Carols for us.

Jeff has once again been the organiser of the Rotary Junior Community Awards. The schools involved were Metung, Swan Reach, St Brendan's and Toorloo Arm. I had the honour of accompanying Jeff for the first three presentations and Lesley assisted with the latter.

I also want to express my gratitude to the members who assisted in setting up our artboards for the St. Brendan's School art show. Thanks to Bernard for letting us use his truck to transport them.

In December we catered for the cluster clubs' Christmas function at the Lakes Entrance Senior Citizens Club. This event was organised by our AG Peter Sindrey and raised funds and solar lights for Timor Leste.

On Saturday the 10th of Feb we had the Canni Creek races. We assisted as required by our immediate PP Ian Dunkley, secretary of the racing club (One of our Sponsors) We helped with the parking, the punters club, silent raffle and the car raffle.

On Easter Saturday we assisted the RC of Mitchell River at the Makers Market Festival. We had the use of their multi-functional trailer under the guardianship of President Terry, to raise funds for both our clubs.

CDS container deposit scheme.. Since January, we've deposited 723 bottles and cans \$72.30 collected from just 3 or 4 members. If everyone participates over the next 12 months, we could make over \$1000. So, let's all drink more and contribute to this initiative!

Now, like the rest of you, I am looking forward to a New Rotary Year, a New District, and a new President, Bernard to whom I know we will give our full support. Cheers Sandy.

Treasurer's Report 2023 – 2024



Account balances as at 21st May 2024

Project Account	\$13,028.23
General Account	\$3,573.07
Term Deposit	\$41,000.00
Friends of Timor Leste	\$6,559.50
Cluster Account	\$50.12

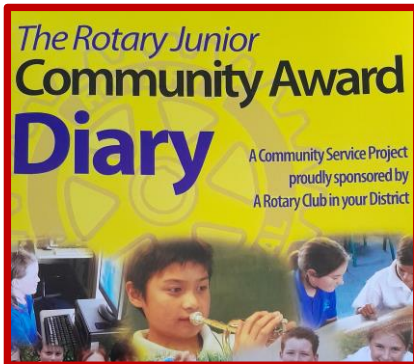
Disbursements for 2023 -2024

International	
Rotary's Ending Polio	\$500
Donations in kind	\$1,000
Rotarians against Malaria	\$500
Rotary's Disaster Response Fund	\$1,000
Timor Leste (i) Victorian Rotary Consortium	\$3,000
(ii) Friends of Soibada projects	\$1,000
Foundation (meals contribution& centurion)	\$2,000
Red Cross Ukraine project	\$1,000
Shelter Box Gaza Appeal Family tent package	\$1,000
Wheelchairs for Kids	\$500
Sky Juice	\$500
Total	\$12,000
Domestic	
LEADA	3000
Aislin Jones Olympics	1000
Live for Lily	400
Neighbourhood House	2000
Centenary House	3000
L2P Mission Australia	500
Surf Club	500
Ocean Rescue	500
Winter Festival	500
GLCH	250
Total	\$11,650

Total \$23,650

Youth Activities

Rotary Junior Community Awards



The Rotary Junior Community Award is a program aimed at giving young children the opportunity to develop attitudes towards volunteerism by assisting organisations and people in need, learning about their own community, developing healthy attitudes towards physical recreation and developing new skills. The Lakes Entrance Rotary Club introduced the award to our local schools in 2007. During 2023-24 14 students from Nungurner, Metung, Swan Reach, Toorloo Arm, Lakes Entrance, and St Brendan's Primary School completed the award. Our thanks to Jeff Wilson for his dedication to this project.



L2P Co-ordinator Cheryl Siely presents Bruce Hurley with a Certificate of Appreciation for Lakes Entrance Rotary Club's donation to the programme.

The L2P program is a community-based initiative that helps Victorian learner drivers complete the driving hours required to achieve their probationary licence.

The program is run by Mission Australia.

Bruce and Ian are the two volunteers from our club.



EAST GIPPSLAND FRIENDS OF TIMOR LESTE

From Bruce Hurley

East Gippsland Friends of Timor-Leste was formed a year ago and in that time it has raised \$30,000 for projects in rural areas of Timor-Leste. Strong support has come from Gippsland Lakes Complete Health and Rotary Clubs in Bairnsdale, Orbost, and Lakes Entrance.

"Our target was to raise \$10,000 in our first year. This has been exceeded with individuals & organisations making generous donations"

Timor-Leste Manlala Toilet Block Project.

The project involved the construction of a three-cubicle toilet block with wash basins in the remote village of Manlala, located in Timor-Leste's Soibada district. Before the project, the Manlala community did not have sufficient toilet facilities. The toilet block was built next to the school to ensure that the school children have access to it during school hours. The construction was completed by 1st April 2024. Rotarians visited Timor Leste in September of the previous year to assess several potential projects with local community leaders, including the Manlala Toilet block. The international/foundation coordinators from Orbost Rotary Club and Lakes Entrance Rotary Club were involved in organizing fundraising activities for the project. The 300 residents of Manlala village benefited from this project. The presence of a toilet block with wash basins will have a long-term positive impact on the health of the local villagers.

DONATIONS MADE 2023-2024

END POLIO NOW	DONATIONS IN KIND	ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA	ROTARY DISASTER RESPONSE FUND	TIMOR LESTE TOILETS
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION	RED CROSS UKRAINE PROJECT	SHELTER BOX GAZA APPEAL	WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS	SKY JUICE
LEADA NYE FIREWORKS	AISLIN JONES OLYMPICS	LIVE FOR LILY	LAKES ENTRANCE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE	CENTENARY HOUSE
L2P MISSION AUSTRALIA	LAKES ENTRANCE SURF LIFE- SAVING CLUB	LAKES ENTRANCE OCEAN RESCUE	GIPPSLAND LAKES COMPLETE HEALTH	EAST GIPPSLAND WINTER FESTIVAL

Rotary Major Sponsors

Our Club acknowledges the generous support which continues to be offered by our nine 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.



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Lakes Entrance Bowls Club



Our Year in Pictures



