

**CLUB No. 18406
DISTRICT 9815
CHARTERED 1959
ABN 34 766 344 882**



Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance

District 9815

Chartered 6th November 1959



ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

RI PRESIDENT: FRANCESCO AREZZO

DISTRICT 9815 GOVERNOR: PETER BEHM

GIPPSLAND REGIONAL COMMUNITY LEADER: BILL DEGNAN

CLUB PRESIDENT: BERNARD ABRECHT



Membership of the Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance

On 1st July 2025

Abrecht, Bernard & Jenny	Allen, Arthur & Dianne
Anketell, Mike & Louise	Beattie, Derryn
Chester, Darren & Julie (Honorary)	Curnow, Rob & Joy
Dillon, Eileen	Daniel, Bill & Anne (Honorary)
Drew Lucas & Rhiannon	Dunkley, Ian & Vivienne
Goodluck, Mike & Bernadette	Hurley, Bruce & Eileen
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	Sheather, Ula & Ken
Sindrey, Paula	Sindrey, Peter
Wilson, Jeff & Sue	Yeats, Sandy & Irene
Woodgate Leigh (Honorary)	

Membership of the Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance

on 30th June 2026

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

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

Presidents of our Club



1959-60	Jack Vining (D)	1993-94	Sandy Kee (D)
1960-61	Jack Palmer (D)	1994-95	Barrie Peel (D)
1961-62	Jack Kilby (D)	1995-96	Dan Ford
1962-63	Ron Williams (D)	1996-97	Fred Albrecht
1963-64	Roy Kent (D)	1997-98	Henrie Ellis
1964-65	Harold Broome (D)	1998-99	Sandra Marshall
1965-66	Jack Peel (D)	1999-2000	Ron Poke
1966-67	George Peel (D)	2000-01	Mary Fincham
1967-68	John Warn (D)	2001-02	Graeme Loukes (D)
1968-69	Clyde Sykes (D)	2002-03	Barrie Peel (D)
1969-70	Alan Gamble/Jack Peel (D)	2003-04	Mike Goodluck
1970-71	Jim Davis (D)	2004-05	Rob Curnow
1971-72	Leigh Robinson	2005-06	John Griffith
1972-73	Harold Harwood (D)	2006-07	Lois Hateley
1973-74	Lionel Byles	2007-08	John Munns
1974-75	Lex Bromley	2008-09	Dick Ellis
1975-76	Bert Mortimer (D)	2009-10	Rick Watts (D)
1976-77	Geoff Ireland/Harold Harwood (D)	2010-11	Mike Goodluck
1977-78	Frank Neaves (D)	2011-12	Jeff Wilson
1978-79	Lance Newman (D)	2012-13	Dan Hession
1979-80	Bill Tucker (D)	2013-14	Arthur Allen
1980-81	Glynn Timmins (D)	2014-15	Lesley Mackenzie
1981-82	Les McGregor (D)	2015-16	Louise Allen
1982-83	Bernie Ryan (D)	2016-17	Bruce Hurley
1983-84	Bob Lucas	2017-18	Peter Sindrey
1984-85	Mike Anketell	2018-19	Peter Sindrey
1985-86	Peter Robinson	2019-2020	Lesley Mackenzie
1986-87	Ian Farmer	2020-2021	Jeff Wilson
1987-88	Colin Bull (D)	2021 2022	Peter Sindrey
1988-89	Jim Grimshaw (D)	2022-2023	Ian Dunkley
1989-90	Dick Bardwell (D)	2023-2024	Sandy Yeats
1990-91	Stewart Marsh	2024-2025	Bernard Abrecht
1991-92	David Jennings (D)	2025-2026	Bernard Abrecht
1992-93	Terry Barling (D)	2026-2027	Mike Goodluck



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	Sandy Yeats
Ula Sheather				

Friends of Rotary

Gwen Newman	Shirley Bardwell	Lois Hateley	Julie Chester	Siegfried Albrecht
Shirley Harris	Eileen Hurley	Ted Hare	Chris Howlett	Vivienne Dunkley
Di Allen	Ross Irvine	Dan Ford	Sue Bigham	Jenny Abrecht
Lena Zagami	Brendan King	Cheyne Goodluck	Claire Cochrane	Keith Smith
Veronica Collins	Sue Robbins	Peter Gregory	Robert Alexander	Sonya Badrock
Steve Goodluck		Sarah Jenkins	Tom Murphy	Pam Murphy



Outgoing Officeholders 2025-2026

President:	Bernard Abrecht
Immediate Past President:	Bernard Abrecht
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:	Mike Goodluck
Sergeant at Arms:	Ken McAlpine/Graeme McGown
Fundraising:	Sandy Yeats
Property Officer and Assistant Treasurer:	Derryn Beattie
Public Image:	Peter Sindrey



Incoming Officeholders 2026-2027

President:	Mike Goodluck
Immediate Past President:	Bernard Abrecht
President-Elect:	TBA
Secretary:	Bruce Hurley
Treasurer:	Jeff Wilson
Rotary Foundation:	Bruce Hurley
Membership:	Peter Sindrey
Youth Projects:	Jeff Wilson
Protection Officer / Member Liaison:	Lesley Mackenzie
Program:	Arthur Allen
Sergeant at Arms:	Ken McAlpine
Property Officer and Assistant Treasurer:	Derryn Beattie
Public Image:	Peter Sindrey
Fundraising:	Sandy Yeats
Day's For Girls Director:	Ula Sheather

President's Report 2025-2026



Let me begin by saying that I appreciate the honour of being the Club President for these last two consecutive years. I have enjoyed my time in this role, and I have learned just how important it is for Rotary to be present in the world today.

Before proceeding, I want to congratulate Michael Anketell as our Club's Life Member. There is no greater example of a dedicated Rotarian, and our Club is grateful for his many years of service.

We have a wonderful Club here in Lakes Entrance. We work collectively to provide us with the resources to offer help to others, and further pages in this report will provide details of our record in that regard.

We also enjoy the fun and fellowship within our team, providing support and encouragement for each other in all our activities. At almost every Club Assembly, members are present in large numbers, often supported at those meetings by their partners who also enjoy the environment of Club life. I thank my wife, Jenny, and all those partners who do attend to offer encouragement and assistance in our work.

Perhaps one of the reasons that our Club is so successful is that we enjoy a very positive reputation in the township, and in the wider East Gippsland. All of Rotary is well known for its support of others and this Club is no exception. Our members seem to have an almost limitless capacity to offer their help and this year the induction of Sandra, Victoria and Maureen as our newest Club members has given us an even greater capacity. For these reasons our Club is supported by the community, in simple ways such as buying a raffle ticket, a sausage or rallying to attend our functions.

Also, we are proud, and thankful, to be supported by eleven major sponsors that offer practical help to us annually. This year we have also been supported by Exxon Mobil in our work locally and we feel confident that their support will assist us again in the future.

Our relationship with other Rotary Clubs in the East Gippsland region is also a source of pride to us. Once again, this year we hosted a meeting of all local Clubs to meet the District Governor's team.

During early 2026, our Cluster of Clubs joined together to provide help to victims in fire affected areas in Central Victoria, in the same way we helped locally during the 2020 Black Summer fires. Our joint efforts on Timor Leste activities is also of special importance to us.

Our members have contributed greater details of our activities in this Annual Report, and I encourage you to read all about the scope of our involvements during 2025 / 2026. In short, sausages, raffle tickets and trivia gives us the opportunity to address needs, both overseas and at Neighbourhood House, Centenary House and local volunteer organisations. We can also encourage township growth, and we are now looking at avenues to help Primary school student development.



Our support is extensive and can be seen in our Report.

We have also been able to review project options available to the Club. We started off talking to the Shire about repairing the clock tower and sharing the cost with them, but it was not as dear as first thought, so the Shire was happy to foot the bill.



Our next project was the welcome sign at the Eastern end of town. With the help of a Rotary District Grant this was again done by Winning Edge Signs, and they had it up by Christmas, just in time for all our holiday makers.



In summary, I offer my thanks to our Board and all Club members for their support over the last year. As President, I could not have asked for more.

Thank you.

President Bernard Abrecht

Treasurer's Report 2025 – 2026 by Jeff Wilson

Account balances at 1 June 2026

Project Account:	\$ 11,668.72
General Account:	\$ 1,894.13
Friends of Timor Leste:	\$ 2,624.50
Cluster Account:	\$ 50.12
Term Deposit:	\$ 50,000.00
Total	\$ 66,199.97



Disbursements for 2025 -2026

International	
Rotary's Ending Polio	\$1,000
Donations in kind	\$1,000
Rotarians against Malaria	\$1,000
Rotary's Disaster Response Fund	\$1,000
Timor Leste (EGFTL)	\$5,000
Ukraine	\$500
Days-for Girls	\$1,000
Sky Juice	\$1,000
Foundation (meals contribution & centurion)	\$3,000
Wheelchairs for Kids	\$1,000
Total	\$15,500
Domestic	
LEADA Fireworks	\$2,000
Sign Project	\$2,670
Victorian Fires, via RC Yea & RC Castlemaine	\$4,000
Neighbourhood House	\$3,856
Centenary House	\$3,000
Centenary House lawnmower	\$400
Lakes Tennis Club	\$500
L2P Mission Australia	\$500
Surf Club	\$1,000
Ocean Rescue	\$1,000
Winter Festival	\$1,000
Sunrise RC Bike Education	\$550
Future Projects Reserve	\$1,000
Total	\$21,426

Total \$36,926

Secretary's Report from Peter Sindrey



It has been a productive year for our Club, and my thanks go to the members of the Board for their work, and to all of our wonderful Rotarians that have contributed throughout the last twelve months.

I am delighted to be in a Club with such a cross-section of members, each with their own special skills. Some are active and enthusiastic to take on new tasks and new roles, plus there are those who provide the Club with the voice of experience in the clear knowledge that their support and encouragement of others is vital for the Club's ongoing viability.

Due to our growth in funding this year, we have been able to support many worthy causes, both in the local area and beyond. These include our long-term commitment to support Timor Leste and, locally, to assist Neighbourhood House and Centenary House.

And then the unexpected bushfire in Central Victoria arose with terrible losses for the community. These fires brought back memories of 2020/2021 in our own location. Once again, the Clubs in our Cluster provided offers of assistance, some with funds, and all with the support that two items of our own equipment (the amenities unit and the equipment support trailer) could be loaned to Rotarians in the fire area. We truly belong to a great, caring Cluster.

I should also mention the word 'fun' in this brief report, because we are fortunate to have such a happy band that always seems to find ways to keep each other smiling. We enjoy Bemm River, the AFL Grand Final, Buchan Races, the Melbourne Cup and Trivia nights, to name a few; and I'm sure that everyone leaves a Club Assembly evening with a smile on their faces.

On another note, it was pleasing to see that our own Club has grown in numbers this year. Three additional members have joined our happy group, and they are already making a significant contribution to our work.

Welcome to our team ladies.

As I said, it's been a productive year for our Club.

And finally, I add my voice in congratulations to Michael Anketell as our Club's Life Member. You have made a wonderful contribution to Rotary and our township Mike. We thank you.

Peter Sindrey
Club Secretary



Sandra Lazzar



Victoria Laugesen



Maureen Griffin

International / Foundation Report from Bruce Hurley



We live in a lucky country, and a relatively wealthy one. For most of us this was just by chance - we were born here. Elsewhere in the world, millions of people live in dire poverty, die from illnesses that we know how to cure, die of starvation or live in a war zone. Our Club plays its part in providing help and assistance to these people.

This year our Club donated \$14,000 towards International projects - \$9,000 to Rotary International projects and \$5000 towards East Gippsland Friends of Timor-Leste (EGFTL) projects.

Rotary International, through its charity (The Rotary Foundation) makes a significant contribution to developing countries experiencing hardships. It is an impressive organization rated in the top 10 of all international charities because of its low administration costs and because of its approach of working with communities to address issues that affect their health – working from the ground up and not a top-down approach.

There are many international projects developed and supported by Rotary International. This year, our Club has provided financial assistance to:

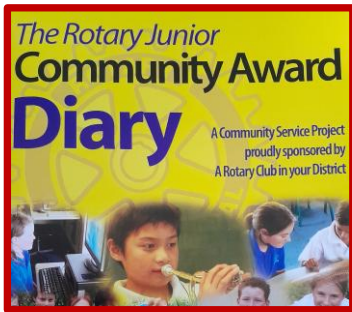
- **Elimination of polio:** When Rotary International launched Polio Plus in 1985 a thousand children were paralyzed every day from polio and now, due to the world-wide immunization program, only a few cases of polio were recorded last year in 2 countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- **Rotarians against Malaria** work to eliminate malaria in our region. Fifteen years ago, malaria killed a child every 30 seconds. This has now more than halved.
- **Disaster Aid Australia** is an International disaster fund which provides support for third world countries that have been struck by a disaster.
- **Donations in Kind:** This program sends education and health equipment, that has been superseded, to hospitals and schools in third world countries
- **Wheel Chairs for Kids** is a program that provides wheelchairs designed for village conditions for children in third world countries
- **Sky Hydrants:** A water filtering system

As a result of a visit by myself and my wife to Timor-Leste in 2023, East Gippsland Friends of Timor-Leste (EGFTL) was formed with the aim of providing ongoing support to Timor-Leste projects. EGFTL consists of five Rotary Clubs in East Gippsland together with the staff of Gippsland Lakes Complete Health & Lakes Entrance Baptist Church.

Australia's neighbour, Timor-Leste formerly known as East Timor is one of the poorest countries in the world. It was devastated by the Indonesian Army during 1975 to 2000 with 70% of its infrastructure destroyed and over 200,000 people died. Since gaining independence in 2001, Timor-Leste has been rebuilding the nation with support coming from a number of countries, including Australia. There are also many local projects in remote rural villages supported by Rotary and other organisations, including projects that East Gippsland Friends of Timor-Leste supports.

EGFTL raised \$22,000 last year. This money contributed to farm improvements, basic health and education requirements, provision of fresh water and toilet blocks in remote rural villages. All members of EGFTL, including our own Club of Lakes Entrance, are committed to giving ongoing support to Timor-Leste projects.
Bruce Hurley, International / Foundation Director

Report on Youth Activities from Jeff Wilson

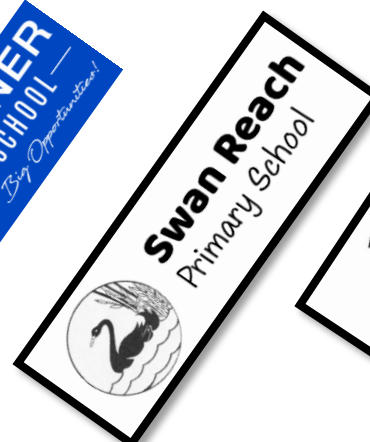


Rotary Junior Community Awards

The Rotary Junior Community Award encourages young children to use their skills and abilities in positive ways that benefit both themselves and their local community. Through the program, students build a spirit of volunteerism by helping organisations and people in need, learning more about their community, developing healthy attitudes to physical activity, and gaining new skills.

The Lakes Entrance Rotary Club introduced the award to our local schools in 2007. During the 2025 school year students from Nungurner, Swan Reach, Toorloo Arm, Lakes Entrance, and St Brendan's Primary School took part in the program with 30 students completing the award.

The 2025 school year was a very positive year for the award with an increase in participation across all schools.



Report from Program Coordinator Mike Goodluck



Wow, what a second year under the leadership of Bernard. It has been an action-packed year with many great speakers and lots of great fellowship.

It would be hard to single anyone out as we have had many great talks. We have also enjoyed many outside functions, The Footy Night, Cup Eve Function, Wyanga Park Winery Xmas Party, Buchan Cup, Progressive Dinner at the Hurley's, McAlpine's and the Goodluck's, Our major raffle draw and of course the Great Quiz Night.

Thanks to all for your participation over the year. A copy of our full program is attached.



Melbourne Cup Eve
Monday 3 November

- Raffles
- Phantom Calls
- Sweeps

Great prizes - come along & invite some friends

Call and book your seats with Peasey on 0419 874 197

Esplanade Café
5:30PM Start

PICNIC RACING AT CANNI CREEK!
BUCHAN & GELANTIPY RACING CLUB

CANNI CREEK - Great to be back!

A beautiful day for a few bets!

What a ripper day!

EIGHT SHOUTS takes out the **BUCHAN CUP!**
(And picnic racing carries on a great old tradition)

GET READY FOR A GREAT NIGHT OUT!

LAKE ENTRANCE ROTARY CLUB

TRIVIA NIGHT
27 MARCH 2026

Friday, 27th March 2026
St Brendan's Primary School
Mary MacKillop Basketball Centre

• \$15 per person • \$80 for a table of 6 •

Be there at 6pm for a 6.30pm start

Raising funds to support local community projects & hardship-affected individuals in Victoria.
Sponsor provided by Rotary, BWS, Bunnings and more.

RSVP BY 13 MARCH

Contact Leahy 0499 878 127 or Victoria 0404 787 269



CENTENARY HOUSE
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

DATE: Wednesday, 22 April 2026

TIME: 7am to 10.30am

LOCATION: St Mary's Parish Centre
23 Pyke St., Bairsdale

COST: \$25.00 per head
Includes Home Cooked or Continental breakfast.
Competition entries are available.

Our thanks go to Local Sponsors in aid of our Trivia Event

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Picnic Racing at Canni Creek

(SOUTH OF BUCHAN)

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• FASHIONS ON THE FIELD • PRIZES AND NOVELTIES GALORE •

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ENJOY GREAT HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

DAYS FOR GIRLS

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

UNITE FOR GOOD Rotary

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE RAFFLE

1st Prize: \$1,000 Aid Vouchers
2nd Prize: \$400 Bunnings Vouchers
Tickets: \$2.00

Drawn March 2026. Prizes subject to change. All proceeds to assist those in need in the local community and beyond. Members only from Victoria 049 874 197

MONTH	DATE	ACTIVITIES	SPEAKER	VENUE
JULY 2025	9TH	Leading Senior Constable	Alison Triggs	CENTRAL HOTEL
JULY 2025	23rd	Club Assembly	N/A	CENTRAL HOTEL
AUGUST 2025	13TH	Impressions of China	Bruce Hurley	CENTRAL HOTEL
AUGUST 2025	27TH	Fun night Would I lie to you?	Mike Goodluck	CENTRAL HOTEL
SEPTEMBER 2025	10TH	Timor-Leste Update	Bruce Hurley	CENTRAL HOTEL
SEPTEMBER	24th	Family & Friends 6 for 6.30pm	Footy Night GF Sat 27 th	Wyanga Park Winery Sarah
OCTOBER 2025	3rd Friday	OS Dinner 6pm	N/A	Sea Shanty
OCTOBER 2025	8TH BM/AG M	Club Assembly	Dianne Clarke 50 Years of Health Service	Esplanade Cafe
OCTOBER	22nd	Botanical garden Palmer's Rd site	Josphine Jakobi	CENTRAL HOTEL
NOVEMBER 2025	3rd Mon	OS Dinner 6Pm	Cup Eve	Esplanade Cafe
NOVEMBER <i>B/ River 12-16</i>	12TH	Club Assembly	Bruce Hurley Infrastructure developments in Lakes.	CENTRAL HOTEL
November	17th BM	Board Meeting 4.30pm	N/A	Peter Sindrey's house
NOVEMBER	26th	Club Assembly	N/A	Esplanade Cafe
DECEMBER 2025	10TH	Xmas Party 6pm	N/A	Wyanga Park Winery 6pm-6.30pm start
DEC/JAN		XMAS BREAK	XMAS BREAK	XMAS BREAK
FEBRUARY 2026	6th Friday	OS Dinner 6Pm	PARTNERS NIGHT	Progressive Dinner
FEBRUARY 2026	11th BM	Club Assembly	N/A	CENTRAL HOTEL
FEBRUARY 2026	Sat 14TH	Buchan Race Day	N/A	Buchan Race Club
FEBRUARY	25th	DG Visit	DG Peter Behm	CENTRAL HOTEL Cluster Clubs
MARCH 2026	6th	OS Dinner 6Pm	PARTNERS NIGHT	Kalimna Hotel
MARCH 2026	11th BM	Club Assembly	N/A	CENTRAL HOTEL
MARCH	25th	Quiz Night	Victoria	St Brendan's School
APRIL	8th BM	Club Assembly	N/A	CENTRAL HOTEL
APRIL	22nd		Social Night	CENTRAL HOTEL # Café Area
MAY 2026	13th BM	Club Assembly Home security	Allison Triggs Senior Constable	CENTRAL HOTEL
MAY	27th	Ula -Day for Girls	PARTNERS NIGHT Ula -Day for Girls?	CENTRAL HOTEL
JUNE 2026	5TH	OS Dinner 6Pm	PARTNERS NIGHT	Esplanade Café
JUNE 2026	10th BM	Club Assembly	N/A	CENTRAL HOTEL
JUNE 2026	24TH	Club Assembly	PARTNERS NIGHT	CENTRAL HOTEL
JULY 2025	8th	Changeover	PARTNERS NIGHT	CENTRAL HOTEL



Report on Fundraising



Bunnings Sausage Sizzles - Sandy Yeats

Our club's relationship with Bunnings began in October 2023 . After completing all the necessary paperwork and investing over \$900 in set up costs and consumables, we were equipped to run our very first sausage sizzle on 19 November 2023. Not a very profitable one because of the establishment costs. We were allocated another two events during the 2023-2024 Rotary year.

The following year, 2024-2025, we ran five more profitable Bunnings sausage sizzles plus an extra event in conjunction with the RC of Mitchell River at their Easter Makers Market at the Bairnsdale Racecourse.

This Rotary year Bunnings kindly allocated us 10 sausage sizzles, including one in mid-June 2026. We kept to our average profit with the last event, with our takings for the year totalling \$12,694; this includes \$750 in vouchers donated by Bunnings when we have filled in at short notice for other club's cancellations.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all members who have volunteered their valuable time to make this such a success. It's a wonderful opportunity for our members to get together, chat and exchange ideas and a chance to promote Rotary and our Club to the wider community.

	Date	Takings incl vouchers	vouchers	snags
1	Sunday, 6 July 2025	\$ 1,086.70	\$ 200.00	260
2	Saturday, 9 August 2025	\$ 1,287.65		394
3	Sunday, 24 August 2025	\$ 941.00		312
4	Saturday, 11 October 2025	\$ 1,579.32	\$ 50.00	450
5	Sunday, 23 November 2025	\$ 1,102.32		369
6	Sunday, 21 December 2025	\$ 1,421.73	\$ 300.00	380
7	Saturday, 3 January 2026	\$ 976.41	\$ 200.00	318
8	Sunday, 11 January 2026	\$ 1,356.09		352
9	Sunday, 22 March 2026	\$ 869.64		273
10	Sunday, 24 May 2026	\$ 1,028.00		336
11	Sunday, 14 June 2026	\$1,045.05		364
	Total	\$ 12,694.57	\$ 750.00	3808
	AVERAGE PER BBQ	\$ 1,154.05		346



Saturday Night Raffles – Jeff Wilson



Our thanks to the Lakes Entrance Sports & Community Club (LESCC) for permitting us to host our Club raffles on each Saturday evening, from the Melbourne Cup Weekend to the Australia Day Weekend.

Apart from allowing Rotary to conduct the raffles at the Club, LESCC also donates many raffle prizes to contribute each week. Lots of the retail outlets in the township also offer attractive gifts and vouchers as prizes; another example of the generosity provided to us by the community and our thanks go to Rotarian Rob Curnow for the organisation of these prizes.

These Saturday evening raffles are particularly profitable for our Club, given the patronage of tourists into the township. Importantly, we also receive great support from members of the local community, including 'regulars' who attended each week in support of our Club.

Thanks also go to those Rotarians and their families, who attend the raffles each week, to assist in the sale of tickets and the distribution of prizes. After the raffle each week, many of us enjoy a social meal in the Club dining room.

We recorded a particularly good profit over the last summer period, which resulted in a \$7,284 net return to our Project account.





Aldi Raffle – Bernard Abrecht



I am grateful to those Club members and partners who, again, supported us in conducting the Aldi raffle this year.

We sold tickets at the Aldi store, at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, at the Canni Creek races, along the Esplanade, at the Lakes Foreshore Markets and at the Nicholson store. Importantly, members also took books of tickets home and sold / gifted them to family, friends and neighbours.

We are also very grateful for the backing of community members, and visitors to our township, who supported our work by buying a raffle tickets, no matter where we were.

Our net profit from the ticket sales reached over \$6,100, all of which was paid to our Project account.



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.



**Buchan & Gelantipy
Racing Club**



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Lakes Entrance Bowls Club



Our Year in Pictures















Life Member & Past President Michael Anketell (PHF) and Louise Anketell

