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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

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PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: FRANCESCO AREZZO
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CLUB PRESIDENT: BERNARD ABRECHT
CLUB SECRETARY: PETER SINDREY
CLUB TREASURER: JEFF WILSON
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FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR: SANDY YEATS
MEMBERSHIP: PETER SINDREY

MEETINGS:

CENTRAL HOTEL
231 THE ESPLANADE
LAKES ENTRANCE
CLUB MEETINGS AT
5:30PM 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY
EACH MONTH

CONTACTS:
MEETING ATTENDANCE: LESLEY MACKENZIE 0419 871 197
ENQUIRIES: BERNARD ABRECHT 0407 903 229
IF YOU ARE ATTENDING A MEETING, YOU MUST ADVISE LESLEY IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.

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PRESIDENT BERNARD'S BRIEFING



We enjoyed a quiet night at the Esplanade Café, talking about recent Club events and ensuring all members were aware of our plans prior to Christmas. Also, we discussed the details of important events scheduled for the new year. The first 3 months of 2026 promise to be a busy and productive period for our Club.

In addition, we formally presented Victoria with her new Club insignia. Victoria joins us as an experienced Rotarian from Ararat who involved herself in many Rotary projects in the past. We are confident she will enjoy her time at Lakes Entrance where she can add her knowledge to our work in the Club.



PETER

Note: Our Club Secretary, Peter McCormick has been unwell recently and has been in Melbourne under medical care, including at a rehabilitation facility where he is recovering well. He is likely to return to his home in Lakes in the next few days.

Peter feels it's best to take a break from his Club position in Rotary at this stage and so Peter Sindrey has assumed the role of Club Secretary.

We all wish Peter McCormick well in his recovery.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

A reminder that the Club's Christmas party will be held at the Wyanga Winery on Wednesday 10 December, commencing 6 PM. Please come along and enjoy our last get together for the year and please contact Lesley ASAP to confirm your attendance.



ALDI (AND BUNNINGS) RAFFLES

Commencing on 8 December we will start to sell our Club's raffle tickets to the public and President Bernard will be around asking you all to assist in ensuring the success in this summer's raffle.

ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE
Date: _____
Name: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____
Ticket No. _____

UNITE FOR GOOD Rotary
ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE
RAFFLE
1st Prize:
\$1,000 Aldi Vouchers
2nd Prize:
\$400 Bunnings Vouchers
Tickets \$2.00
Drawn: March 7, 2026. Winners notified by phone.
All profits to assist Rotary activities in the local community and beyond.
Presented by Lakes Entrance Rotary Club Inc. Ticket No. _____

Our plan is to sell at a variety of locations, including outside Aldi, along the Esplanade, at Canni Creek racecourse and at the foreshore markets.

Bernard will let you know details of the dates and places for sale of tickets beyond 31 January 2026. In the meantime, early scheduled sales are as follows, and check start and finish times with Bernard:

- Wed 10 Dec – ticket distribution at Rotary Wyanga Winery Christmas Party.
- Sat 13 Dec – Street sales outside Mats Hair Factory on The Esplanade.
- Sat 20 Dec – Sales outside the ALDI store.
- Sun 4 Jan – Sales at stand on Foreshore Markets.
- Sun 11 Jan – Sales outside Bunnings, Bairnsdale
- Sat 17 Jan – Street sales outside Mats Hair Factory on The Esplanade.
- Sat 24 Jan – Sales outside the ALDI store.

And of course, tickets make great Christmas presents to friends and family.



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES

Despite the rain and wind last Sunday, our Club members worked well to serve our wonderful sausages at Bunnings, Bairnsdale. And the end result was a great profit to assist us in our work with communities. Thank you all.

The late afternoon shift.

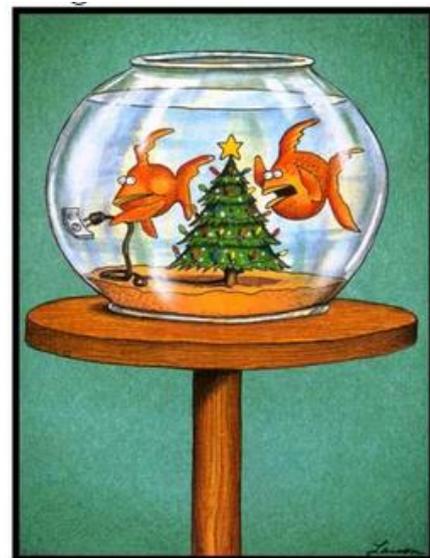


We had a total of 11 Club members helping throughout the day on a wet and windy Sunday

RAFFLES AT LAKES SPORTS & COMMUNITY CLUB

We continue to make great progress with our raffles each Saturday night at the Sports & Community Club. With the influx of tourists due to arrive over Christmas, the summer season shows great promise.

A reminder that Club members dine at the Sports & Community Club after the raffles each Saturday evening so, why not come down and enjoy a meal with us all.



Bob! You fool! Don't plug that thing in!

OUR HELP TO NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Rotary helps out during Christmas preparations at Neighbourhood House

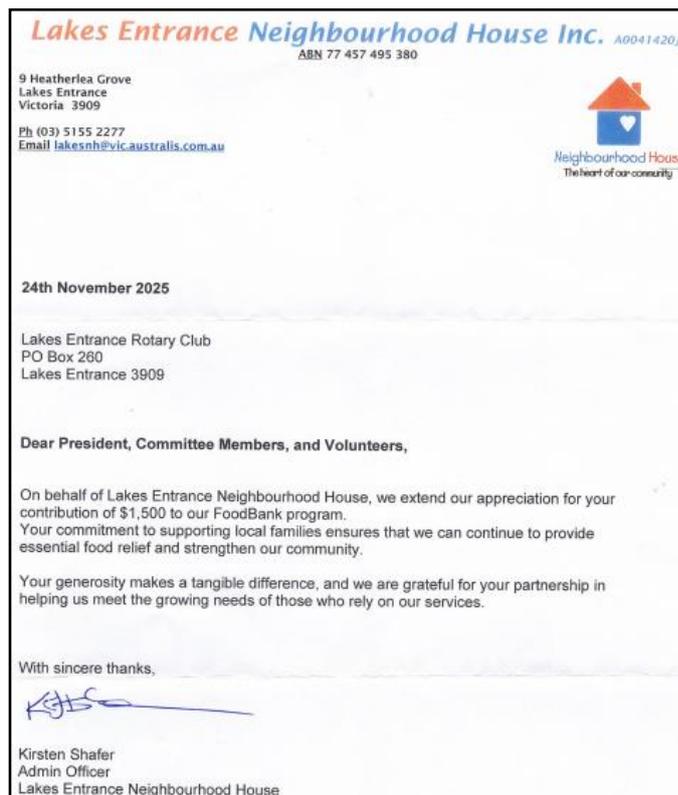


Neighbourhood House Administration Assistant Kirsten Shafer and House Manager Gayle Webster receive a pre-Christmas donation from Rotary President Bernard Abrecht.

Each year, the Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance provides donations to assist the House, at mid-year but also, importantly, during their busy lead time prior to Christmas.

This year President Bernard Abrecht was on site again to provide a donation to assist the House as they face an influx of clients over Christmas & New Year.

Gayle Webster said she was very grateful for Rotary's role in assisting the House, not only for the generous donations but also for the dedicated Rotarians and their family members who come to the House each week, to help in the preparations to cater for the arrival of those coming to seek assistance.



TRIVIA NIGHT – 27 MARCH 2026

Early notice of a fun night being prepared for a Trivia event. The function will be held in the sports stadium of St Brendan's Primary School on **Friday 27 March 2026**.

We intend sending invitations to lots of members of the local community, including sporting and social Clubs, as well as Rotary Clubs in the local region.

We will be asking for your support. Full details will follow shortly.



ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

FUNDRAISING FOR PROJECTS...

TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2026

ST BRENDAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

BASKET BALL COURT

6 FOR 6.30 START



- **S15 EACH OR \$80 PER TABLE of 6**
- **BYO SNACKS & DRINKS**
- **SUPPER SUPPLIED BY ROTARY**

**BRING GOLD COINS FOR
RAFFLES # GAMES # SILENT AUCTION**

**SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY RSVP BY 13 MARCH.
CALL LESLEY MACKENZIE 0419 871 197 FOR BOOKINGS**

OTHER ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS



Lakes Entrance RC	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays of the month	5.30PM for 6:00 PM	Central Hotel Lakes Entrance
Bairnsdale RC	Tuesday	6PM for 6:15PM	Bairnsdale Club Nicholson St Bairnsdale
Mitchell River RC	Monday	5:45PM for 6:15PM	Bairnsdale Club Nicholson St Bairnsdale
Orbost RC	1st and 3 rd Wednesdays of the month	6PM for 6:30PM	Orbost Club Gladstone St Orbost
Bairnsdale Sunrise RC	Wednesday Mornings	6:45AM for 7AM	The Hub, 27 Dalmahoy Street Bairnsdale
Rotary eClub Latitude 38	Make contact on eclublature38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on eclublature38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on eclublature38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link

Images of Bemm River



And the annual award for the best fish went to President Bernard, winning in a close race with Rob & Bruce



EVENTS IN COMING MONTHS

Please Note: ALL Meeting Nights please inform Lesley Mackenzie Yes or No for your attendance. M: 0419 871 197

Date		Meeting Type	Venue	Program	Remarks
Dec	Wednesday 10th	Xmas Party	Wyanga Park Winery	6:00 PM	6:00 PM
Dec/Jan	Every Saturday till Australia Day	Club Raffles	Lakes Sports & Community Club		6:00 PM
Dec/Jan	Xmas Break	Xmas Break	Xmas Break	Xmas Break	
Dec	Saturday 13 th	Raffle sales	Outside Mats Hair The Esplanade		
Dec	Saturday 20 th	Raffle sales	ALDI		
Dec	Sunday 28 th	Raffle sales	Bunnings Bairnsdale Potential		
Jan	Sunday 4 th	Raffle sales	Lakes Foreshore Markets		
Jan	Sunday 11 th	Raffle sales	Bunnings Bairnsdale Confirmed		
Jan	Saturday 17th	Raffle sales	Outside Mats Hair The Esplanade		
Jan	Saturday 24 th	Raffle sales	ALDI		
Jan	Saturday 31 st	Raffle sales	Bunnings Bairnsdale Potential		
Feb	Sunday 1 st	Raffle sales	Lakes Foreshore Markets		
Feb	Friday 6th	OS Dinner	Progressive Dinner	Partners Night	6:00 PM
Feb	Wednesday 11th	Board Meeting	Central Hotel	4:30 PM	4:30 PM
Feb	Wednesday 11th	Club Assembly	Central Hotel	5:30 PM	5:30 PM
Feb	Saturday 14th	Buchan Race Day	Buchan Race Club	N/A	N/A
Feb	Wednesday 25th	DG Peter Behm visit	Central Hotel	Cluster Clubs	5:30 PM
Mar	Friday 27th	Trivia Quiz Night	St Brendan's School Hall	Cluster invitations	5:30 PM



OUR CLUB SPONSORS

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



**Buchen & Gelantipy
Racing Club**



Lakes Entrance Bowls Club

