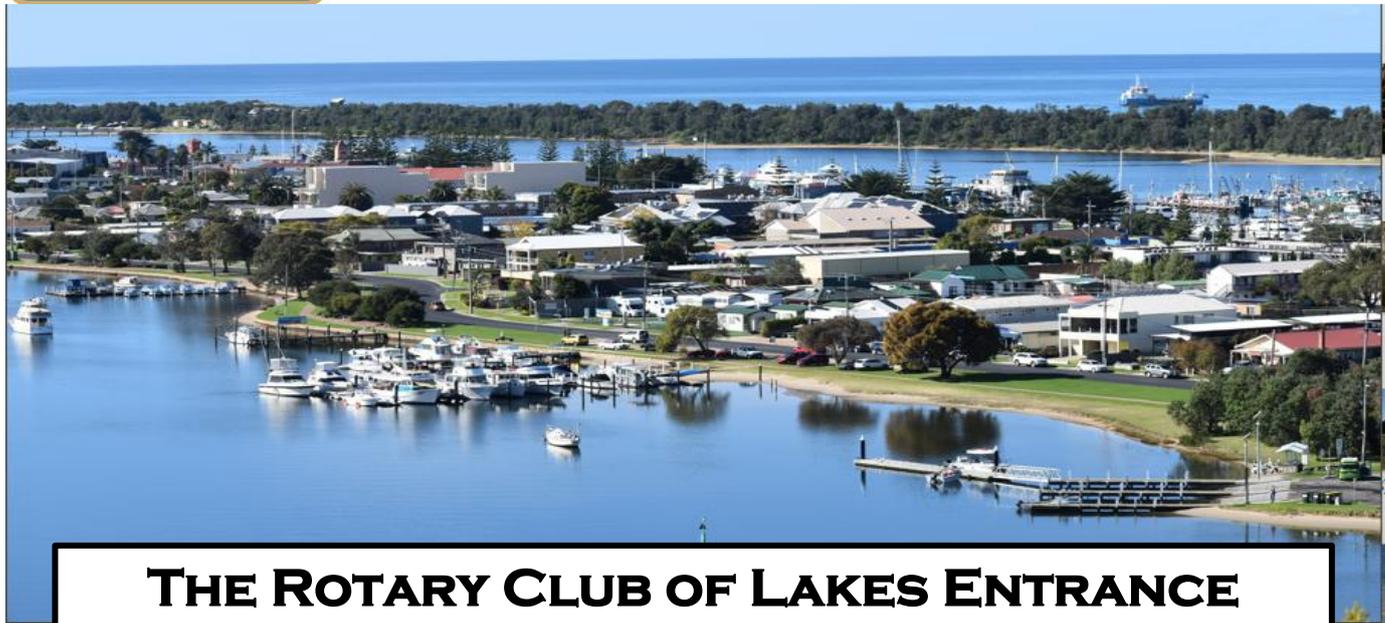




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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

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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



It's a great time of year and our township is buzzing again with tourists. It makes it hard to find a place to park over these few short weeks, but it is also a time for much welcomed business to come to East Gippsland.

This will be a Bulletin to remind you all of upcoming events over the next few weeks, and of our appreciation of your ongoing support for the Club.

And most of all, it's an opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy new year, from us all in our wonderful Club.

Bernard

WHAT A WEEKEND !!!

A big thanks to all those who volunteered to assist with our fund-raising efforts this summer. This thankyou note always applies, but particularly over the busy weekend period 3 January and 4 January. With our town booming and tourists everywhere, it was a great time to be supported in our fundraising efforts.

This weekend gave us a spectacular result with a sausage sizzle on Saturday at Bunnings in Bairnsdale (at short notice), our Saturday night raffle at the Sports & Community Club and the sales of raffle tickets at the Sunday foreshore markets.

As a result, our Club profits received a boost of \$3,300 over the 2 days.

Our thanks go to all our volunteers, and especially to the organisers – Sandy at Bunnings, Jeff at the Sports & Community Club and Bernard on foreshore market day. A terrific effort at a busy time of year.



NEW 'WELCOME' SIGNAGE NOW IN PLACE

Work to update our 'Welcome' signage at the eastern entry to town was completed in time to greet travellers as they arrived for the Christmas/New Year holidays.

The new sign marks the end of a two-year project to display Rotary's presence in the town, and to provide an opportunity to exhibit the variety of activities that are available for residents and visitors. Our work has received lots of very positive feedback from locals and visitors, with great comments about the 'boat' as a symbol that depicts activities available in the area.

The project has been jointly sponsored by our own Club, in conjunction with a generous donation from a Rotary District Grant and we are grateful for the collaboration with District that has made the project possible.



EVENTS COMING SOON

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY

Details of the progressive dinner are now finalised. Could those attending please call Lesley to confirm your attendance – 0419 871 197. The program is as follows:



- Entrée commencing at 5:30PM – Bruce & Eileen’s home, 47 Nautilus Way.
- Main course commencing at 6:30PM – Ken & Chris McAlpines home, 80 Gold Ring Road.
- Dessert commencing 7:45PM – Mike & Bernadette’s home, 27 Sea Lakes Close.

When confirming with Lesley, could you please offer ideas on what items you can supply for the event – entrée, main or dessert, so that we can cover off all we need to eat.

And finally, please bring your own drinks (hard & soft) for the night.

CANNI CREEK RACES – SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY

The Buchan Cup will be held at the Canni Creek racecourse on 14 February.

The Buchan & Gelantipy Racing Club has been a long-term sponsor of our Club, and we plan to assist them again at their annual picnic race day. Ian is now developing a small list of tasks for us to undertake, and he will contact those who have helped in the past.



If you are free to assist again at Canni Creek, please give Ian Dunkley a call to see how you can help (0408 516 899).

This year the racing Club has decided not to hold a silent auction on the day, but all other activities will go ahead as usual, including the opportunity for us to sell tickets to our own Club raffle.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY



District Governor Pete Behm and his wife Gail have been invited to Lakes Entrance to join us in a Cluster event of East Gippsland Clubs on 25 February.

Joining them on the night will be Assistant Governor Bill Degnan and his wife Judy, District Governor Elect Emma Clark and District Nominee Murray Wilson.



The evening will be an opportunity for Peter to meet with representatives of all the local Clubs and to update those attending on Rotary matters.

Invitations are now being prepared for these Clubs. The function will be held at the Central Hotel, commencing at 5:30 PM.

TRIVIA NIGHT – 27 MARCH 2026

A reminder to place Friday 27 March in your diary, to attend our first Trivia event. The function will be held in the sports stadium hall at St Brendan's Primary School. 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

- \$15 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

OUR CLUB CALENDAR

Date		Meeting Type	Venue	Program	Remarks
Jan	Saturday 10 th	Saturday Night Raffles	Lakes Sports & Community Club		6:00PM
Jan	Sunday 11 th	Sausage Sizzle & Raffle sales	Bunnings Bairnsdale		8:30 AM
Jan	Saturday 17 th	Raffle sales	Outside Mats Hair The Esplanade		9:00AM
Jan	Saturday 17 th	Saturday Night Raffles	Lakes Sports & Community Club		6:00PM
Jan	Saturday 24 th	Raffle sales	ALDI		8:30 AM
Jan	Saturday 24 th	Saturday Night Raffles	Lakes Sports & Community Club		6:00PM
Feb	Sunday 1 st	Raffle sales	Lakes Foreshore Markets		8:30 AM
Feb	Friday 6 th	OS Dinner	Progressive Dinner	Program to come	6:00 PM
Feb	Wednesday 11 th	Board Meeting	Central Hotel	4:30 PM	4:30 PM
Feb	Wednesday 11 th	Club Assembly	Central Hotel	5:30 PM	5:30 PM
Feb	Saturday 14 th	Buchan Race Day	Buchan Race Club	Program to come	10:00AM
Feb	Wednesday 25 th	DG Peter Behm visit	Central Hotel	Cluster Clubs	5:30 PM
Mar	Sunday 22 nd	Sausage Sizzle & Raffle sales	Bunnings Bairnsdale		8AM
Mar	Friday 27 th	Trivia Quiz Night	St Brendan's School Hall	Cluster invitations	5:30 PM



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 eclublatitude38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on eclublatitude38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on eclublatitude38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link

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.



**Buchan & Gelantipy
Racing Club**



Lakes Entrance Bowls Club

