

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE



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MEETINGS:

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

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***IF YOU ARE ATTENDING A MEETING, YOU MUST ADVISE LESLEY
IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO ALLOW SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.***

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PRESIDENT SANDY'S SNIPPETS

Last Wednesday evening, our club had the pleasure of listening to two officers from Victoria Water Police based in Paynesville, Graham and Kate. Although their presence was subject to operational requirements, they managed to address the club despite being called to deal with a situation before our meeting. We were fortunate that they could fit us into their busy schedule. Some notes from the talk:

The Victorian Water Police squad is manned by 60 officers and has a large fleet of vessels, ranging in size from a 16-metre ocean-going vessel down to 3-metre RIBs, as well as several shallow-water Seadoos. The Vic Water Police Rescue Coordination Center, located in Williamstown, handles around 800 marine incidents per year. However, there are times when it is more expedient to utilize the services of the closest Volunteer Rescue Organization, such as Paynesville or Lakes Entrance Coastguard.

The Gippsland Water Police fleet, based in Paynesville, consists of seven vessels, including a 16-metre ocean-going aluminium catamaran which recently had to venture as far as Eden, NSW. Their area of operation extends from the NSW border to Wonthaggi, including Wilsons Promontory, and inland to the Dartmouth Dam. The primary responsibility is to coordinate marine search and rescue incidents involving recreation vessels, yachts, fishing vessels, and commercial ships in port. Outside of this, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, through its Maritime Rescue Coordination Center in Canberra, takes charge. The Victorian Water Police squad established the rescue coordination center in Williamstown and mans it 24/7, 365 days a year. In addition to marine search and rescue, the Water Police are also responsible for law enforcement, safety education, and operational support of other police units.

Patrols cover every waterway within Victoria where recreational boating takes place. During December to April, they have roving and static patrols across various waterways. The busiest inland waterways are Lake Eildon and Lake Eppalock, and these are patrolled on a full-time basis during the peak summer periods. Maintenance of the squad vessels and equipment is performed by the members of the squad. They also provide safety lectures to Angling Clubs, Boating and Yacht Clubs, the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard, and numerous other interest groups. In addition to this, the squad's training is ongoing to maintain a high level of expertise and professionalism. Questions followed. Then Graham and Kate enjoyed a late dinner.

Makers Festival

On March 30th, we'll support Mitchell River RC at the Bairnsdale Racecourse for their Makers Festival. We have had seven members volunteer so far (Rob, Bernard, Don, Sandra, Lesley, Irene, and Sandy) but we could do with several more to man the BBQ from 0900 to 1630 plus setting up and cleaning up. Please let me know if you can help.

Annual Centenary House Breakfast

will be on the Wed 24th April at 0700-1030 at St Mary's parish centre 23 Pyke Street Bairnsdale.

Dinner with our RI President Gordon McNally

on 2nd June at Cape Schanck followed by a Mental Health Forum at Frankston on 3rd June.

BEMM RIVER ACCOMMODATION

There is a unit suitable for two couples available at Bemm River for our annual fishing weekend 22nd November 24. Please contact Rob for details.

DIGITAL WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD

You can now get this card in digital form which you can have on your phone on the Service Victoria App, the one we had to use during COVID lockdown. See below for instructions.

Cheers

Sandy

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Add a digital Working with Children Check card to the Service Victoria app on your phone, so you can easily store and show your Check. It's easy, private and secure.

Even if your physical card is still valid, you can get a digital card too. You can keep using the physical card until it expires so long as your clearance remains valid. The digital card is an online alternative to the physical card and will:

- provide real-time information about the validity of your Check
- give you a convenient way to store and show your Check
- reduce environmental impact.

A digital Working with Children Check card is safer than a physical card. You can't lose it, and it shows the status of your Working with Children Check in real time.

Applying for or renewing your Working with Children Check through Service Victoria hasn't changed.

How to get a digital card

It takes less than 5 minutes to add a digital card to your phone. Before you start you'll need:

1. Your Working with Children Check card number or application number. If you don't know your card number, find it at service.vic.gov.au.
2. The Service Victoria app on your smartphone. Get the Service Victoria app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).
3. A Service Victoria account. If you don't have a Service Victoria account, create one at service.vic.gov.au/account. It's free and takes less than 5 minutes.

Open your Service Victoria app and tap 'My Wallet' at the bottom of the screen. Tap 'Working with Children Check' and follow the instructions.

Once you've added your digital card, tap 'My Wallet' to see and show it.

EAST GIPPSLAND FRIENDS OF TIMOR

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School students in Timor-Leste with their solar lights donated by local group East Gippsland Friends of Timor-Leste.

Huge fundraising effort

East Gippsland Friends of Timor-Leste (EGFTL) was formed less than 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 Barmstade, Orboost and Lakes Entrance.

"Our target was to raise \$10,000 in our first year. This has been exceeded with individuals and organisations making generous donations," convenor of EGFTL, Bruce Hurley, said.

The Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance hosts the group and has information on its website as to how to make donations.

"Timor-Leste is our close neighbour and is one of the poorest countries in our region. Australia has a shared history since World War II when many Timorese supported Australian troops in efforts to turn back Japanese

forces," Bruce said.

"The country was devastated with large loss of life and property during World War II and during the Indonesian occupation late last century. During these times 300,000 people were killed and more than 70 per cent of the country's infrastructure was destroyed."

Members of EGFTL will be visiting Timor-Leste in July. They will be visiting the village of Solbada to discuss future projects, help with existing projects and to learn about the history and culture of the Timorese.

"Projects supported in remote villages include toilet blocks and water tanks and the provision of medical equipment and solar lights," Bruce said.

Dear Viki

A gift of \$35 has been donated
in your name to purchase
a solar light for a child
in a village in Timor Leste.
Your gift will not only bring
light into their homes but
light into their lives.

Happy Christmas from

Papa xx

& Grand ma xx

"Timor Rotary Consortium"
(Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Project – Timor Leste)
Final Report (01/06/2020)



A TRIBUTE TO OUR GIPPSLAND LAKES FISHERMEN



Lynda Mitchelson-Twigg (inset left) and East Gippsland Shire Councillor, Arthur Allen (inset right), who was one of the last 10 Gippsland Lakes commercial fishing licence holders, spoke at the launch of Lynda's book, *END OF AN ERA - The Last Gippsland Lakes Fishermen*, held last Friday at the Paynesville Classic Boat Rally. The book launch coincided with a photography exhibition displayed at the rally across the weekend.

Leaving a lasting impression

END OF AN ERA - The Last Gippsland Lakes Fishermen, the book described as a photographic and oral history of the last 10 commercial fishermen of the Gippsland Lakes, was official launched at the Paynesville Classic Boat Rally last Friday.

A strong crowd of interested locals and visitors, gathered at the Paynesville Library to get a

copy of the book and view the spectacular photography display which was a feature of the rally.

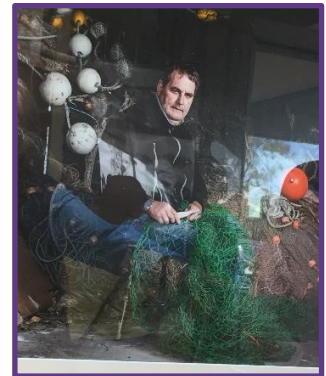
The book was compiled by Lynda Mitchelson-Twigg, who has strong ties to the local fishing industry. She spoke at the launch alongside current East Gippsland Shire Councillor, Arthur Allen, who features prominently in the book having been one of the final 10 licence holders.

END OF AN ERA - The Last Gippsland Lakes Fishermen captures the final weeks of small scale commercial fishing in the Gippsland Lakes in the lead up to the fishery's closure in April 2020. It tells the stories of the last licence holders and their families, offering rare insight into the day to day life and history of the Gippsland Lakes commercial fishing industry.

It features the photographs by Leigh Henningham, Donna Squire and Geoff Stanton, accompanied by historical artefacts and film provided by the fishing families.

The exhibition captures the ebb and flow of fishing in the region, including the artisanal methods used, the connections to the environment, and the relationships formed from a life on the water.

The Last Gippsland Lakes Fishermen exhibition at this year's Paynesville Boat Rally were very proud to be honouring our longstanding fishing heritage with the special exhibition "End of an Era – The Last Gippsland Lakes Fishermen", in the Library Breezeway for the whole month of March. The exhibition was officially opened by Rtn & Cr Arthur Allen. Well worth a visit.



BATS IN THE BROLLY

Certain species of microbats have adapted to roost inside tree bark and leaves. Due to the decrease in Australia's old-growth trees, they've had to find alternative places to roost. Sometimes, these microbats discover that roosting in the folds of a closed-up umbrella in Lakes Entrance is a comfortable resting spot to hang out. Microbats are known to sleep during the day and change roosts frequently. Therefore, people usually find them when they open their umbrellas, don't they Mike? If you come across microbats in this manner, there is no need to panic. If possible, leave the umbrella as it is. If the umbrella is already open, don't close it back up. The microbats will likely move to a new roost with less human attention, such as Bemm River or Kalimna. If you can leave the umbrella closed and let the bats be, you'll have a group of bug exterminators in your backyard, which is a great asset! Microbats won't bother people and typically change roosts within a few months anyway.

Bemm River
here I come.



OUR CLUB PROGRAM

MAR	27-Mar-24	Club Meeting	Central Hotel	Bernard Abrecht Fire Safety	
	30-Mar-24	Makers Festival	Bairnsdale Racecourse sizzle	Fundraiser	
April	03-Apr-24	Social Meeting	Jemmy's Lookout	Social BBQ	
	10-Apr-24	Board + Club	Central Hotel	TBA	
	24-Apr-24	Club Meeting	Central Hotel	TBA	
	25-Apr-24	ANZAC DAY	North Arm Cenotaph	lay wreath	
May	01-May-24	Social Meting	TBA		
	08-May-24	Board + Club	Central Hotel	TBA	
	22-May-24	Club Meeting	Central Hotel	TBA	
	29-May-24	Opp Social	TBA		
Jun	05-Jun-24				
	12-Jun-24	Board + Club	Central Hotel	TBA	
	26-Jun-24	Changeover	Central Hotel	Changeover	

CLUSTER 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	1 ST AND 3 RD WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH	6PM FOR 6:30PM	ORBOST CLUB GLADSTONE ST ORBOST
BAIRNSDALE SUNRISE RC	WEDNESDAY EXCEPT FIRST WEDNESDAY OF MONTH WHICH IS A SOCIAL MEETING	6:45AM FOR 7AM	BAIRNSDALE INTERNATIONAL MAIN ST BAIRNSDALE
ECLUB OF LATITUDE 38	2 ND , 3 RD & 4 TH MONDAY NIGHTS	7:30PM	VIA ZOOM AT WWW.ECLUBLATITUDE38.ORG.AU

Our Club acknowledges the generous support which continues to be offered by our ten 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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Racing Club**



Lakes Entrance Bowls Club

