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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



Hello All

It has certainly been a busy New Year for our township, and for our Club.

Thanks to you all for your support with Bunnings Sausage Days, and our continued efforts to sell our own raffle tickets at various locations. The end of the Club raffle sales is coming upon us, with the draw scheduled for Saturday 7 March.

And a special thanks to Jeff Wilson for all his hard work in managing the Saturday evening raffles at the Sports and Community Club.

This year we held 13 raffle nights between the Melbourne Cup and Australia Day weekends, with a profit over that period amounting to over \$7,300. A terrific outcome to assist the Club's finances in our work and thanks go the Jeff, and his band of helpers who sold tickets to the Sports & Community Club patrons each week.

And we also acknowledge the Sports & Community Club management and staff for allowing us, again, to operate these raffles over the busy 3-month period. They have provided great support to our Club, and we are grateful for their efforts.

Bernard

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We have been advised that the planned East Gippsland Sustainable Living & Makers Festival, scheduled for Easter Saturday at the Bairnsdale Racecourse will not be taking place this year.

Our thanks to those who had volunteered to assist on the day, but it seems we have all been granted a day off.

HARCOURT & CASTLEMAINE

Members are advised that our Board approved an early decision to provide some financial support to those impacted by the tragic bushfires which had such a huge impact on the township of Harcourt.

We were able to contact the President of the Rotary Club of Castlemaine. This Club is only 10 km from Harcourt and is already working strenuously to support the fire victims.

We did provide a small donation and received the following response from the Castlemaine Club:

"Thanks for your email and phone call wishing to support us with a donation of \$1,000 to our emergency fund. This is very much appreciated and will go towards installation and supply of two washing machines and dryers in the Harcourt Community centre for victims in temporary accommodation including caravans, tents etc. This will be a permanent fixture for the wider community going forward".

EVENTS COMING SOON

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY

Details of the progressive dinner are now finalised. A reminder to those attending to 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 Saturday 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 list of tasks for us to assist on the day and is in the process of contacting members to discuss the work.



If you wish to add your support to the day, please call Ian Dunkley – 0408 516 899.



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 have been issued for these Clubs to attend. 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, and full details will follow shortly.

OUR CLUB CALENDAR

Date		Meeting Type	Venue	Program	Remarks
Feb	Sunday 1 st	Raffle sales	Lakes Foreshore Markets		8:30 AM
Feb	Friday 6 th	OS Dinner	Progressive Dinner	See Bulletin	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	10:00 AM
Feb	Wednesday 25 th	DG Peter Behm visit	Central Hotel	Cluster Clubs	5:30 PM
Mar	Friday 6 th	Casual Dinner	Kalimna Hotel		6:00 PM
Mar	Saturday 7 th	Raffle draw	U3A Hub Lakes Tyers	Sausage sizzle & Raffle Draw - Mayor	11:00 AM
Mar	Wednesday 11 th	Board Meeting	Central Hotel		4:30 PM
Mar	Wednesday 11 th	General Meeting	Central Hotel	Consider Constitution Update	5:30 PM
Mar	Wednesday 11 th	Club Assembly	Central Hotel	Leigh Woodgate	5:30 PM
Mar	Sunday 22 nd	Sausage Sizzle & Raffle sales	Bunnings Bairnsdale		8:00 AM
Mar	Friday 27 th	Trivia Quiz Night	St Brendan's School Hall	Cluster invitations	5:30 PM

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
Orbest RC	1st and 3 rd Wednesdays of the month	6PM for 6:30PM	Orbest Club Gladstone St Orbest
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

My 4 New Year's Resolutions for 2026 are:

1. Always finish what you start.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



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

