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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

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PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: FRANCESCO AREZZO
DISTRICT 9815 GOVERNOR: PETER BEHM
DISTRICT 9815 GIPPSLAND REGIONAL GROUP
GIPPSLAND REGIONAL ASSISTANT GOVERNOR: BILL DEGNAN
CLUB PRESIDENT: BERNARD ABRECHT
CLUB SECRETARY: PETER SINDREY
CLUB TREASURER: JEFF WILSON
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: KEN MCALPINE
ROTARY FOUNDATION: BRUCE HURLEY
PROGRAM COORDINATOR: MIKE GOODLUCK
MEMBER LIAISON: LESLEY MACKENZIE
YOUTH SERVICES: JEFF WILSON
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
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***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 been a very busy start to 2026, with lots of activities scheduled over the next few weeks.

In addition, a Board meeting was held this week to review our plans for the rest of the current year, and to consider key matters for the 2026/2027 Rotary Year.

I am delighted to announce that many of the roles within the Club for next year have now been agreed. Details of these roles are contained in this Bulletin. In particular, I announce that Mike Goodluck and Bruce Hurley have agreed to be Co-Presidents next year and Victoria Laugesen has agreed to be the Club Secretary.

We are all grateful that we have a team of experienced Rotarians to take on the leadership of the Club for the 2026/2027. Full details of appointments to date are detailed below.

We still have the positions of Club Treasurer and President-Elect to be appointed and ask members to consider indicating their interest in these roles.

Thanks to you all for your continued support of the Club. Bernard

PRESENTATIONS TO ROTARY FROM THE BUCHAN & GELANTIPY RACING CLUB

This week our Club received a double presentation from the Racing Club.

Racing Club Secretary Ian Dunkley presented Bernard with the annual contribution from the Racing Club, a gift as a major sponsor of our Club. In addition, a second donation was presented to our Club in recognition of recent changes to the commercial arrangements on race day.



Rotary continues to support the Racing Club, and the Racing Club supports Rotary, in the knowledge that joint activities are of great benefit to both organisations.

MEMBERS OF THE CLUB'S TEAM FOR 2026/2027

Our thanks to all members who have taken on important roles in the past, and to those agreeing to accept new roles for 2026/2027.

Positions	Name	Roles	Name
Co-President	Mike Goodluck	Footy Night	Mike Goodluck
Co-President	Bruce Hurley	Melbourne Cup	Mike Goodluck
Past President	Bernard Abrecht	Trivia	Victoria Laugesen
President Elect		Bunnings	Sandy Yeats
Secretary	Victoria Laugesen	Club Raffle	Bernard Abrecht
Treasurer		Saturday Raffle	Rob Curnow
International	Bruce Hurley	Progressive Dinner	Mike Anketell
Youth Awards	Jeff Wilson	Dinner \$ & Fines	Derryn Beattie
Membership	Peter Sindrey	Buchan Cup	Ian Dunkley
Member Liaison	Lesley McKenzie	Timor Leste	Bruce Hurley
Program	Arthur Allen		
Days for Girls	Ula Sheather		
Sergeant	Ken McAlpine		

OUR CLUB CALENDAR

Date		Meeting Type	Venue	Program	Remarks
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
July	Wednesday 8 th	Club Changeover	Central Hotel		5:30PM

EVENTS COMING SOON

CANNI CREEK RACES – SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Thanks to all members and partners for volunteering to assist at the Buchan Cup Day at Canni Creek on Saturday 14 February.

The Buchan & Gelantipy Racing Club has been a long-term sponsor of our Club, and we strive to support their Club on their annual picnic race day.

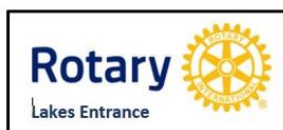
The following is a table of volunteers and activities for the day. No doubt, activities will be flexible as the day progresses and Ian will advise changes in tasks as necessary.



Timings Start	Parking	9:30 to 10:00
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Peter Sindrey	Admin	Rotary Raffle 1
Paula Sindrey	Children's Activities	Rotary Raffle 2
Victoria Laugesen	Children's Activities	
Tony McKenzie	Parking 1	
Rob Curnow	Parking 2	Children's Activities
Bernard Abrecht	Parking 3	
Ken McAlpine	Parking 4	
Graeme McGown	Parking 5	
Don Lazzar	Parking 6	Punter's Club
Lesley McKenzie	Shop	Admin
Chris McAlpine	Shop	Rotary Raffle 3
Eileen Dillon	Shop	Rotary Raffle 4
Bruce Hurley	Buchan Raffle 1	
Eileen Hurley	Buchan Raffle 2	
Sandra Lazzar	Buchan Raffle 3	
Mike Goodluck	Raffle	Punter's Club
Bernadette Goodluck	Raffle	Punter's Club



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

Wednesday 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, and feedback has been promising from all Clubs.



The function will be held at the Central Hotel, commencing at 5:30 PM.

This will be a great opportunity for Clubs, and individuals, to hear from our District Governor and the District team, on matters such as Regionalisation and District priorities. Importantly, it also provides a venue for local Clubs and their Rotarians, to offer the District team some feedback on issues affecting Rotary in our own Cluster.

As the hosting Club, it is important that we have a good representation on the evening, so members and their partners are urged to be available for the event.

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2026

On Wednesday 11 March, a reminder that we are holding a General Meeting for all Active members, to discuss and vote on the revised Club Constitution. Details were provided to all members by email on 25 January 2026.

Those who are unable to attend are encouraged to consider lodging a proxy, to ensure your views are made known. Details can be advised by contacting Peter Sindrey.

AND THEN !!!!

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2026 - CONTINUED



Wednesday 11 March will be a special event as we receive a visit from Leigh Woodhouse.

Many of you will recall a presentation by Leigh at a Rotary District conference in Traralgon some time ago. Leigh gave a truly inspiring speech about her life. Following her talk we discovered that she was not officially linked to Rotary and, given that Leigh's home was in the Buchan region, we offered Leigh an Honorary membership of our Club – which she accepted.

We urge you, at some time between now and 11 March, to Google “Australian Story – The Women from Snowy River” on YouTube, for just 27 minutes to see a little about this inspirational lady.

TRIVIA NIGHT 27 MARCH

During our Board meeting this week, we discussed many of the details around the Trivia night on 27 March.

Clearly, lots of work ahead of us, lead by Victoria Laugesen as an experienced Rotarian who has taken on the task of coordinating activities for Trivia events before. To assist her, Rob Curnow and Paula Sindrey have agreed to assist in the planning phase and, of course, we will all need to assist as we approach 27 March.



In the meantime, please stand by to offer help as it is needed.

Our first steps will be to arrange advertising for two audiences:

- Seek offers of sponsorship, support and/or prize donations from local businesses, to assist us in the (profitable) the running of the evening. This is important, bearing in mind that profits will be used to assist our projects, and to support victims of the Victorian bushfires.
- Then, to encourage individuals and groups to join us as participants in the Trivia event itself.

TRIVIA NIGHT 27 MARCH 2026 - CONTINUED

For your information, the following are two 'draft' posters for Trivia. One seeks sponsorship and, prizes and the other seeks participation as guests on 27 March.

Both posters are draft only and will be subjected to editing, changes, etc but will provide readers with details of our progress to date.

CALL FOR PRIZES!
LAKES ENTRANCE ROTARY CLUB
TRIVIA NIGHT
27 MARCH

Seeking sponsorship prizes from local Lakes Entrance businesses!

We need your generous support for our Trivia Night on 27 March!
Please consider donating **gift vouchers, goods, or services** to be used as prizes. Your contribution will help support our fundraising efforts for local **community projects**.

HELP SUPPORT A GREAT COMMUNITY EVENT!

Contact us today to donate prizes!
✉ info@lakesentrancerotary.org.au
✉ info@lakesentrancerotary.org.au ☎ 0404 747 269

GET READY FOR A GREAT NIGHT OUT!
LAKES 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 & bushfire-affected communities in Victoria.**
Supper provided by **Rotary**. BYO snacks and drinks

RSVP BY 13 MARCH

Contact Lesley: 0419 871 197 or Victoria: 0404 747 269

DID YOU KNOW ?

On a different subject, did you know that we have had a bumper year for fund raising, including the 3-4 months over the holiday period:

- We have held our own Club raffle, due to be drawn on Saturday 7 March.
- Our Saturday night raffles at the Sports & Community Club, held over the 13 weeks between Melbourne Cup and Australia Day.
- Our commitment to Bunnings 'sausage sizzles' has continued for the full year, including extra days when we have been asked to cover additional days.

When combined, profits from these activities will exceed \$23,000 – a wonderful total and a great outcome for the hard work of our members.

**AN INVITATION FROM THE
ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHELL RIVER**

ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHELL RIVER

'BRING A FRIEND'

'INTERNATIONAL NIGHT'

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16TH 2026

WHERE: ESTOPPEYS'

34 HARNHAM DRIVE, BAIRNSDALE

TIME: 6pm for 7pm

DRESS: INTERNATIONAL THEME

(FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY)

CRUSINE: MULTI CULTURAL

PRICE: \$ 25.00 head

BYO & Glass

RSVP: Cec and Rex 0407 057 777

By Wednesday 11th Feb. 2026

Parking: Enter back gate by Park

Road entry is between no 1 and 2 Harnham Drive.

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
Orbst RC	1st and 3 rd Wednesdays of the month	6PM for 6:30PM	Orbst Club Gladstone St Orbst
Bairnsdale Sunrise RC	Wednesday Mornings	6:45AM for 7AM	The Hub, 27 Dalmahoy Street Bairnsdale

NEWS FROM FIJI

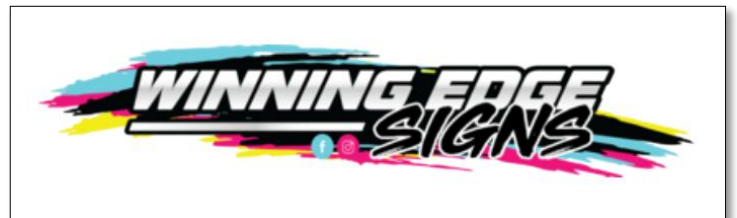
We have just received the latest report from Fiji, on progress with the construction of the new school to replace that destroyed by cyclone.

You would be aware that our Club has provided small donations in the past, but most support has been provided by other Rotary Clubs as part of their long-term commitments. Even so, it is satisfying to see work has progressed substantially.



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

