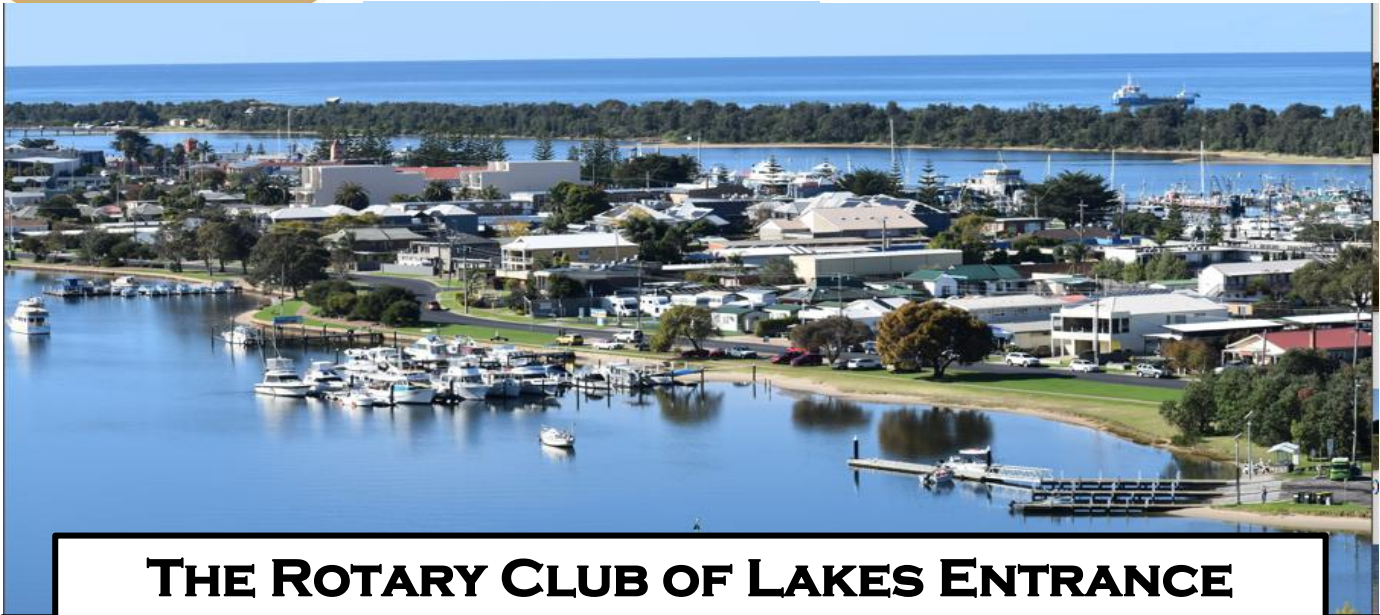




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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

**BULLETIN No. 18 of 2025/2026: DATE 12 MARCH 2026**

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  
2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY  
EACH MONTH

### CONTACTS:

MEETING ATTENDANCE: LESLEY MACKENZIE 0419  
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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, and greetings from far away !!

Jenny and I are on a short trip out of town for a couple of days, but I'm sure this Bulletin will give you a catch-up of events in recent days, and details of events to come.

Stay well and we will return very soon. Bernard

## RAFFLE DRAW ON SATURDAY 7 MARCH

Our thanks to those who attended the draw of our Club raffle last Saturday. As you know, the arrangements had to be modified at the last minute, due to the serious accident on the highway at the edge of town.



However, those attending enjoyed the sausage sizzle and witnessed the draw of the winners names, thanks to Arthur stepping in to officiate.

The article below was printed in the Lakes Post this week, providing details of the lucky winners.

The Rotary Raffle in Lakes Entrance has been a successful event again in 2026.

The winners were drawn by Counsellor Arthur Allen, on behalf of Mayor Jodie Ashworth, on Saturday 7 March at the Lakes U3A Hub.

The first prize of \$1,000 Aldi Vouchers was won by Pauline from Orbost. Pauline says she often supports local raffles and is delighted that this was her lucky day. The second prize of \$400 Bunnings vouchers was won by Zavier of Berwick. Zavier and his wife recently acquired a property in Berwick and he says the win will be a boost to help his work in establishing his new home.



Rotary President Bernard Abrecht was very thankful of the community support of the raffle received this year, saying "our Club wants to continue assisting those victims of the recent fires in northern Victoria and the funds we received this year will help us in this, and other, worthy efforts".

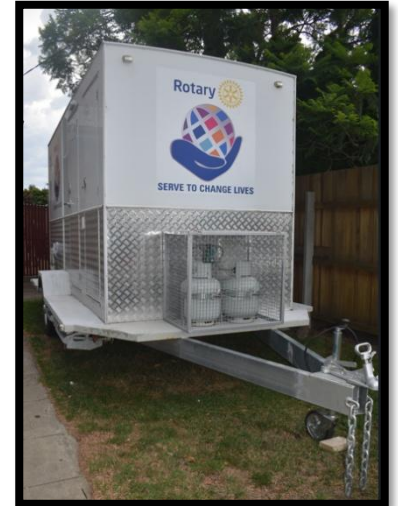
Counsellor Arthur Allen draws the winning tickets, with Rotary President Bernard Abrecht on hand to record events.

## UPDATE ON THE CLUSTER AMENITIES UNIT

While our Club members were assembled to draw the annual raffle, another activity was taking place in Bairnsdale.

The Amenities Unit has recently been refurbished to ensure all the internal facilities are operating, including 2 showers, 2 toilets, 2 wash basins and a clothes washer/dryer.

Members will recall the unit was first conceived and constructed by the Cluster of Rotary Clubs in East Gippsland to assist on our efforts to help victims of the Black Summer Fires of 2020.



Now that the areas to the north in Victoria have been hit by major fires, we offered the use of the Unit to Rotary in District 9790. Last Saturday, the President of the Rotary Club of Yea drove to Bairnsdale and towed the unit back to his home area.

Reports from President Darryl are that the unit has been enthusiastically received and final steps are now nearing completion for the unit to become operational in the Highland Hub, a location close to where 40 homes have been destroyed.

We expect photographs of the Unit in its location to arrive shortly.

## CLUB SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – 11 MARCH

The Special General Meeting of Club Members was held on 11 March 2026 and members voted unanimously to adopt the new Constitution.



*Constitution and Rules of the  
Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance*

## TRIVIA NIGHT 27 MARCH 2026



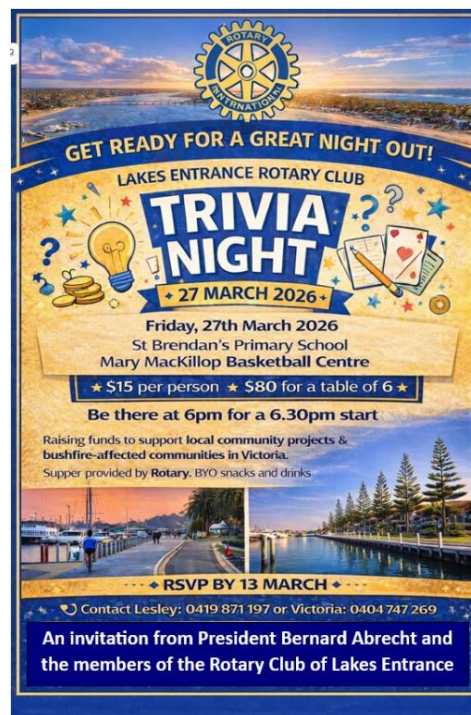
Our small Committee has been working hard to assist Victoria in her management of our Trivia evening on Friday 27 March.

The Club has been delighted to have received lots of donations of vouchers and gifts from shops, restaurants, and other organisations in our township, to be used as prizes throughout the night. These include a substantial cash contribution from the Lakes Entrance Retirement Village, offering sponsorship for the evening. This offer will mean that profits for the evening will be boosted and further funds will be available to help fire victims in Victorian regions this fire season.

We trust you have all registered to come along and support the evening.

Clearly, lots of work is still ahead of us and we need your help in managing the evening. There are tasks to be addressed including preparation before the event, table layouts, help in the kitchen and serving of supper, clean-up after, the car parking arrangements, money collection, the running of minor events in the evening and the silent auction.

Can you please contact Victoria or Peter to offer your support so we can make sure we stage an event that will run smoothly and have everyone walking out and saying they want to return next year.



## OUR CLUB CALENDAR

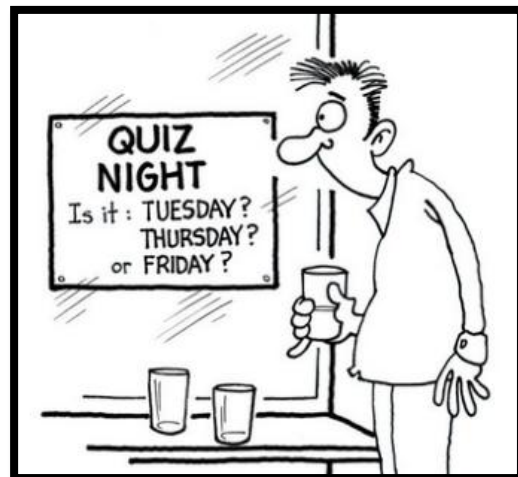
Meeting Type	Month Date	Day	Venue	Program	Remarks
Sausage Sizzle	22 Mar	Sunday	Bairnsdale Bunnings		8 AM to 4 PM
Trivia Quiz Night	27 Mar	Friday	St Brendan's School Hall		5:30 PM
Board Meeting	8 Apr	Wednesday	Central Hotel		4:30 PM
Club Assembly	8 Apr	Wednesday	Central Hotel		5:30 PM
Social night	22 Apr	Wednesday	Central Hotel Café Area	Social night	5:30 PM
Board Meeting	13 May	Wednesday	Central Hotel		4:30 PM
Club Assembly	13 May	Wednesday	Central Hotel	Allison Triggs Community Policing	5:30 PM
Club Assembly	27 May	Wednesday	Central Hotel	Ula Sheather Days for Girls	5:30 PM
Social Dinner	5 June	Friday	TBA		6:00 PM
Board Meeting	10 June	Wednesday	Central Hotel		4:30 PM
Club Assembly	10 June	Wednesday	Central Hotel		5:30 PM
Club Assembly	24 June	Wednesday	Central Hotel		5:30 PM
Club Changeover	8 July	Wednesday	Central Hotel		5:30 PM

**Note:** Arrangements have been made for Allison Triggs from the Bairnsdale Community Policing Unit to present to the Club on the subject of home security and personal safety.

## OTHER ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS



Lakes Entrance RC	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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



# 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.



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