



Rotary
Lakes Entrance



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

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DISTRICT 9815 GIPPSLAND REGIONAL GROUP

GIPPSLAND REGIONAL ASSISTANT GOVERNOR: BILL DEGNAN

CLUB PRESIDENT: BERNARD ABRECHT

PAST PRESIDENT: SANDY YEATS

CLUB SECRETARY: PETER SINDREY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: PETER MCCORMICK

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ROTARY FOUNDATION: BRUCE HURLEY

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: SANDY YEATS

MEMBER LIAISON: LESLEY MACKENZIE

YOUTH SERVICES: JEFF WILSON

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 IN ORDER TO ALLOW SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.***

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PRESIDENT BERNARD'S BRIEFING



Hello All

What a wonderful night to, again, have guests from the Rotary Clubs of East Gippsland join us for a night to spend time together. And our special guests were District Governor Colin Byron and his wife Leanne, and Assistant Governor Bill Degnan and his wife Judy.

Colin addressed the meeting, talking about the changes in Rotary, especially the progress of the Regionalisation trial in our Zone. He also spoke about the positives and negatives in Zone 8. New members joining, the increase in Interact and Rotaract development and some minor recruitment within the District are positives. But, at the same time, the number of existing Rotarians exiting due to age and financial reasons means a net reduction of members.



Having said that, Colin was pleased to confirm our own District 9815 had a net increase in numbers this year. He also complimented the East Gippsland Clubs on the progressive ways we already work together on key projects, such as Timor Leste. Colin restated a comment we have all heard before, and we all know it is true. We cannot afford to sit and watch a steady decline in Rotary. We must look at changes if Rotary is to survive.

It is not an easy challenge to meet, and Colin asked us all for help in two ways:

- Be prepared to provide ideas, advice and suggestions on how Rotary can improve its presence in your area and ensure these ideas are presented to those in senior positions within the District. For instance, he is happy to hear from everyone.
- Be prepared to be flexible in trialling new ideas, even if that means notions of joining other Rotarians outside your locality, or outside your normal area of interest/expertise.

Colin's presentation was sobering, but he was positive in his confidence that we can collectively achieve improvements in the growth of our wonderful organisation.

Following Colin's presentation he offered two awards:

- One to Orbest Rotary for Level 1 Annual Club donations to Foundation in 2023/2024.



- The other to Lakes Rotary for the highest donation rate to Foundation, per member, of all Clubs in District 9815 during 2023/2024 – a wonderful distinction.

SHORT MESSAGES FOLLOWED FROM EACH THE CLUB PRESIDENTS (OR PRESIDENT ELECT), ASSISTANT GOVERNOR BILL DEGNAN AND DISTRICT CONFERENCE SECRETARY JUDY DEGNAN



A ROLL CALL OF THOSE PRESENT





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

CLUB RAFFLE UNDERWAY

Our Club raffle is well underway, with the first prize being a \$1,000 voucher, to be used at any Aldi store. Tickets are available for sale at \$2 each.

It was disappointing that the weather interfered with our plans to sell tickets at race day. However, we have made steady progress at other sites.

Since 15 February we have held a number of sale days at various sites, including at ALDI (twice), one each at The Esplanade and the Sunday foreshore markets.

We are now planning some further sale days:

- Friday 21 March, outside the store at Nicholson – from 10AM to 2PM.
- Sunday 6 April, a stall at Lakes foreshore market day 8AM to 10AM, then 10AM to 2PM, then 2PM to 4PM.
- Easter Saturday, 19 April (progressively) from 10AM to 4PM supporting Rotary Mitchell River at their food van – and to sell raffle tickets – at the Bairnsdale Racecourse

We do need your continued support to help with sales of our tickets throughout the next (few) last weeks of the campaign. If you can help, please ring Bernard on 0407 903 229.

And the important final day is when the prize winner is drawn. Darren Chester has agreed to officiate at the U3A Hub, Lakes Tyers Road on Easter Monday, 21 April. We will run a BBQ at the Hub, starting at 11AM and we are keen to have lots of members, friends, etc along. Please pass the word around.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 28/30 MARCH IN BENDIGO

A final reminder that full details of the District conference are available on the District website – just google

District 9815 Conference 2025



HOME CARE PACKAGES WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH



A reminder that on 26 March we will receive a presentation from senior members from Gippsland Lakes Complete Health, on the subject of 'Home Care Packages'.

Members will find this event very informative as it will include details of the 'Support at Home' changes which will come into force on 1 July 2025.

Fire Alert



Fire Safety Around the House

Forrest fire management crews are burning off areas at the moment as well as a fire up in the Dargo area ,so we are going to get some smoke from that when the wind is coming from that direction.

This does NOT mean fire restrictions have been lifted .You still require a written permit to burn off up until the fire restrictions are lifted which may be in force until late April



OUR CLUB PROGRAM

Date		Meeting Type	Venue	Program	Remarks
Mar	Wednesday 26th	Board Meeting	Central Hotel	4:30PM	
Mar	Wednesday 26th	Club Assembly	Central Hotel	5:30PM GLCH presentation on Home Care Packages	See Bulletin
Mar	Friday 26 th to Sunday 30th	District Conference	Bendigo	Annual District Conference	See Bulletin
Apr	Wednesday 2nd	Op Social	Esplanade Cafe	5:30PM start for 25 max	
Apr	Wednesday 9 th	Board Meeting	Central Hotel	4:30PM	
Apr	Wednesday 9th	Club Assembly	Central Hotel	TBA	
Apr	Saturday 19th	BBQ Makers Market	B'dale race track	Joint BBQ with RC Mitchell River (sell raffles)	Easter Saturday
Apr	Wednesday 23rd	Club Assembly	Central Hotel	Allison Triggs Community Police	
Apr	Friday 25th	ANZAC Day	Cenotaph	Wreath laying	
Apr	Wednesday 30th	Op Social	TBA	TBA	
May	Wednesday 14th	Board	Central Hotel	4:30PM	
May	Wednesday 14th	Club Assembly	Central Hotel	TBA	
May	Wednesday 28th	Club Assembly	Central Hotel	Esso removal of Bass Strait platforms	
Jun	Wednesday 4th	Social Op	TBA	TBA	
Jun	Wednesday 11th	Board Meeting	Central Hotel	4:30PM	
Jun	Wednesday 11th	Club Assembly	Central Hotel	TBA	
Jun	Wednesday 25th	Changeover	Central Hotel	New President & Board Induction	

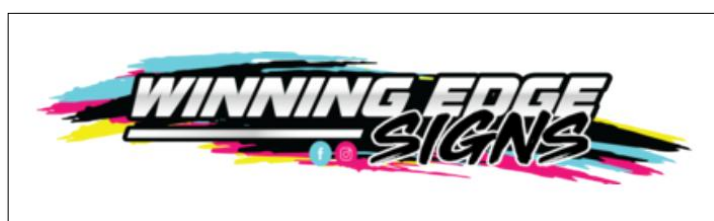


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Our Club acknowledges the generous support, which continues to be offered by our eleven major sponsors. Their support is crucial to the continued viability of our Club and, as such, they form an important part of our life in Lakes Entrance. For these reasons our members support these sponsors and encourage others to do the same.



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