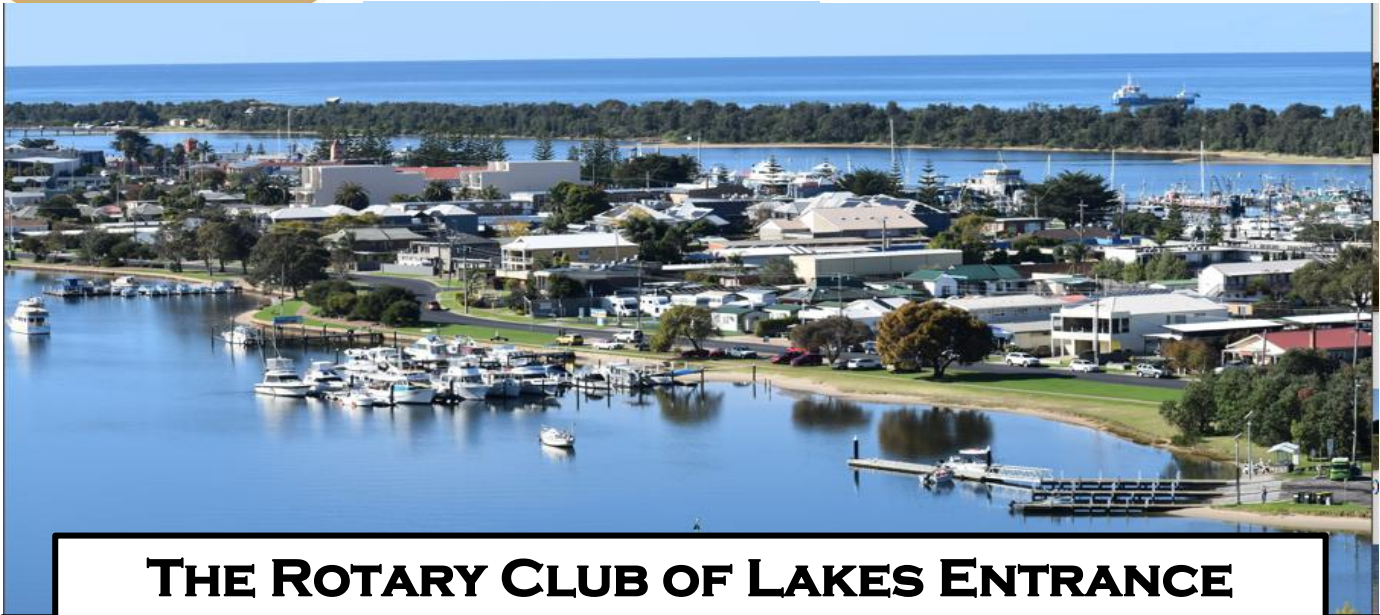




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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

BULLETIN No. 20 of 2025/2026: DATE 11 APRIL 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
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.

We enjoyed a quiet evening at the Central Hotel this week, catching up on news from previous events and planning works which will take us up to the Changeover function, scheduled for Wednesday 8 July.

Also, the Board met this week and approved our financial disbursements for the remainder of the Rotary Year.

We have been very fortunate to have accumulated some sizable funds over the year, which gives us the opportunity to donate to some very worthy causes, locally, beyond our region and overseas. These funds can only arise through the hard work of Club members, and I am very proud of the efforts made by many to help those in need. My thanks.

Details of all approved disbursements will be shown in the Annual Report, being prepared now for issue at the Changeover. Donations to many organisations, totally almost \$33,000 will be made in support of their work. They include the following:

Polio & malaria eradication	Centenary House
Timor Lease development	Lakes Neighbourhood House
Days-for-Girls campaign	Victorian fire recovery
Wheelchairs for Kids	Surf Life Saving & Ocean Rescue
Skyjuice projects	L to P Mission Australia
Disaster response & Donations in Kind	Lakes Fireworks & Winter Festival
Ukraine Support	Bairnsdale Bike Education Track

We think that's a pretty good result for a small dedicated Rotary Club.

WELCOME TO ROTARY FOR MAUREEN

This week we were delighted to induct Maureen Griffin as our newest Club member. Maureen is a recent resident of Lakes Entrance and has spent the last few weeks meeting the Rotary team and offering help at events. She has already demonstrated her skills at the Bunnings sausage sizzle and has proved herself invaluable by assisting us in the running of our recent Trivia evening.



We welcome Maureen to our Club, and we look forward to hearing from her when she has the opportunity to speak at a 'member behind the badge' event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRAEME: A 40-YEAR ROTARIAN



A warm and sincere congratulations to Graeme McGown as he celebrated 40 service to Rotary on 1 April. Since joining Rotary in 1976, Graeme has served in Clubs at Trafalgar and Alice Springs, before joining us here in Lakes in 2008.

Graeme has an impressive resume including stints as Club President (Trafalgar) and positions as Events Organiser, Bulletins, PR and later, as Seargent-At-Arms for many years in Lakes.

Graeme was also awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in Trafalgar (1996) and a Presidential Citation in Lakes (2017).

We are grateful for Graeme's dedication to our Club, bringing with him his years of experience, his never-ending sense of humour ... and his demonstrated fishing skills at Bemm River each year!!

Thank you Graeme for your support of our Club.

OUR CLUB'S BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2026 / 2027

Our Board meeting this week endorsed the following proposals for Executive positions during 2026/2027. In doing so, the Board noted that additional discussions were to take place on some further key responsibilities.

Positions will be ratified at the Changeover function on Wednesday 8 July.

Positions	Name
President	Mike Goodluck
Past President	Bernard Abrecht
President Elect	Under review
Secretary	Bruce Hurley
Treasurer	Jeff Wilson
International	Bruce Hurley
Youth Awards	Jeff Wilson
Membership	Peter Sindrey
Member Liaison	Lesley McKenzie
Program	Arthur Allen
Sergeant	Ken McAlpine
Director	Rob Curnow
Director	Sandy Yeats

OTHER ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

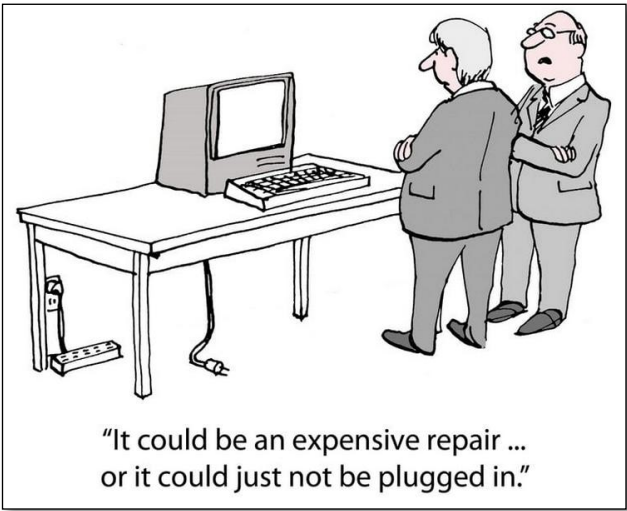


Lakes Entrance RC	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays of the month	5.30PM for 6:00 PM	Central Hotel Lakes Entrance
Bairnsdale RC	Tuesday	6PM for 6:15PM	Bairnsdale Club Nicholson St Bairnsdale
Mitchell River RC	Monday	5:45PM for 6:15PM	Bairnsdale Club Nicholson St Bairnsdale
Orbest RC	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays of 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

OUR CLUB CALENDAR

Meeting Type	Month Date	Day	Venue	Program	Remarks
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		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.



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES

Sandy has secured offers from Bunnings for our Club to manage the sales at Bunnings for the following dates:

- May 24th Sunday YES
- June 14th Sunday YES
- June 27th Saturday YES
- July 26th Sunday YES
- August 16th Sunday YES

The Bunnings sausage sizzles are very profitable ventures for our Club, and we would like to continue our association. Could those members available to offer support on those dates please contact Sandy – 0417 052 896.

Bunnings has advised that there may be more dates available in the next 4-6 months and Sandy will hear details shortly.

THE NOTICEBOARD

CENTENARY HOUSE
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST
DATE: Wednesday, 22
April 2026
TIME: 7am to 10.30am
LOCATION: St Mary's Parish
Centre
23 Pyke St.,
Bairnsdale
COST: \$25.00 per head
Includes Home Cooked or
Continental breakfast.
Competition entries are
available.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MAFFRA
INVITE YOU to Register for
THE WEST SALE AIRSHOW PRESENTATION
BY
Nicholas Heath

The Event Director of the Airshow
and

Managing Director of PACE Advertising and Public Relations.

He will talk about the history of this event, it's aims, what it showcases, as well as how you can participate.

DATE: Thursday 16th April 2026 – 6 for 6:30pm - Cost - \$40

VENUE: Duart Homestead – 20, McLean Street, Maffra

For Dietary Requirements please phone: Duart 0487 654 507

TO BOOK - Rotarians and Visitors - please go to humanitix

<https://events.humanitix.com/https-maffrarotary-org>

Registration closes 11th April



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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