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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 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>  
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**

This week we welcomed three ladies from Gippsland Lakes Complete Health (GLCH), who gave the meeting a briefing on their work in supporting those in the community who need assistance with health care and the day-to-day challenges they face, both in their later years or due to their disabilities.

The ladies we welcomed were:

- Terri-Anne Gaskin, Home Care Packages Intake Coordinator
- Jenni Clarke, Client Services Coordinator
- Laura Poole Marketing Manager

- Laura Poole
- Terri-Anne Gaskin
- Jenni Clarke



The programs these ladies manage vary enormously, depending on the needs of the individual clients. Also, their work requires that client needs be prioritised to ensure the type and extent of assistance offered is appropriate for the individual.

The Federal Government strategy is to enable clients to be supported through Home Care Packages, to encourage them to remain in their own homes, as far as possible. The presentation we received provided an insight into the complexities of the various policies and procedures GLCH, and others, face in implementing the Government's strategy.

A further complication to be faced is that new policies are to be introduced by Government on 1 July 2025, to modify processes and client entitlements.

It is true to say that the presentation left those attending in awe of the challenges these ladies, and their staff, face in their work. From comments and questions flowing from the presentation, it is clear that those present felt it was difficult to comprehend the full extent of Government policy and the work by GLCH, and others.

What is clear is that clients and potential clients, who feel they need help should contact those who work in the field who can assist with advice and support.



**Live life your way.**

With a little help from our Home Care Packages Team

Nursing Personal Care Housework Gardening

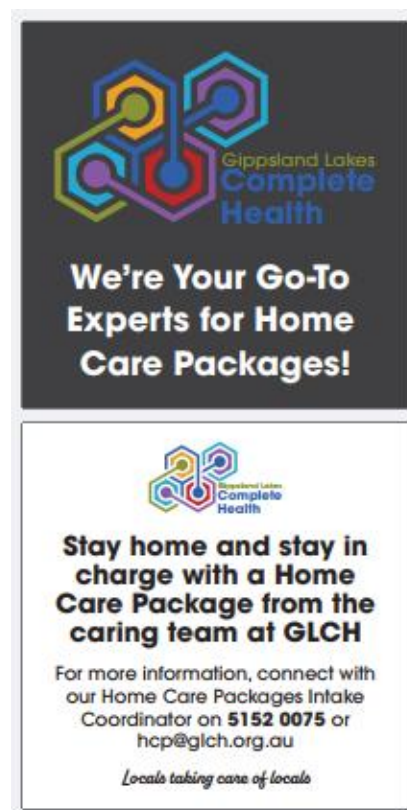
With a Gippsland Lakes Complete Health Home Care Package, you can keep living independently and comfortably at home, with support tailored just for you.

Our Home Care Packages will provide services to meet your needs; from nursing and personal care to housework and gardening – we've got you covered.

With 50 years of caring for the East Gippsland community, we're here to assist you every step of the way.

Call us on 5152 0075 or scan the QR code to find out how we can help.

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**We're Your Go-To Experts for Home Care Packages!**

**Stay home and stay in charge with a Home Care Package from the caring team at GLCH**

For more information, connect with our Home Care Packages Intake Coordinator on 5152 0075 or [hcp@glch.org.au](mailto:hcp@glch.org.au)

*Locals taking care of locals*

I am sure we will need to consider a second invitation to our Club, after Government changes become effective on 1 July 2025.

The presenters left some associated literature last night, and copies may be obtained by contacting Peter. Peter also has email addresses and phone numbers if needed.

## **A BUSY TIME OF YEAR FOR ROTARY**

As you will note from this Bulletin, our Club has a number of commitments over the next month, which has brought with it a workload which is higher than normal.

Some of the tasks in front of us have arisen externally and others are as a result of us trialling some fundraising options for the first time.

Those who are able to do so are invited to assist if they can. To those who would like to help, but cannot do so for various reasons, understand that the commitments will be met by those who can, and that April is only one month long.

These extra tasks will come to an end after April and the timings of some tasks in the new Rotary year will ensure a smoother flow of the workload than has arisen this time around.

The Board and I appreciate the support you have all provided.

Bernard

## **ULA SHEATHER – OUR NEWEST MEMBER**



Welcome Ula Sheather as our newest member of the Lakes Club.

Ula is a 9-year Rotarian, and Paul Harris Fellow, who recently transferred to us and brings a wealth of knowledge with her, particularly due to her extensive experience working as the Days-For-Girls champion, at both Club and District level.

We welcome Ula and her husband Ken and look forward to their support of our Club.



## CLUB RAFFLE – THE FINAL WEEKS

Our Club raffle this year is now approaching the 'home straight', thanks to a bunch of dedicated Rotarians who have worked hard with President Bernard to accumulate much-needed funds to help us in our Projects.

The raffle has been very popular for locals and visitors, with the first prize being a \$1,000 voucher, to be used at any Aldi store. Tickets are still available for sale at \$2 each and we need help to have members sell tickets during the next few weeks:



- Saturday 29 March, outside Mat's Hair on the Esplanade
- Saturday 5 April, at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- Sunday 6 April, at a stand on the Foreshore Markets
- Saturday 19 April, at the Mitchell River's market at the Bairnsdale Racecourse where we will manage the BBQ and sell raffle tickets.

If you can help on any of those days, please ring Bernard on 0407 903 229.

**And, very importantly, on Easter Monday – Monday 21 April – we will hold a BBQ at the U3A Hub (Lake Tyers Beach Road) from 11AM to 3PM.**

**At the BBQ our Darren Chester will draw the winning ticket for the raffle, and we would love to have a bunch of Rotarians, and friends, on site for the photograph of the raffle draw.**

**Please keep the date and time in mind to be there for the culmination of this important fundraising event.**

## IT'S A BUSY TIME OF YEAR – BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE – SATURDAY 5 APRIL

The Club has been offered another opportunity to manage the BBQ at Bunnings on Saturday 5 April – too good to miss as we always enjoy the profits for our Club.



Please offer to assist by contacting Sandy on 0417 052 896.

# **CENTENARY HOUSE EVENT SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHELL RIVER – 9 APRIL**



The Rotary Club of Mitchell River will be hosting the annual fundraising breakfast for Gippsland Rotary Centenary House on Wednesday, April 9.

Guests at Gippsland Rotary Centenary House come from all parts of East Gippsland, Wellington Shire, South Gippsland and Bass Coast. Costs to patients' families are kept to a minimum and the facility is largely run by Rotary volunteers.

For those living more than 100 kilometres from the hospital, their total out-of-pocket expense is appropriately subsidised, and sometimes down to zero, as the social worker at the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre so advises.

This annual fundraising event will be held at St Mary's Parish Centre, located behind St Mary's Church, Wednesday, April 9, from 7.30 to 10.30am. The cost of \$20 per head (take-away available) includes some competition tickets, with prizes donated from within the community.

All proceeds from the day will go to support the operational costs of Centenary House. In September 2006, Stage One of this facility, comprising guest six rooms, was established, with the support of the Rotary Clubs of East Gippsland in celebration of 100 years of Rotary International. Stage Two followed in November 2012, with Stage Three being completed late last year.

The facility now consists of 30 en-suite bedrooms plus communal areas such as kitchens, laundry, lounge and dining rooms, a quiet room for family privacy, a barbecue and outdoor living space and a tranquil courtyard.

There is a secure children's play area accessible only from within the house. Wheelchair access, internet facilities and closed-circuit security are present throughout. Renovation and upgrades of stage one is now being pursued.

Rotary Clubs within the East Gippsland Cluster and other community service clubs continue to support this wonderful asset in our neighbourhood.

To ensure welcome relief for those who need its services, The Rotary Club invites all community members to come along, have breakfast and support this amazing facility. Enquiries regarding bookings, donations or gifts can be made by contacting the club.

**Our own Club will be attending St Mary's Parish, Bairnsdale on 9 April where we will present our donation/contribution to Centenary House representatives.**

## 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
Rotary eClub Latitude 38	Make contact on eclublaturity38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on eclublaturity38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on eclublaturity38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link

## CLUSTER CHANGEOVER EVENTS

Our close friends at Rotary Clubs in East Gippsland are now planning Changeover events and a list of dates is attached.

Our Club will be inviting other Clubs in the Cluster to send representatives to our own Changeover and we will be seeking interest from our own members to attend other events as our representatives.

Mitchell River	10 – 13 June 2025
Bairnsdale	17 June 2025
Lakes Entrance	25 June 2025
Bairnsdale Sunrise	26 June 2025
Orbest	2 July 2025
eClub	TBA





# **Fire Alert**

## **Fire Safety Around the House**



East Gippsland CFA District 11, which is East Gippsland Shire, has had fire restrictions lifted and you can now burn off rubbish.

However, there are a few things you need to do before you go ahead with a burn off:

- Ring Vic Fire on 1800 668 511 and register your burn. They will want to know roughly how big it is and how long it will be burning.
- Make sure you have a cleared area around the pile and nothing nearby that could catch fire causing the fire to spread.
- You need water on hand just in case the fire starts to spread. This can be a hose or a tank on a vehicle.
- Check your weather conditions – is it suitable to burn off during your intended period of work.





# OUR CLUB PROGRAM

Date		Meeting Type	Venue	Program	Remarks
Mar	Saturday 29th	Raffle Sales	Esplanade	Outside Mat's	
Apr	Wednesday 2nd	Op Social	Esplanade Cafe	5:30PM start	
Apr	Saturday 5th	Sausage Sizzle	Bunnings	9AM to 4PM	+ Raffles
Apr	Sunday 6th	Raffle Sales	Foreshore Markets	Rotary site	
Apr	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> 7:30AM-10:30AM	Fundraiser	St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale	RC Mitchell River for Centenary House	Lakes to donate
Apr	Wednesday 9th	Club Assembly	Central Hotel	Club Assembly	
Apr	Saturday 19th	BBQ Makers Market	B'dale race track	Joint BBQ with RC Mitchell River (& sell raffles)	Easter Saturday
Apr	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	BBQ & Raffle Draw	U3A Hub Lakes Tyers Beach Road	11AM to 3PM Darren Chester to draw prizewinner	Easter Monday
Apr	Wednesday 23rd	Club Assembly	Central Hotel	Allison Triggs Community Police	
Apr	Friday 25th	ANZAC Day	Cenotaph	Wreath laying	
May	Wednesday 7th	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	

Kids exploring ancient ruins



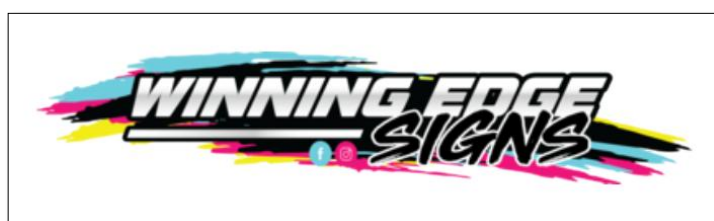
All I'm saying is,  
at any point during  
that ride through the  
desert he could have  
given the horse a name.

## 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**

