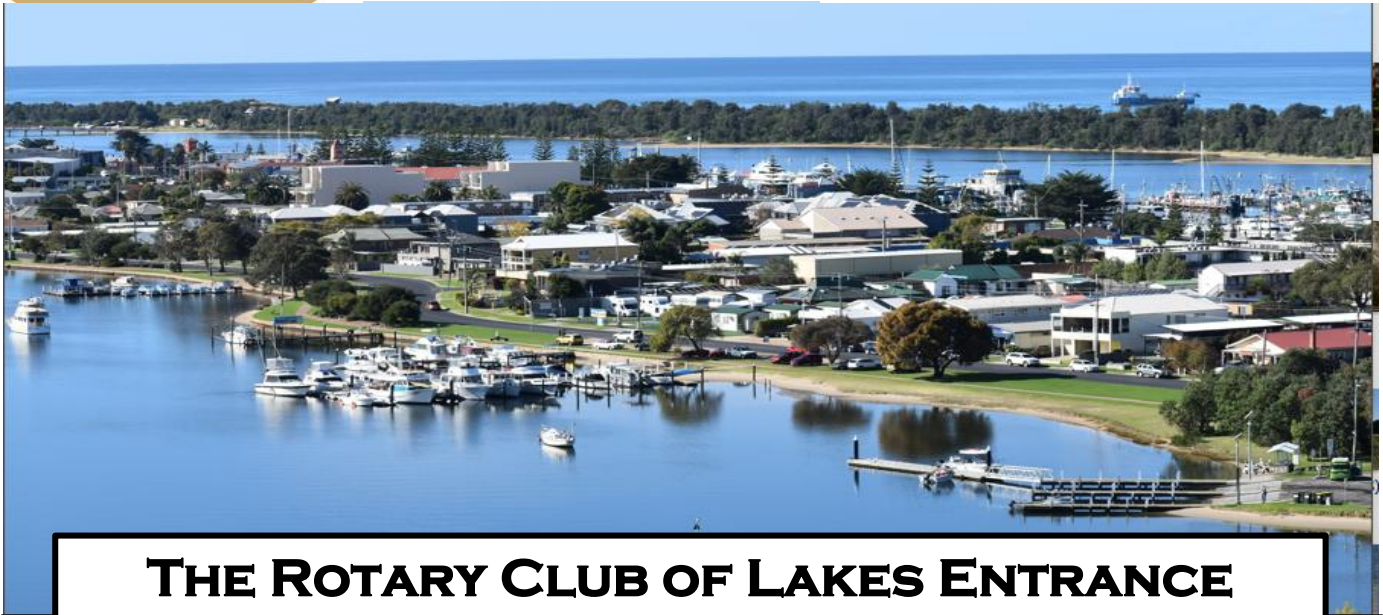




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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

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MEETINGS:

CENTRAL HOTEL
231 THE ESPLANADE
LAKES ENTRANCE
CLUB MEETINGS AT 5:30PM
2ND & 4TH 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. We are fast approaching the end of our Rotary year, with work underway to distribute many of our donations gained from the hard work of Club members throughout the year.

Also, planning is well advanced for our Changeover function, to be held on Wednesday 8 July 2026. More details will follow shortly.

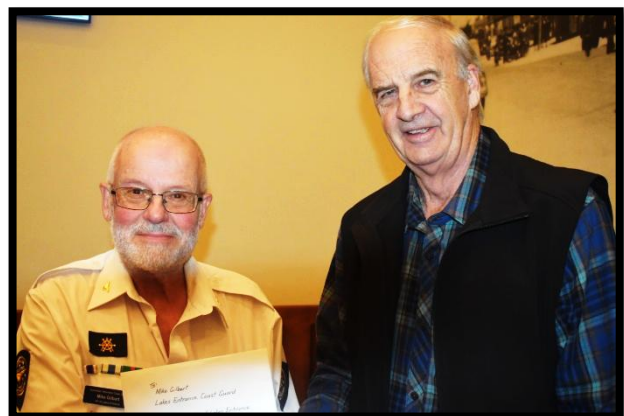
In the meantime, our next meeting on Wednesday 13 May will feature a presentation by Allison Triggs, from Bairnsdale Community Policing. Allison has been invited to talk to us about home security and household safety. We urge you to attend this important presentation.

LAKES COAST GUARD

Michael Gilbert, the Commander of the Lakes Entrance Coast Guard Flotilla, attended our meeting this week and provided an insight into the work of the local Coast Guard, including the types of operations conducted. He also described the complex approval arrangements which exist between Federal and State authorities, in terms of both the operational and funding aspects of his team's activities.

Like many voluntary organisations, the Coast Guard has challenges in meeting their funding needs and fundraising work by the members is important to assist.

We trust our small donation each year will be useful as they continue their important work.



CLUSTER CHANGEOVER EVENTS

Each of the Rotary Clubs in the East Gippsland area (Cluster) are now starting to plan their own Changeover events for the new Rotary Year.

We try hard to develop and maintain a close working and social relationship with other nearby Clubs. To this end, we encourage members to consider attending Changeover events in the Cluster.

Details of Changeovers known to date are as follows and we will continue to update as more information becomes available:

Club	Date	Day	Location
Bairnsdale	TBA		TBA
Maffra	TBA		TBA
Mitchell River	22 June	Monday	Bairnsdale Club
Bairnsdale Sunrise	25 June	Thursday	TBA
Orbost	1 July	Wednesday	TBA
Lakes Entrance	8 July	Wednesday	Central Hotel

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

A FURTHER DONATION TO NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Submitted to Lakes Post – April 2026

Rotary and ExxonMobil Combine to Assist Neighbourhood House

The Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance and ExxonMobil have been looking at ways to jointly aid Neighbourhood House. House Manager Gayle Webster says “it is always a challenging task to support the disadvantaged members of the local community, especially with the recent growth in demand. This increased demand has resulted in the need to carry out some refurbishments to storage facilities, so that the additional workload for our team can be efficiently managed.”

Rotary and ExxonMobil have jointly provided a donation to cover the costs of these improvements and Club President Bernard Abrecht was on hand this week to present the funds for these works. Bernard says, “we are fortunate to have this wonderful facility in Lakes Entrance, and Neighbourhood House deserves the support of the community.”

House Manager Gayle is delighted with the donation. She says, “our dedicated team of volunteers work hard to meet the needs of the disadvantaged. Many members of this unpaid workforce arrive every week to help us in the preparation and distribution of goods and these refurbishments will help us greatly.”



OTHER DONATIONS TO WORTHY CAUSES

Many payments have already been sent to organisations beyond our local physical contact, such as Timor Leste, Rotary Disaster Aid, Rotary Foundation, Help for Ukraine, Rotary work for Polio and Malaria, Wheelchairs for Kids, and Skyjuice to name a few.

For others locally, it is great to be able to present donations in person, and this will continue in coming weeks.

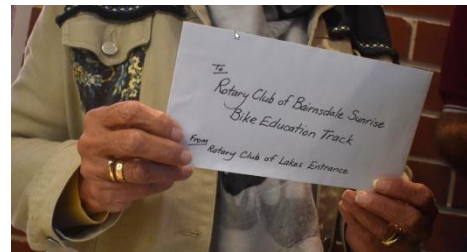
CENTENARY HOUSE



Our annual contribution to Centenary House, presented at the breakfast meeting in Bairnsdale on 22 April 2026.

ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE SUNRISE

Rotary at Bairnsdale Sunrise received a contribution towards a bike safety training facility in the Bairnsdale area.



MISSION AUSTRALIA L-2-P PROGRAM

Our annual donation to help qualify young people to acquire a driver's Licence, working through Mission Australia.



DAYS-FOR-GIRLS



Supporting Days-For-Girls through Club member Ula Sheather.

LAKES ENTRANCE PICKLEBALL CLUB

A donation towards a fundraising effort to acquire a Defibrillator to be stationed at the sports courts.



VICTORIAN FIRE RELIEF PROGRAM

A substantial donation, via the Rotary Club of Yea, to assist victims suffering from the recent bushfires in central Victoria. Our work was part of a coordinated effort by the Rotary Clubs in the Cluster.



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

We are still after volunteers to assist with our work. 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.



OUR CLUB CALENDAR

Meeting Type	Month Date	Day	Venue	Program	Remarks
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	Days-For-Girls Ula Sheather	5:30 PM
Social Dinner	5 June	Friday	Vietnamese Restaurant / Esplanade Cafe		5:30 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

A MESSAGE FROM FIJI

It was over 2 years ago that we were approached to assist in funding a new school building on a Fijian island, when the last building was torn down in a cyclone. We did help, along with many other Clubs and it's great to get this final email saying that the new building is finally complete. The Fijian Government had no funds for the task and word came from the locals – can Rotary help? Great to see this happening.

The building is now complete. Yay!
 It is almost 5 years since two school board members came to our property at Matei Pointe and explained that after four years of patiently waiting they had just been informed by the FIJI education department that they would not be getting a new school.
 Can ROTARY help? You are our last hope.
 Well done ROTARY.



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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