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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 closing in on the end of our Rotary Year, and this Bulletin provides information on Changeover functions scheduled within the East Gippsland Cluster.

We encourage members to participate in our own Changeover event but also attend other Club Changeovers in the local area. Peter will provide additional information on Changeovers to anyone interested.

We have only 3 more scheduled meetings for the Club prior to the Changeover, including our last social dinner at the Vietnamese Restaurant / Esplanade Cafe on Friday 5 June. I hope we can see you all there on the night. Cheers Bernard



ULA SHEATHER DAYS-FOR-GIRLS

Tonight, we heard a remarkable presentation by Rotarian Ula Sheather. Ula provided a very thought-provoking and extensive briefing on the work undertaken by Days-For-Girls volunteers.

Perhaps the explanation of their work gave us all a greater understanding of the extent of the challenges facing Days-For-Girls. The number of girls/women needing support throughout the world is truly mind-blowing and the efforts by Ula, and her volunteers, are clearly making a difference in meeting those challenges.



We congratulate Ula for her work and wish her well in her continued efforts.



A TOAST TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF YEA

From time to time, our Club enters a reciprocal arrangement to toast another Rotary Club somewhere in the world, knowing that they will toast the Lakes Entrance Rotary Club at their meeting.

This week, our Club toasted the Rotary Club of Yea and acknowledged the work provided by President Darryl King and all Club members for their efforts following the recent Central Victorian fires.



Our Club, and all Clubs in the East Gippsland Cluster are very conscious of the effects of bush fires, particularly since the devastation arising from the Black Summer fires of 2019 / 2020. For this reason, we were quick to offer support to those in the fire affected areas of Central Victoria.

Our own Club provided a substantial cash donation to assist in their efforts. Also, our combined East Gippsland Clubs approved the loan of the Cluster Amenities Unit (a purpose build unit containing showers, toilets, hand basins, a washer/dryer) and a tool & equipment trailer (containing many items to assist in the recovery effort).

Since then, frequent reports have arrived back from Yea, expressing gratitude for our support.

We are aware of the enormous personal efforts by President Darryl King in leading his Club through this fire recovery work. We toasted the efforts of the Rotary Club of Yea and congratulated President Darryl King on his personal contribution to the recovery effort.



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. Our Club is no exception and our invitation to you all is attached. **Please confirm your attendance with Lesley.**



The Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance
invite you to attend our

Annual Changeover Dinner

Hosted by:

President Bernard Abrecht 2025-26

President Mike Goodluck 2026-27



Please join us at:

The Central Hotel



321 The Esplanade - Lakes Entrance

on Wednesday 8th July 2026

6.00pm for 6:30pm

\$40.00 per head and drinks at bar prices

RSVP: by 28th June 2026

Lesley Mackenzie - 0419 871 197

carbin7e@bigpond.net.au

Please let us know of any dietary requirements.



We continue to 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 those other Changeover events in the area.

For full details of Changeover Events for each Club, contact Peter. Individuals will need to contact each Club to RSVP and pay for attendance for each event.

Club	Date	Day	Location
Mitchell River	22 June	Monday	Bairnsdale Club
Bairnsdale Sunrise	25 June	Thursday	Bairnsdale Grain Store
Orbost	1 July	Wednesday	Marlo Angling Club
District 9815	4 July	Saturday	Pakenham
Lakes Entrance	8 July	Wednesday	Central Hotel
Bairnsdale	14 July	Tuesday	TBC
Maffra	16 July	Thursday	Duart Homestead



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	1st 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

COMING EVENTS

- **3 June**

We are off to the Vietnamese Restaurant (the old Esplanade Café) for a social evening, this time on a Friday – 5 June 2026. Again, we will be hosted in the function area at the back of the restaurant and it's important to confirm numbers for the evening.

Please call Lesley and let her know if you will be there.



- **10 June**

Australian Poet Liz Dorsett will join us again on 10 June to provide us with a presentation of her favourite poems.



**OUR CLUB, SUPPORTING THE
COMMUNITY AS SPONSORS OF
THE WINTER FESTIVAL.**

**PROUD SPONSOR OF THE
EAST GIPPSLAND
WINTER FESTIVAL
19 JUNE - 19 JULY, 2026**



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES

We had another successful day at Bunnings last Sunday, with a net profit of over \$1,000, thanks to the work of the team who attended – Jeff, Sandra, Don, Irene, Sandy, Lesley, Rob, Arthur, Bernard & Peter. A good result.



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

- June 14th Sunday
- July 26th Sunday
- August 16th Sunday

We are still after volunteers to assist with our work. We all know that 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
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	Australian Poet Liz Dorsett	5:30 PM
Club Assembly	24 June	Wednesday	Central Hotel		5:30 PM
Club Changeover	8 July	Wednesday	Central Hotel		5:30 PM

OUR CLUB, SUPPORTING NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

As part of our on-going support of Neighbourhood House, we have been aware of the need to improve the storage and supply systems for donated foods and other goods, destined for distribution to a growing list of those in need in the Lakes community.

We recently received a generous donation from ExxonMobil Australia which assisted us in our work to provide additional storage and distribution facilities needed at the Centre.

Much of the new equipment was acquired and delivered recently. The next step was to assist with the installation of the new equipment and then help with the reorganization of all the supplies which would be rehoused. That help came from all the dedicated volunteers, including a band of Rotarians, who regularly work at the Centre each week.

The Centre is grateful for the support provided by Rotary and ExxonMobil, and especially grateful for the tireless efforts provided by those loyal volunteers, including our Rotarians, who arrive at the Centre each week, offering their help to make Neighbourhood House the wonderful facility it is today.



EAST GIPPSLAND WINTER FESTIVAL

Only 23 days to the start of the

East Gippsland Winter Festival

See the egwinterfestival.com.au for full program details.



AN INVITATION FROM BRUCE & EILEEN HURLEY

Hi everyone – it's time again to celebrate midwinter with a Soup and Gluhwein lunch.

Attached is the invitation for 21 June 2026.

Please respond to RSVP by Friday 12 June 2026, to assist with catering.

And no need to contribute unless you have a favourite soup you would like to bring along – preferably in a crock pot. If you do wish to contribute, please let us know so we can have a great variety of soups to choose from.

It will be lovely to see you all again. Warm regards Eileen & Bruce



ANNUAL WINTER SOLSTICE LUNCH
In Lakes Entrance

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
Lunch
AT THE HURLEY'S

Sunday 21st JUNE 2026
From 12.30pm
Gluhwein, Soup & Good Company



47 Nautilus Way Lakes Entrance

RSVP Friday 12 June

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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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Racing Club**



Lakes Entrance Bowls Club

