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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

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PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: FRANCESCO AREZZO
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GIPPSLAND REGIONAL COMMUNITY LEADER: BILL DEGNAN
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CLUB SECRETARY: PETER SINDREY
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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 held our final Board meeting this week, and I thank the Directors for their assistance over the year.

Also, at our Club meeting this week, Athur led us in a discussion on ideas for the program of events to be held over the next year. Lots of ideas to be considered as we approach the commencement of a new Rotary year.



Our thanks to the guys at the Vietnamese Restaurant for hosting our dinner meeting last Friday evening. As always, the food and service was great.

And a final reminder to ensure you have confirmed your attendance at our own Changeover function on 8 July.
Cheers Bernard



POET LIZ DORSETT

We all enjoyed another arrangement by Liz Dorsett as she introduced us to some old favourite, well-known poems as well as some newer items. From old sentimental words about a 'high country' legend to some jovial tongue-in-cheek verses to make us smile – we enjoyed her evening presentation.

Thank you Liz.



INTRODUCING INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BABALOLA



Rotary International President for 2026/2027 is Olayinka Hakeem Babalola of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria.

Babalola began his Rotary journey in 1984 and has since served in multiple leadership roles, including RI vice president and adviser to the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee. He is an engineer by profession and founder of two companies.

We wish him well in his upcoming year as President.

CLUSTER CHANGEOVER EVENTS

Each of the Rotary Clubs in the East Gippsland area (Cluster) are planning 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.

Rotary



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

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



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES

We have another sausage sizzle scheduled for this Sunday, 14 June, and the roster for the day is now all in hand.

To start the new Rotary year, Sandy has secured further offers from Bunnings for our Club to manage the sales at Bunnings for the following dates:

- July 26th Sunday
- August 16th Sunday

We will be seeking offers from volunteers to assist with our work in July and August. 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.



Sandy and the team have earned a good reputation with Bunnings, in terms of our service levels and reliability. As such, we can expect further offers to come to us as Bunnings develops its schedule for the remainder in 2026.

OUR CLUB CALENDAR

Meeting Type	Month Date	Day	Venue	Program	Remarks
Club Assembly	24 June	Wednesday	Central Hotel	Bernard Fire Safety	5:30 PM
Club Changeover	8 July	Wednesday	Central Hotel	Changeover function	5:30 PM
Club Assembly	22 July	Wednesday	Central Hotel	Guest speaker on She Shed	5:30pm

EAST GIPPSLAND WINTER FESTIVAL

Only 8 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 TOMORROW 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

Eileen 0405795048 Bruce 0400196797
eileenmary41@gmail.com

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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