



**Rotary**  
Lakes Entrance



CLUB No. 18406  
DISTRICT 9815  
CHARTERED 1959  
ABN 34 766 344 882

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

**BULLETIN No. 26 of 2024/2025: 12 JUNE 2025**

PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: STEPHANIE A. URCHICK

DISTRICT 9815 GOVERNOR: COLIN BYRON

DISTRICT 9815 GIPPSLAND REGIONAL GROUP

GIPPSLAND REGIONAL ASSISTANT GOVERNOR: BILL DEGNAN

CLUB PRESIDENT: BERNARD ABRECHT

PAST PRESIDENT: SANDY YEATS

CLUB SECRETARY: PETER SINDREY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: PETER MCCORMICK

CLUB TREASURER: JEFF WILSON

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: KEN MCALPINE

ROTARY FOUNDATION: BRUCE HURLEY

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: SANDY YEATS

MEMBER LIAISON: LESLEY MACKENZIE

YOUTH SERVICES: JEFF WILSON

### 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  
ENQUIRIES: BERNARD ABRECHT 0407 903 229

***IF YOU ARE ATTENDING A MEETING, YOU MUST ADVISE LESLEY  
IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO ALLOW SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.***

POSTAL : PO Box 260 LAKES ENTRANCE, VICTORIA 3909

EMAIL: [info@lakesentrancerotary.org.au](mailto:info@lakesentrancerotary.org.au)

WEBSITE: [lakesentrancerotary.org.au](http://lakesentrancerotary.org.au)



## **PRESIDENT BERNARD'S BRIEFING**

**Hello All**

**We had a busy night at the Central Hotel, with lots of friends and visitors attending our Club Assembly. And we all listened to an absorbing presentation from Esso's Project Manager Simon Kemp, who briefed us on the planning for the decommissioning of the Gas Rigs in Bass Strait.**

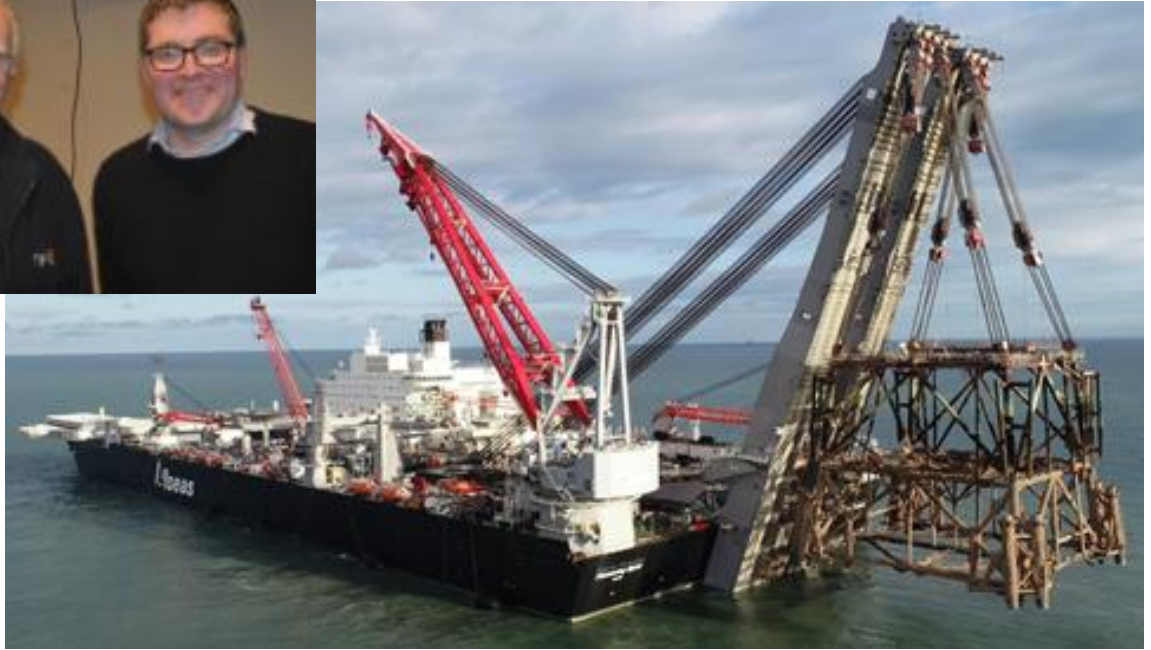
**The long and complex program to remove these enormous rigs will require dedicated, professional staff – together with significant maritime engineering capabilities over many years, to achieve the task.**

**A key resource to assist in this project will be the enormous Pioneering Spirit, the largest heavy-lift shipping vessel in the world today. The ship will be commissioned to work in Bass Strait to uncouple the rigs from their base supports and transport them to shallow water. From there they will be taken by barge to dry land for disassembly.**



**The complexity of the total task, the length of the planning and execution of the job, and the resources required, makes this all a very significant event for the eastern Victoria coastline. We will follow the progress of the work with great interest, and we look forward to hearing further about developments.**





On the matter of Club activities, we were updated on the success of the Bunnings sausage-sizzle last Sunday, despite the inclement weather.

Our meeting also discussed the Club's planning over the next month, particularly the upcoming Changeover function on 25 June. And, of course, with Arthur in the chair as Sergeant-At-Arms, the reintroduction of fines seems solidly in place!

With only one (big) meeting to go, this week was a fitting end to our 2024/2025 Rotary year. Cheers Bernard

## CLUSTER CHANGEOVER EVENTS

Mitchell River	16 June 2025
Bairnsdale	17 June 2025
Lakes Entrance	25 June 2025
Bairnsdale Sunrise	26 June 2025
Orbost	2 July 2025
eClub	TBA





Please ensure you confirm your attendance with Lesley – 0419 871 197



**The Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance**  
**invites you to attend our**  
**Annual Changeover Dinner**

Hosted by:

**President Bernard Abrecht**



Please join us at:

**The Central Hotel**



321 The Esplanade - Lakes Entrance

on Wednesday 25 June 2025  
6.00pm for 6:30pm

\$40.00 per head and drinks at bar prices

*RSVP: by 18 June 2025*

*Lesley Mackenzie - 0419 871 197*

*carbin7e@bigpond.net.au*

*Please let us know of any dietary requirements.*



# DETAILS OF CLUSTER CHANGEOVER EVENTS



**JOIN US!**

**ORBOST ROTARY  
CHANGEOVER DINNER**

**Roast Dinner & Dessert**  
HALF SERVE \$32  
FULL SERVE \$36  
PAY AT THE VENUE

**2 July 2025 at 6PM**

The Orbost Club  
Tennyson St, Orbost  
RSVP: Kathy 0478 557 038  
by 18 June, please



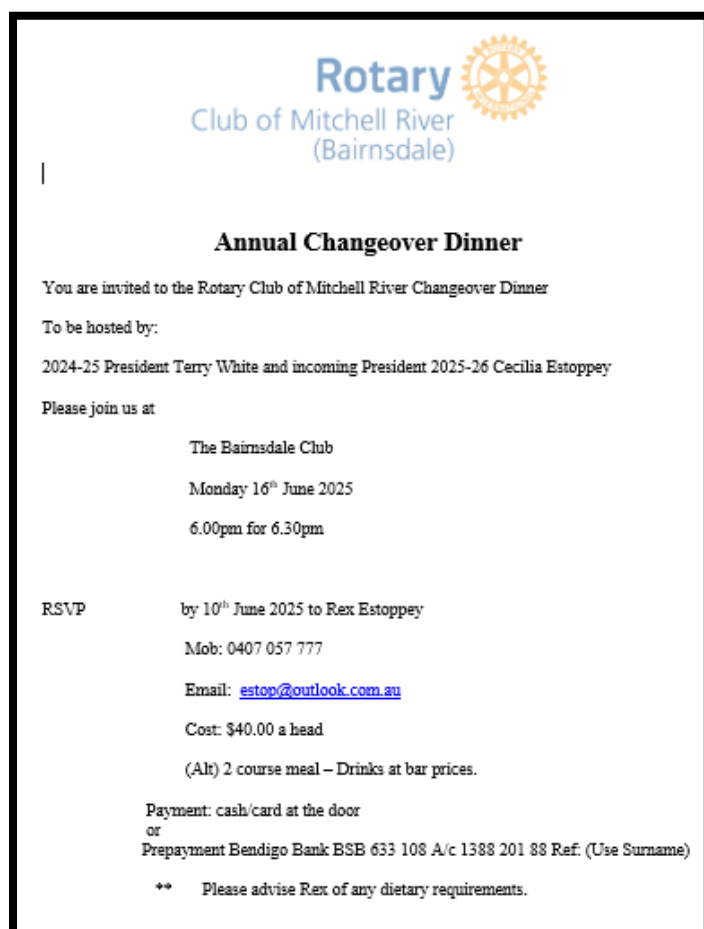
ROTARY CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE  
**Sunrise**  
Rotary  
District 9815 ABN 92813036728

You are invited to our  
**Change Over Dinner**

Venue - Old Grain Store, 21 Wood Street,  
Bairnsdale  
Date - Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Time - 6.00pm

RSVP and payment by June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
to [sunriseSecretary5.3.2003@gmail.com](mailto:sunriseSecretary5.3.2003@gmail.com)  
BSB 633-000 A/N 138067590 -reference name/s.  
Cost - \$25.00 per person- includes finger food  
Drinks at bar prices

**UNITE FOR GOOD**



**Rotary**  
Club of Mitchell River  
(Bairnsdale)

**Annual Changeover Dinner**

You are invited to the Rotary Club of Mitchell River Changeover Dinner

To be hosted by:

2024-25 President Terry White and incoming President 2025-26 Cecilia Estoppey

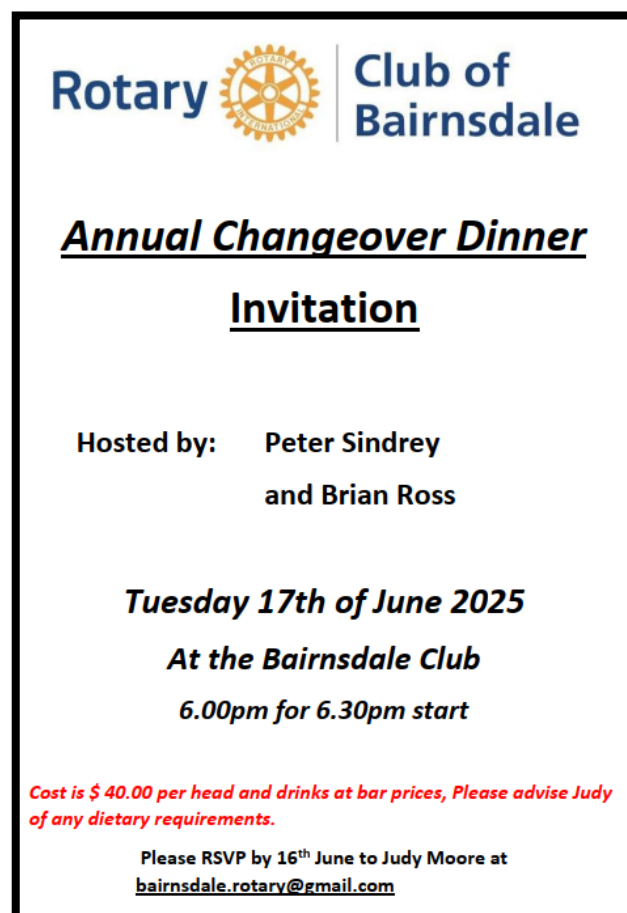
Please join us at


The Bairnsdale Club  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
6.00pm for 6.30pm

RSVP by 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to Rex Estoppey  
Mob: 0407 057 777  
Email: [estop@outlook.com.au](mailto:estop@outlook.com.au)  
Cost: \$40.00 a head  
(Alt) 2 course meal – Drinks at bar prices.

Payment: cash/card at the door  
or  
Prepayment Bendigo Bank BSB 633 108 A/c 1388 201 88 Ref: (Use Surname)

++ Please advise Rex of any dietary requirements.



**Rotary**  **Club of  
Bairnsdale**

**Annual Changeover Dinner**  
**Invitation**

Hosted by: **Peter Sindrey  
and Brian Ross**

**Tuesday 17th of June 2025**  
**At the Bairnsdale Club**  
**6.00pm for 6.30pm start**

*Cost is \$ 40.00 per head and drinks at bar prices, Please advise Judy  
of any dietary requirements.*

Please RSVP by 16<sup>th</sup> June to Judy Moore at  
[bairnsdale.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:bairnsdale.rotary@gmail.com)



### Read all About Donations in Kind (DIK)

- Established in 1978, DIK is an incorporated entity supporting Rotary Districts 9790, 9800, and 9815.
- Run entirely by dedicated volunteers.
- Primarily funded by a group of sponsoring Rotary Clubs, although this funding is insufficient to cover annual expenses.
- DIK collects, sorts, and distributes usable surplus goods — primarily medical and educational — to those in need.
- Since inception, 725 shipping containers have been sent to 35 developing nations.
- Our current facility is 3,400 sqm (36,000 sq ft) with three levels of racking, holding up to 1,500 pallets at any time.
- Over \$13 million in goods repurposed to support local community projects.
- Over \$105 million in goods shipped overseas, averaging \$145,000 in value per container.
- Over \$12 million in waste disposal costs saved for donating organisations.
- More than 55,000m<sup>3</sup> of goods diverted from landfill — equivalent to 21 full DIK warehouses.

We are sending material aid to East Timor approximately 10-15 times each year.



## 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
Orbost RC	1st and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
Rotary eClub Latitude 38	Make contact on eclublatitude38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on eclublatitude38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on eclublatitude38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link



## OUR CLUB PROGRAM

Jun	Wednesday, 25 th	Club Changeover	Central Hotel	New President and Board induction
JUL	Wednesday, 2 nd	Opp Social	TBA	
	Wednesday, 9 th	Board Meeting	Central Hotel	
	Wednesday, 9 th	Club Meeting	Central Hotel	Allison Triggs Proactive Policing Unit
	Wednesday 23 rd	Club Meeting	Central Hotel	
	Wednesday, 30 th	Opp Social	TBA	

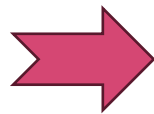




Once again, another house fire in Melbourne and another person died. Again, no working smoke alarm. 50% of people killed in house fires don't have working smoke alarms.

Please make sure your smoke alarms are working and change the batteries every 12 months, unless they are long life batteries. Smoke alarms can be easily checked by pressing the button in the centre of them, by hand or with a broom handle. This should sound the alarm for a few seconds if it is working.

Smoke alarms themselves need to be changed every 10 years no matter the type.



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**Oscar Wilde**

**“An optimist will tell you the glass is half full. The pessimist will tell you it's half empty. The engineer will tell you the glass is twice the size it needs to be.”**



## 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**

