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Lakes Entrance



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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

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MEETING ATTENDANCE AND ENQUIRIES: CONTACT
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***IF YOU ARE ATTENDING A MEETING, YOU MUST ADVISE
BERNARD IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO ALLOW SEATING
ARRANGEMENTS.***

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PRESIDENT BERNARD'S BRIEFING



Hello All,

Tonight was a great roll up for a Winters evening. We had a potential new member come along tonight and her name is Victoria Laugesen. She and her husband have moved here from Ararat where she was in rotary for about 4 years. Her husband is in the police force and he is now stationed in lakes Entrance. Victoria has already put her name down for the next sausage sizzle at Bunnings and is interested in helping with other projects as they come up.

It was a really good night with Graeme McGown coming up with the best Yarn of the night. Arthur delt with the fines and the heads and tales in his usual manner, with Irene and Sandra trying to pick the Joker but alas neither of them could. It was a great night thanks to everyone who came along.

Sandy Yeats is in charge of the sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Sunday 24th August. He and his band of helpers will raise funds to support club projects.

A big shout out to Rob Curnow and Bruce Hurley who handed out flyers to visitors who came to the lantern festival on Saturday 12 July.

Pictures taken at the Club Meeting at the Central Hotel on Wednesday 23 July 2025.





The background to this story is the Toast to the Rotary Club of Inverurie that Sandy Yeats made at a recent Lakes Entrance Club Meeting. Sandy was once a pupil at the Inverurie Academy.

“Hi Peter,

In my correspondence with the RC of Inverurie in Scotland, I mentioned that I had kept a copy of the Inverurie Academy Magazine from 1958 when I was a pupil there. There was a photo of the senior prefects in it, and I asked if any of them had become members of the Inverurie Rotary Club. This is the reply I received, which you may wish to include in the next Bulletin.

Cheers

Sandy”

“My dear Sandy

As the longest serving member (59 years) of our Club - I was a child-Rotarian! - it has been left to me to reply to your recent e-mail. And on behalf of the Rotary Club of Inverurie, I send you our official greetings, as well as our thanks for toasting our health.

We, in turn, raised our glasses to you all in the Lakes Entrance Club at our meeting on 1st July.

I was more than interested in the photograph from the 1958-59 Inverurie Academy magazine. All the prefects shown were in the 6th Year (the final year before going to University/employment - and was the year immediately above me, so I can remember most of those pictured.

Only one was an Inverurie Rotarian, namely Michael Barron. Mike came from Alford, and as such, finished the last three years of education at Inverurie Academy. After spending years in the Central Belt of Scotland, he returned to Inverurie when he became Chief Executive of Aberdeenshire Council, before retiring in the late 90's. He spent a couple of spells as Secretary of our Club and also held office at District level. Unfortunately, he died suddenly and unexpectedly in May of this year, and is greatly missed.

In truth, many of the other faces in that picture have also passed on to higher service, and only a very few are still resident in the town.

And our town has expanded dramatically since that photo was taken. Back then, the population would not have been much above 5,000....., today it's nearer 20,000, thanks in no small measure to the Oil Boom of the 70's. It is regarded as one of the still-growing and desirable towns in Scotland with next-to-no unemployment, and new housing estates being planned. Smack in the centre of some of the best agricultural land in the country, Inverurie produces the best beef, arguably, in the world, as well as food processing.

You may guess that I may be a tad biased....., and you'd be right! My family have been resident here since the late 1700s, displaying a huge lack of ambition. In fact I retired, at 58yrs, from the family ironmongery business established in 1839 by my great grandfather.

May I close by wishing you and the members of Lakes Entrance all the very best, and not to be too disappointed by the inevitable thrashings the British and Irish Lions are going to hand out over the coming weeks!

God bless

Yours in Rotary

Stuart Watson
PHF. PPres."

Dead ahead, through the pitch-black night, the captain sees a light on a collision course with his ship. He sends a signal: Change your course ten degrees east."
"Change yours ten degrees west," comes the reply. The captain responds, "I'm a United States Navy captain! Change your course, sir!" "I'm a seaman second class," the next message reads. "Change your course, sir." The captain is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!"
"I'm a lighthouse. Your call."

How we Unite for Good

Rotary South Pacific

Posted by Jennifer Scott on Jul 17, 2025



by PDG Jennifer Scott AM, 2025-27 RI Director

THE beginning of the new Rotary year is a time to remind Rotarians of our global message ...*Unite for Good*.

CONNECTION:

The Power of Human Connection: The power of human connection is a fundamental aspect of Rotary. I encourage members to welcome new faces and strengthen these bonds. I believe that Rotary's greatest gift to the world is its people and the relationships they forge.

Overcoming division: In a world increasingly fractured by political, social and economic divides, I urge Rotarians to rise above polarisation and *Unite for Good* by embracing your unique ability to connect people across lines of faith, race, age and ideology. Rotary knows no boundaries.

Engaging new members: Let's make 2025-26 the year we expand the best-qualified team of volunteers on the planet by fostering connections, particularly in attracting new members. Create diverse club models (satellite, cause-based, enterprise, and passport clubs) to meet future Rotarians 'Where they are' and offer them different ways to experience Rotary and find community.

Finding purpose and community: People of all ages, including older individuals, seek purpose and connection, and Rotary provides that community.

COLLABORATION:

Collaborating on service projects: A core aspect of *Unite for Good* is to collaborate on service projects to expand Rotary's global impact. Zone 8 has many wonderful examples of Rotary thriving when clubs, districts, and communities come together, ensuring continuity and greater impact for our programs and strategies.

Strengthening partnerships: Building partnerships is one of three essential pillars for Rotary's growth (alongside innovation and continuity). Let's aim to strengthen Rotary's partnerships with government institutions, corporations, and public bodies, such as hospitals, schools, and environmental agencies. These partnerships are crucial for structured, sustained action beyond mere charity.

Expanding reach and impact: By collaborating with clubs regionally and globally, Rotary can expand its reach, amplify its impact and create sustainable change. I encourage clubs to identify emerging needs in your communities and mobilise resources effectively by leveraging the skills and networks within your clubs and with external partners.

Collective efforts: When members and clubs collaborate, they experience the profound impact that happens when passionate individuals come together with a shared purpose to serve, to uplift and to make a lasting impact.

The 2025-26 *Unite for Good* message is a powerful call for Rotary to intentionally foster deeper human connections and actively pursue strategic collaborations. These will be the driving forces behind membership growth, effective service, and Rotary's ability to be a unifying force for positive change in a divided world.

[Rotary South Pacific](#) covers Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Clubs in Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga and Vanuatu

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
Orbest RC	1st and 3 rd 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 eclublature38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on eclublature38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on eclublature38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link

OUR CLUB PROGRAM

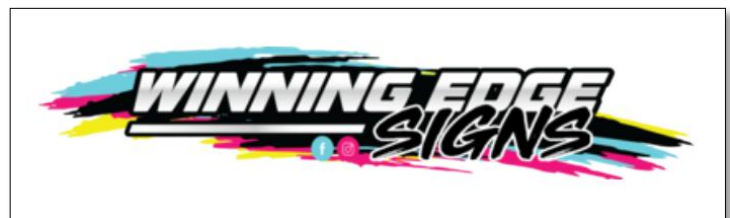
Date		Meeting Type	Venue	Program	Remarks
Aug	Wednesday 13th	Impressions of China	Central Hotel	Bruce Hurley	5:30 PM
Aug	Wednesday 27th	Fun night Would I lie to you?	Central Hotel	Mike Goodluck	5:30 PM
Sep	Wednesday 10th	Board Meeting	Central Hotel	4:30 PM	4:30 PM
Sep	Wednesday 10th	Timor-Leste Update	Central Hotel	Bruce Hurley	5:30 PM
Sep	Wednesday 24th	Family & Friends	Wyanga Park Winery Sarah	Footy Night GF Sat 27th	5:30 PM
Oct	Friday 3rd	OS Dinner	Sea Shanty	6:00 PM	6:00 PM
Oct	Wednesday 8th	Board Meeting	Central Hotel	4:30 PM	4:30 PM
Oct	Wednesday 8th	Club Assembly	Central Hotel	5:30 PM	5:30 PM
Oct 2025	Wednesday 22nd	Botanical Garden Palmer's Rd site	Central Hotel	Josphine Jakobi	5:30PM for 6:00PM
Nov 2025	Monday 3rd	OS Dinner	??	Cup Eve	5:30PM for 6:00PM
Nov 2025	Wednesday 12th	Bemm River 12-16			

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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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