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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

BULLETIN No. 4 of 2026/2027: DATE **AUGUST 2026**

PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: OLAYINKA BABALOLA

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DISTRICT 9815 GIPPSLAND REGIONAL GROUP

GIPPSLAND REGIONAL COMMUNITY LEADER: BILL DEGNAN

CLUB PRESIDENT: MIKE GOODLUCK

CLUB SECRETARY: BRUCE HURLEY

CLUB TREASURER: JEFF WILSON

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: KEN MCALPINE

ROTARY FOUNDATION: BRUCE HURLEY

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: ARTHUR ALLEN

MEMBER LIAISON: LESLEY MACKENZIE

YOUTH SERVICES: JEFF WILSON

MEMBERSHIP: PETER SINDREY

MEETINGS:

CENTRAL HOTEL
231 THE ESPLANADE
LAKES ENTRANCE
CLUB MEETINGS AT
5:30PM 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY
EACH MONTH

CONTACTS:

MEETING ATTENDANCE AND ENQUIRIES: CONTACT
PRESIDENT MIKE GOODLUCK 0412 556 066

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

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PRESIDENT MIKE'S MONOLOGUE



First of all, I would like to warmly welcome Imie into the Lake Entrance Rotary Club and hope you enjoy our club as much as I have over the years. What a great talk from Louise Anketell we had last Wednesday and again I would like to thank Louise for the very interesting talk and for filling in at very short notice. Like I said on Wednesday, I feel our inside talks are some of the best and it's always interesting to learn more about our



fellow Rotarians

Our new roster seems to be working very well and it's a great chance to teach some of our newer Rotarians the ropes. The systems also helps to share the workload around.

A reminder that the Footy Fun Night is just around the corner and will be held at Wyanga Park Winery, 6pm for a 6.30 start on Wednesday 23rd Sept wear your favourite footy colours and if you don't have a fav team, just wear the colours of one of the teams playing in the Grand Final. Please send you numbers to Lesley and friends are welcome to attend.

We have set aside the 9th December for our annual Xmas Party and this will also be held at Wyanga Park Winery, please keep the date free.

Rotary Meeting Roster

Date	Property	Attendance	Meet & Greet	Invocation	4 Way Test	Vote of Thanks	Raffle
12-8-26	Derryn	Derryn	Bruce	Bernard	Rob	Bruce	N/A
26-8-26	Mike. G	Derryn	Peter. S	Paula	Peter. M	Sandy	N/A
9-9-26	Derryn	Derryn	Rob	Bruce	Mike. A	Don	N/A
23-9-26	Mike. G	Derryn/Peter. S	Arthur	Jeff	Arthur	N/A	Lesley /Rob
14-10-26	Derryn	Derryn/Elieen .D	Bernard	Victoria	Mike. G	Lesley	N/A
28-10-26	Derryn	Derryn/Maureen	Graeme	Sandy	Lesley	Arthur	N/A
11-11-26	Derryn	Derryn	N/A	Peter. M	Ula	N/A	N/A
25-11-26	Derryn/Sandra	Derryn/Mike. G	Jeff	Arthur	Bruce	Peter. S	N/A
9-12-26	Bernard	Lesley	Mike. G	Mike. A	Graeme	N/A	Peter/ Peter

Please let Lesley (mobile: 0419 871 197 email: carbin7e@bigpond.net.au) know by the Monday before an activity on the program below who will be going.

OUR CLUB PROGRAM *September 2026 to January 2027*

<i>DATE</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>SPEAKER or ORGANISER</i>	<i>VENUE</i>
SEPTEMBER 2nd	Dinner 5.30pm for 6pm	Arthur Allen	Saigon Seasons RSL
SEPTEMBER 9th	Board Meeting 4.30pm Club Assembly 5.30pm	Mike Goodluck Trevor Hancock. Antique appraisal	Central Hotel
SEPTEMBER 23rd	Footy Night 6pm	Mike Goodluck	Wyanga Park Winery
OCTOBER 7th	Dinner 5.30pm for 6pm	Arthur Allen	Esplanade Cafe
OCTOBER 14th	Board 4.30pm AGM 5.30pm & Club Assembly	Mike Goodluck Crystal Stubbs. East Gippsland Art Gallery	Central Hotel
OCTOBER 28th	Club Assembly 5.30pm	James Nicholas, Getting prepared for fire season	Central Hotel
OCTOBER 31 st to JANUARY 24th	Saturday Night Raffles & dinner 6pm	Rob Curnow	Entertainment Centre
NOVEMBER 2nd	Cup Eve Dinner 6pm	Mike Goodluck	Esplanade Cafe
NOVEMBER 11th	Board Meeting 4.30pm Club Assembly 5.30pm	Mike Goodluck	Central Hotel
NOVEMBER 12 th to 15th	Bemm River Fishing	Rob Curnow	Bemm River
NOVEMBER 25th	Club Assembly	Vanessa Ebsworth Mentoring Students Program	Central Hotel
DECEMBER 9th	Xmas Party 6pm	Mike Goodluck	Wyanga Park Winery
DEC 6 th to MAR 6th	Rotary Raffle	Bernard Abrecht	Various
JANUARY 27th	Progressive Dinner 5.30pm	Bruce Hurley	TBC

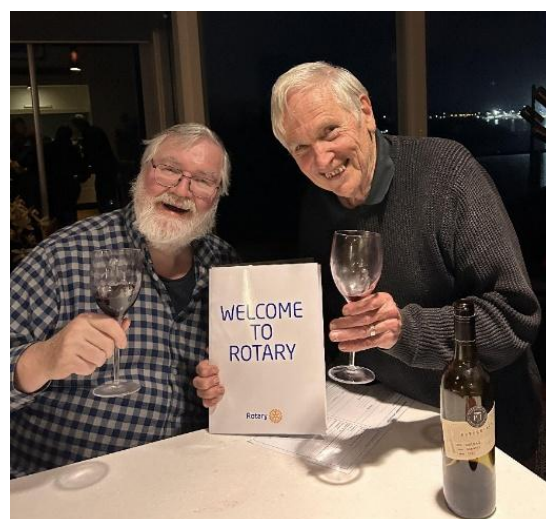
PHOTOS AUGUST 26TH CLUB ASSEMBLY



Latest tank installation Timor – Leste. East Gippsland Rotary Clubs are supporting further tank & toilet block installations in remote Timor-Leste villages during 2026-27



Louise describing her migration experiences at the Club Assembly on 26th August



Imie receiving his Introductory Rotary kit from Bruce after the Club Assembly

July 2026 – A visit to Harcourt and then Yea, Yarck and Ruffy

I made a short 3-day visit to central Victoria, to catch up with those Rotarians involved in the recovery efforts following the devastating bushfires that hit the area in early 2026.

In many ways, the extent of the fires mirrored what we experienced during the Black Summer Fires in East Gippsland in 2019/2020. It was for that reason that our Clubs in East Gippsland were prompt in offering help.

In Harcourt, 100 kms west of Yea, many homes were destroyed, along with other buildings and much infrastructure. While the debris from the fires has been substantially removed, there did not appear to be many signs of reconstruction, at least at this early stage.

A cash donation to the Rotary Club of Castlemaine was used to acquire two washing machines and dryers, placed in the Harcourt Community Centre for use by those who were in need of such facilities.

In 2020, our Cluster in East Gippsland had built an amenities unit containing showers, toilets, hand basins and washing machines. This unit, along with a trailer of tools to help with recovery, were both sent on loan to Yea. In addition, some Clubs offered cash donation to assist the locals.

The Rotary Club of Yea, and PP Darryl King in particular, spearheaded the effort to assist those worst affected by the fires and the gratitude for their efforts was clearly evident. I saw residents, stopping in the streets to thank Rotary for its work.

In the Yea region, Yarck and Ruffy were particularly hard hit and, again, signs of rebuilding was relatively scarce.

The East Gippsland Amenities Unit has been stationed next to the Community Hall in Ruffy – one building saved from fire. This site is now the one place where the locals can gather to talk as well as to exchange / collect / and donate food and clothing items.

There is a great deal of work to be undertaken by the locals in the region, and it will take some years to complete. Even so, help is underway and all the locals are doing their best to support each other. Blaze Aid is again on site to help with fencing, and I also noted donations from various vendors in Yea, gifting food and clothing to those in need.

While I was in the area, I was conscious of the feelings of the locals and, therefore, I did not want to be taking heaps of photographs, as if I was a tourist.

Readers should simply be assured that there is much work being undertaken to rebuild the residential and community infrastructure in the region. It will take time and the locals are providing wonderful support for each other.

The efforts by Darryl King and the Yea Rotarians to help fire victims in the area has been, and is being, gratefully received. It is a fine demonstration of the help Rotary offers to others in need.

Peter Sindrey Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance



**Darryl King: Past President & Coordinator
of Rotary Fire Recovery in Yea Region
And
RC Yea President Ann Drysdale**

**The East Gippsland Amenities Unit is
stationed in Ruffy, one of the worst-hit
locations during the fires.**

**Housing and amenities are scarce, and
22 people are using our shower facilities
every day.**



An indication of the ferocity of the fires.

**This unit was parked at the edge of the
roadside, as the location was assessed
as being the safest place for the unit to
be protected from the fires.**

**A proposal is that it stands at this site to
demonstrate the events of early 2026.**

Our Clubs Progressive Dinner

To start activities after the Christmas New year period there will be a progressive dinner on Wednesday 27th January 2027. The first course will be held at the Anketells and the second and main course will be at the Sindreys. We are looking for someone to volunteer to do the dessert or third course. If you are willing please contact Bruce on 0400 196 797 or brucehurley46@gmail.com. Closer to the time we will be asking Rotarians to help by providing a dish for one of the three courses.

Guest Speaker for 9th September is Trevor Hancock on antique jewellery. Trevor is willing to do valuations on any antique jewellery you have.

Rotary e-Club Latitude 38 Event

The e-Club of Latitude 38 is hosting a special Rotary event in Bairnsdale for members of Rotary Community Group 7, and we warmly invite fellow Rotarians to join us. This email is to seek expressions of interest from your club members. Potential and Honorary Rotarians are also most welcome.

Event: Rotary Community Group 7 Gathering & Expo

Date: Saturday, 24 October 2026

Venue: Bairnsdale Club, 68 Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Cost: Please purchase your own food and beverages from the venue. Three main meal options and a range of drinks will be available.

Program highlights:

- Connect with fellow Rotarians, strengthen friendships, and renew acquaintances in a welcoming and relaxed setting.
- Take part in a walk along the banks of the Mitchell River to raise awareness of domestic violence by wearing purple shirts.
- a presentation from Kate Graham, CEO of Gippsland Women's Health.
- Enjoy lunch together in the Bairnsdale Club bistro.
- Participate in an afternoon expo where clubs are invited to showcase a project that demonstrates the difference Rotary is making.
- Presentations may highlight initiatives that have increased impact or strengthened a club's ability to adapt and grow.

Members of the e-Club of Latitude 38 are looking forward to getting to know members of Rotary Community Group 7 and are pleased to extend the hand of friendship.

If your club is interested in participating, please let me know by 31 July 2026. You can contact me.

We look forward to sharing a memorable day together and wish you a wonderful Rotary year as we continue creating lasting impact. For more information contact Di Harrison at di16harrison@gmail.com

OTHER ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

					
Lakes Entrance RC	2nd and 4th 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 3rd 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 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		

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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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