



**Rotary**  
Lakes Entrance



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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

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CLUB SECRETARY: PETER SINDREY

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PROGRAM COORDINATOR: SANDY YEATS

MEMBER LIAISON: LESLEY MACKENZIE

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

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## **PRESIDENT BERNARD'S BRIEFING**

Thanks to all for attending the meeting this evening and hearing from Aislin, a truly inspiring young lady; and more about that in a moment.

In addition, there is heaps of information in the Bulletin relevant to Club activities, including details of upcoming events.

Next Wednesday we are invited back to the Bowls Club for a social game on the greens, followed by dinner at the Club. Always great fun, especially for the true amateurs who can get some hints from the experts in the Club. Please join us at 6 PM next Wednesday.

And there is lots of information about our Annual Melbourne Cup Eve event on Monday 4 November. We hope to see a large crowd to celebrate, so please read the details and contact Lesley early when planning to come.

## **OUR SPEAKER TONIGHT**



Our guest tonight was two-time Olympian Aislin Jones who told us about her journey to reach the Paris Olympics, competing in the Skeet shooting event, first as a solo shooter and, later, in the mixed event.

Until 2024, Aislin's extensive experience included being a seven-times National Women's Champion in Skeet shooting. She also represented Australia at the Rio Olympics in 2016 and in the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

And now, we heard from this inspiring lady about her experiences during the Paris Olympics. She shared her story about the complex and arduous processes she followed to qualify for the Olympics and the emotions she experienced when representing her country at an Olympic Games.



Aislin has longer term ambitions to continue her career in Skeet shooting at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics and the 2032 Olympics (yet to be located). We leave the evening full of confidence to believe she will continue to succeed as an international athlete.

We were keen to hear from Aislin, a Lakes Entrance lady, as our Club contributed towards the funding necessary for her to compete in Paris. Years earlier, our Club also helped her when she travelled to the 2016 Olympics in Rio. In 2016 she addressed the Club, expressing her appreciation. Again tonight, Aislin thanked the Lakes Rotary Club for our support.

We will watch her progress with great interest, confident that we will see her visit our Club again.



## OUR ANNUAL CUP EVE CELEBRATIONS



This year, our Melbourne Cup Eve night will be a little smaller than in previous years, but it promises to be up to the usual Rotary standard, and at a new and different venue.

Our friends at the Esplanade Café (251 The Esplanade) have offered us their function room for the evening, at the rear of the Café Bar & Grill. So, we have the room to ourselves to have some fun and entertainment.

Entry to the night will be \$30 per person which will give you a meal, plus a ticket in the lucky door prizes. As always, drinks at bar prices.



Also, during the course of the evening we will have two race sweeps – including with amazing phantom race calls for each – AND a raffle with 2 great prizes.

If you are coming along on Cup Eve, don't forget 3 things:

1. Dress up in racing style for the evening – wear your best 'Raceday' outfit and the bookie for the night will provide a bottle of champagne for the winner.
2. Call Lesley and let her know you are coming so we are aware of numbers.
3. Bring some money with you for the sweeps and the raffle.



**Our evening starts at 6 PM on Cup Eve, Monday 4 November 2024**

**Esplanade Café Bar & Grill, 251 The Esplanade**



## A VISIT TO NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Many of you will be aware of a decision made by the Club's Board, in relation to donations to worthy causes, particularly those in the local area. We agreed that we should consider making smaller donations, as progressive payments, instead of waiting till the end of the Rotary year before dispersing all funds.

This week, Bernard and Peter attended Neighbourhood House where Bernard presented a payment of \$1,000 to their President (Penny-Ann Clark) and Manager (Gayle Webster). The donation was seen as timely, given the huge workload facing the Centre in the lead-up to the Christmas period.

While there, Penny-Ann and Gayle acknowledged the tireless work undertaken by volunteers at the Centre, including a number of Rotarians and their partners, in providing day-to-day support to maintain the operation of the facility.

We will place an article in the Lakes Post, with the intention of encouraging other organisations and individuals to donate to the Centre during the festive and holiday period.



## CAR RAFFLE CANCELLATION

The end of an era.

We received some disappointing news in the last week that the Rotary Club of Ballarat South will not be holding their annual car raffle this year.

This decision, arising from matters beyond their control, will have an impact on our own Club because we have gained considerable benefit from ticket sales for some years. That benefit has helped us with our work to assist in our projects, both locally and beyond.



We thank the Rotary Club of Ballarat South for their work to conduct raffles over the years. Also, we especially thank those associated with our own Club who have devoted great time and energy to selling raffle tickets.

## OTHER LOCAL 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 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

## BOWLS NIGHT NEXT WEDNESDAY

Join us next Wednesday for a social evening at the Bowls Club. Try out on the greens and enjoy dinner in the Club. A 6 PM start.



## BUNNINGS BBQ

Our next scheduled date to manage the BBQ at Bunnings, Bairnsdale will be on Sunday 17 November 2024.

We know that these BBQs give us the opportunity to acquire much needed funding for our Projects. So, we will be looking for volunteers to assist on the day. Please make Sandy aware if you can help.



### DO YOU HAVE A FIRE PLAN ??

We all hope we will not need one, but it is better to have a comprehensive fire plan in place, just in case it is needed. If you have bad fires near you, remember hot ash can travel up to 10-15 kms and start spot fires.



In these circumstances you cannot always expect a fire truck to arrive at the last minute because, on many occasions, demands for help by lots of people will mean that emergency services are stretched to the limit.



And make sure your driveway is 'fire truck friendly'. For a fire truck to get to your home it will need a 4m clearance, both width and height, for the fire vehicle to gain access.

You can obtain some excellent help by Googling "CFA Your Bushfire Plan".

## CLUB RAFFLES

The raffle season starts soon at the Sports and Community Club, and we look forward to you joining our members on Saturday evenings to manage the raffles and, for those interested, to enjoy a meal with friends.

Raffles commence on Saturday 2 November and continue until Saturday 25 January. Please join the group and help grow the Club's funding.



## OUR CLUB PROGRAM

Date		Meeting Type	Venue	Program	Remarks
	Wednesday 30 October	Opp Social	Bowls Club	6pm Social dinner	
Nov	Monday 4 November	Melbourne Cup Eve	Esplanade Cafe	Cup Eve-Sweeps, raffles, Games , prizes-\$30/head for a great dinner & entertainment	
	Monday 11 November	Remembrance Day	Cenotaph	Wreath Laying	
	Wednesday 13 November	Club Meeting & Board Meeting	Central Hotel	CPR demo by Ambulance professionals	
	Sunday 17 November	BBQ	Bunnings Bairnsdale	Volunteers Needed	
	Wednesday 20 November	Club Meeting	Central Hotel	Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Hawthorn	
	Friday 22 November	Bemm River	Bemm River	Annual Fishing Weekend Friday 22 to Sunday 24 November	
	Wednesday 27 November	Meeting Cancelled		P & O Cruise 25/29 November	
Dec	Wednesday 4 December	Opp Social	Lake Tyers Tavern	6pm Social dinner	
	Wednesday 11 December	Club Meeting & Board Meeting	Wyanga Park	Christmas Function	

*Can all members please ensure that they contact Lesley – 0419 871 197 – to confirm attendance, by lunchtime on the Monday before a scheduled meeting.*



## OUR CLUB SPONSORS

Our Club acknowledges the generous support, which continues to be offered by our ten 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.



**Bucha & Gelantipy  
Racing Club**



**Lakes Entrance Bowls Club**

