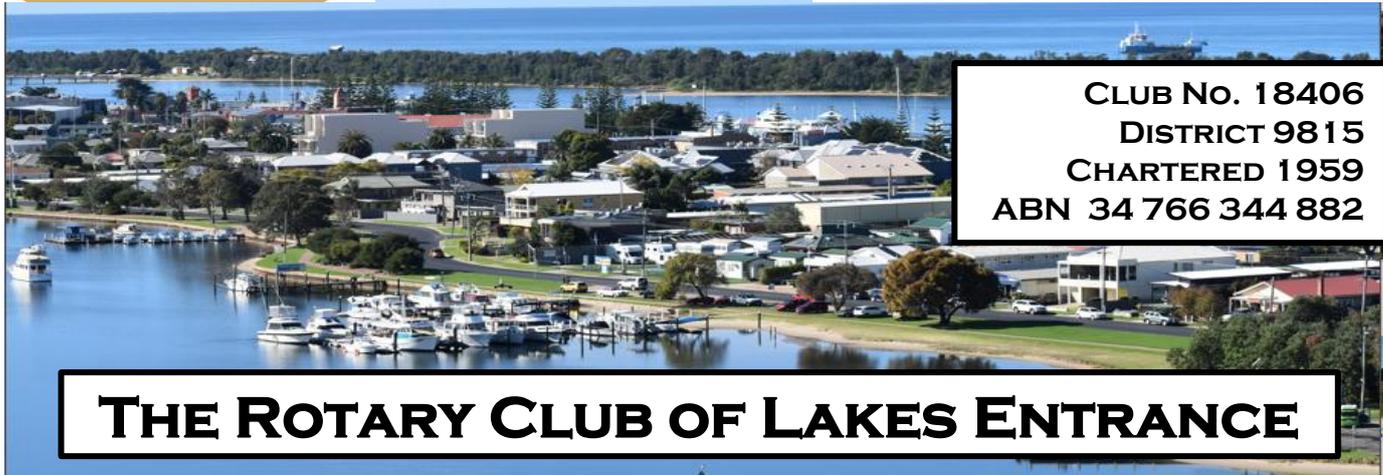




Rotary
Lakes Entrance



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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**

CONTACTS:

MEETING ATTENDANCE: LESLEY MACKENZIE 0419 871 197

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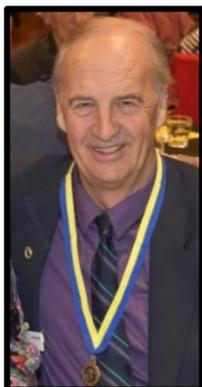
***IF YOU ARE ATTENDING A MEETING, YOU MUST ADVISE LESLEY
IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.***

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PRESIDENT BERNARD'S BRIEFING



Hello all, and we trust that President Bernard and Secretary Peter are enjoying a well-earned break.

Tonight, we received a presentation from Josephine Jakobi, a 4th generation resident of Lakes, who is both an environmentalist and a local artist. Josephine provided a passionate talk, supporting the concept of developing a nature reserve in the land known to us all as 55 Palmers Road.

Josephine presented options to develop the area in support of a sustainable ecosystem, and incorporating modest 'café-type' facilities, so that the area would become a wonderful, ever-changing, growing environment, attractive for tourists and locals, both young and old.



She suggested additional support was needed to convince Shire & State authorities that funding was needed for development. Following discussions after her presentation, the matter will be listed for our next Club Board meeting, with the possibility that our Club could prepare a letter of support.

MELBOURNE CUP EVE

With our Cup Eve celebrations only 12 days away, it's important to book your seats with Leslie, if you are attending. It will definitely be a fun night – see details page 3.



RAFFLES AT LAKES SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Starting on Saturday 1 November, we commence our annual Saturday night raffles at the Lakes Sports & Community Club, one of our Club's major sponsors. Come along and help our Club members sell raffle tickets in aid of our project activities.

After the raffle you are all invited to join us for a meal at the Club.



Melbourne Cup Eve

Monday 3 November, Esplanade Café

Don't forget to book with Lesley – 0419 871 197

- Includes entrée
- Includes any one of 5 choices of the main course
- Includes ticket in the lucky door prize
- Ladies & gentlemen – race gear please
- \$40 per head

Melbourne Cup Eve
Monday 3 November

- Raffles
- Phantom Calls
- Sweeps

Great prizes – come along & invite some friends

Call and book your seats with Lesley on 0419 871 197

Esplanade Café
5:30PM Start



Fire restrictions are starting early this year, due to the lack of any decent rainfall. Monday the 27th of October is when fire restrictions come into force for the East Gippsland Shire.



Therefore, from Monday the 27th with fire restrictions in place you are not permitted to burn-off without a written permit in your possession. Anyone starting a fire or allowing a fire to keep burning within a fire danger period can be prosecuted and leave themselves open to substantial penalties.

AN UPDATE FROM FIJI

Members will recall that, some time ago, our Club donated funds to the Rotary Club in Taveuni, Fiji, to assist in a rebuild of the Dreketi school on Fiji's Qamea Island. The previous school was destroyed in a cyclone.

At the time, and with the help of many Rotary Clubs in Australia and overseas, the funding for all the equipment and materials was acquired. The next step was to transport the goods from Suva to Qamea Island, a distance of 240 km, across the Pacific Ocean on an enormous barge. Initially, it was understood that the Fijian Government would cover transport costs but that was found not to be the case. The issue seemed to be that a major source of income for Fiji, tourism, dried up during Covid and Government budgets were severely limited.

Again, the Fijian Rotary Club sought funding and the latest report from Qamea Island is that the money has been acquired. All the equipment, materials and goods have now been transported to the island and work is now underway to construct the school in time for its opening in early 2026.

A great outcome as a result of the generosity of many, including 19 Rotary Clubs in Victoria, some in Sydney as well as other Clubs in the Pacific region – and even one in Numberg, Germany.

It's taken 4 years and 4 months, but the school is now 'under construction'.



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
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

Date		Meeting Type	Venue	Program	Remarks
Nov	Monday 3rd	OS Dinner	Esplanade Cafe	Cup Eve	5:30PM
Nov	Wednesday 12th	Club Assembly	Central Hotel		5:30PM
Nov	Wednesday 12th	Bemm River 12-16	Bemm River 12-16	Bemm River 12-16	
Nov	Monday 17th	Board Meeting	45 Nautilus Way, Lakes Entrance	4:30 PM	4:30 PM
Nov	Wednesday 26 th	Club Assembly	St Brendan's Hobby Room	Victoria Quiz Night	5:30 PM
Dec	Wednesday 10th	Xmas Party	Wyanga Park Winery	5:30 PM	5:30 PM
Dec/Jan		Xmas Break	Xmas Break	Xmas Break	
Feb	Friday 6th	OS Dinner	Progressive Dinner	Partners Night	5:30 PM

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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