



**Rotary**  
Lakes Entrance



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

## **THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE**

**BULLETIN No. 11 of 2025/2026: DATE 13 NOVEMBER 2025**

**PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: FRANCESCO AREZZO**

**DISTRICT 9815 GOVERNOR: PETER BEHM**

**DISTRICT 9815 GIPPSLAND REGIONAL GROUP**

**GIPPSLAND REGIONAL ASSISTANT GOVERNOR: BILL DEGNAN**

**CLUB PRESIDENT: BERNARD ABRECHT**

**CLUB 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**

**MEMBERSHIP: PETER SINDREY**

### **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 TO ALLOW SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.***

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## **PRESIDENT BERNARD'S BRIEFING**

So, it's a double briefing this week.

### ***From Bernard***

Greetings from Bernard at Bemm River where the fish are biting and there's not a traffic light to be seen!! They say there's a chance of light rain in the afternoon, but the weather man hasn't always been right.



Early reports are good, with the advance party catching 14 fish on the first morning, with Rob leading the field. It looks like there will be plenty to eat on Saturday night.

### ***From Peter S***

Back in Lakes our meeting this week featured a briefing from Bruce on recent progress in developing the township, and the work by the Lakes Entrance Action & Development Association (LEADA) to represent community interests in improving our wonderful location. Bruce explained the various projects underway, or planned, and provided options for those present to raise issues for consideration.

While there is always much more to be undertaken, visitors to Lakes are just astounded by the progress in the town, especially since the end of Covid.

It is testament to the LEADA Committee that they have been able to represent the residents of our township so well and we congratulate Bruce and his team on a great effort over a sustained period of years.

Those who have not done so already are encouraged to join LEADA, to provide support for its ongoing work. Details can be found on [leada.com.au](http://leada.com.au).



## DISTRICT GRANT APPROVED

The Club received approval this week for a District Grant to update and refurbish the 'Welcome' sign at the eastern entry to town. This work complements the task undertaken last year to replace the old 'Welcome' sign on Kalimna Hill at the western end of town.

Work on this new sign is expected to be completed before the Christmas tourism season. The task will be jointly funded by our Club and a District Grant on a 50/50 basis.



## ESSO GRANT RECEIVED



Esso Australia's recently announced a donation to our Club of \$2,000 to assist us in our work for vulnerable Lakes Entrance community members affected by drought, bushfire, and homelessness. The funding was deposited to our account this week.

The Club's Board is now working with others in the community to determine the best way this generous donation will be used. More details will come shortly.

# BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES

Members would be aware of the work our Club has undertaken at Bunnings in Bairnsdale, selling sausages to the public. This very profitable task provides us with much-needed funds to assist us in our projects.

Our thanks go to all the members who, as a team, have helped at Bunnings in the past. In particular, we thank Sandy for his tireless work (and many hours spent) in all the organising and implementation of each event. We are grateful to Sandy for his wonderful contribution to our Club and the communities we serve.



Our next scheduled date to manage the site is on Sunday 23 November and we have sufficient volunteers to complete the task on that day. After that date the next scheduled date is Sunday 11 January 2026, but there may be other times available to our Club as Bunnings are now reviewing their short-term schedules.

If further opportunities arise Sandy will send emails out to Club members to see if volunteers are available. So please keep your eye out for further information and let Sandy know if you can assist.

# ALDI (AND BUNNINGS) RAFFLES

<b>ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE</b>	<b>UNITE FOR GOOD</b>	<b>Rotary</b> 
Date: .....	<b>ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE RAFFLE</b>	
Name: .....	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize:</b> \$1,000 Aldi Vouchers	
Phone: .....	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:</b> \$400 Bunnings Vouchers	
Address: .....	Tickets \$2.00	
.....	<small>Drawn: March 7, 2026. Winners notified by phone. All profits to assist Rotary activities in the local community and beyond.</small>	
Ticket No. ....	<small>Printed by James Taylor Printing Pty. Ltd. 0111</small>	Ticket No. ....

More raffles !!!  
Bernard will soon be offering raffle books for our Club's Christmas/New Year raffle. First prizes this year is \$1,000 in Aldi vouchers and a second prize of \$400 in Bunnings vouchers. Great to pop into your Christmas cards to friends and family.

## EVENTS IN COMING MONTHS

<u>Date: November</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Raffles	6PM Lakes Sports and Community Club
Monday 17th	Board Meeting	Peter Sindrey's Residence at 4:30 PM
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Raffles	6PM Lakes Sports and Community Club
Wednesday 26th	Club Meeting	Esplanade Cafe
Saturday 29th	Raffles	6PM Lakes Sports and Community Club
Saturday December 6th	Raffles; continuing every Saturday night up to the Australia Day weekend	6PM Lakes Sports and Community Club
Wednesday December 10th	Xmas Party	Wyanga Park Winery

**Please Note: ALL Meeting Nights please inform Lesley Mackenzie Yes or No for your attendance. M: 0419 871 197**



## RAFFLES AT LAKES SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Rotary made an excellent start last week, to our annual Saturday Night Raffle season, with a small profit on an evening when the weather gods were not in our favour. Even so, it was fun to enjoy the atmosphere of the Club and for members to socialise over dinner.

We are grateful for the contributions made each week to Rotary by 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.



## 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
Orbst RC	1st and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month	6PM for 6:30PM	Orbst Club Gladstone St Orbst
Bairnsdale Sunrise RC	Wednesday Mornings	6:45AM for 7AM	The Hub, 27 Dalmahoy Street Bairnsdale
Rotary eClub Latitude 38	Make contact on <a href="mailto:eclublatitude38@mail.com">eclublatitude38@mail.com</a> for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on <a href="mailto:eclublatitude38@mail.com">eclublatitude38@mail.com</a> for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on <a href="mailto:eclublatitude38@mail.com">eclublatitude38@mail.com</a> for the latest Zoom link

# OUR CLUB PROGRAM

Date		Meeting Type	Venue	Program	Remarks
Nov	Wednesday 12th	Bemm River 12-16	Bemm River 12-16	Bemm River 12-16	
Nov	Monday 17th	Board Meeting	Peter Sindrey's Residence	4:30 PM	4:30 PM
Nov	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Club Assembly	Esplanade Cafe	N/A	5:30 PM
Dec	Wednesday 10th	Xmas Party	Wyanga Park Winery	6:00 PM	6:00 PM
Dec/Jan		Xmas Break	Xmas Break	Xmas Break	
Feb	Friday 6th	OS Dinner	Progressive Dinner	Partners Night	6:00 PM
Feb	Wednesday 11th	Board Meeting	Central Hotel	4:30 PM	4:30 PM
Feb	Wednesday 11th	Club Assembly	Central Hotel	5:30 PM	5:30 PM
Feb	Saturday 14th	Buchan Race Day	Buchan Race Club	N/A	N/A
Feb	Wednesday 25th	DG Peter Behm visit	Central Hotel	Cluster Clubs	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.



**Buchan & Gelantipy  
Racing Club**



**Lakes Entrance Bowls Club**

