



# Rotary Club of Traralgon

**Serving Through Rotary for 84 Years District 9815 Victoria**

The Club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month, Traralgon Golf Club. 6.00pm  
Attendance and apologies to Secretary Glenn Setches by 7.00 pm on Sundays please. Ph 0409 568 386

**30 September 2025**

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### President's Prattle

Hi all

Welcome to our very relaxed social / games night. Normally we would have a Vocational visit on the fifth Tuesday but that didn't work out this month so we'll hold it for later in the year with better weather.

Thanks first of all to everyone who was able to give time on Friday got the annual 'Tee up for Mental Health' Golf Day. With 180 golfers the field was huge but no real delays seemed obvious and everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves, especially as the inclement weather cleared reasonably quickly and the afternoon was very pleasant!! Final figures aren't in yet but it looks as though the disbursement total for Lifeline and the Club will be similar to past years, which is great news!



Please put December 16 in your diaries. We will be holding our Christmas get together at Narkoojee- 2 course meal will be \$55. Drinks at bar prices. As always this will be a partners' night. If you have other family, friends or potential Rotarians who might like to join us please also feel free to ask them. We will be getting invitations out soon for Honorary members, etc. Flyers will also be available.

Big news with the recovery of the time capsule today - photos on facebook and will be on the website, in the Express, etc. At least some articles hopefully displayed this evening!! Please add Wednesday 10th December to your calendars as we rebury the updated capsule which will be reopened in 2050!!!

Gardening at the Plaza continues to go well and I believe the targeted work we are doing now is really making a huge difference. Thanks are due to the committed group who look after this area of our service.

Traralgon Rotary Club meets on the traditional lands of the Brayakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past present and emerging and thank them for their long history of care for this land and its waterways.

Sandwich making will recommence next week for Term 4, with lots also happening in other schools as the year draws to a close - community awards at three schools, St Paul's first ever 'Wheely Day' In November, investigations into Junior Community Awards recommencing next year and the Interact Club hopefully commencing early in 2026. Lots to look forward to.

Please remember we have a Partners' night at our October 7 meeting which will be the District Governor's visit.

Best wishes to Lorraine as she gets her second knee done tomorrow - hope all goes well Looking forward to a fun night tonight.

Cheers

**President Janne**

### **Report of 16 September 2025**

**Sergeant Glenn Azlin** opened the meeting at 6.35 pm and welcomed visitors Glen and Rhonda Brand, Partners Sandra O'Brien and Trish Elliott and all Rotarians to the 3812th meeting of the Rotary Club of Traralgon.

**Invocation** was read by Alana Storey

**Toast:** "Peace in the World"

**Chair for the Evening Ron Elliott** commenced the meeting by challenging all to complete a sheet of 26 anagrams – finding the complete word. Only one word per alphabet character in the list.

Rotarian Behind the Badge: **Rotarian Tom Corrigan** spoke about his life and work. Tom was born in 1950, one of 3 brothers. His father left his mother when he was 2 year old, so he was raised much of his childhood in a single parent family. His grandparents were a major support and had a lot to do with their upbringing.

Tom started school at Grey St Primary School, but moved to Liddiard Rd Primary School when it was established. He then went on the Traralgon Technical School and described himself as the "Star Pupil". He left school in form 5

Tom's first job was at Super World, then at the Milk Factory, the Billiard Room, Haymes Television (where he took to electronics) and finally to the State Electricity Commission as a "Pick and Shovel Man". In securing the position at the SEC, he discovered at a Medical Examination that he had vision problems; however, the SEC were not overly concerned it seems. In his 45 years' service with the SEC Tom worked his way up to become a Unit Operator and Shift Supervisor. The SEC training system was very good.

Tom Married in 1981, but his wife died 18 months later, leaving him with 3 of her children. Tom married his wife's elder sister, and they had 3 more children. In recent years Tom and his wife have divorced

Tom's hobbies are CB Radio, Amateur Radio, the Walhalla Heritage Development League (Life Member), CFA (signed up by the SEC) and he collects telephones.

He has been a Bail Justice and is now a Justice of the Peace and a Rotarian

**Chair Ron** thanked Tom for his interesting talk.

Chair Ron reminded all members about Simon Trebilcock's **Spectacles for September** program. Rotarians who have old specs at home are asked to get them to Simon as soon as possible. Ron said that he was contacting the 700 members of the Golf Club to seek old specs from them.

**Charlie Speirs** gave an apology for **President Janne** who is away on Rotary District business as Chair of International Projects. Janne is currently also working to get a grant to assist drought affected farmers in the Sarsfield area,

Charlie announced that the next meeting would be a Games Night. Gavan would be catering for the night, as our caterers are currently unavailable

**Chair Ron** reported on the **Charity Golf Day** to be held on 26 September 25. He has been inundated with applicants. The field is full at the course maximum of 180 players (There were 145 players last year). The boat has been organized for the “Ball in the Boat” competition. Ron thanks the volunteers for the Golf Day Barbecue roster

Ron also reported on the sandwich making project. We have made 10,000 sandwiches this year supplying them to local schools and schools at Rosedale and Glengarry.

**Terry Carmichael.** The Bunnings BBQ last Saturday was a success making \$948 plus a \$200 donation from Ray Duxbury. Terry said that the first meeting of the month would be a recycling night.

**Chris O'Brien** spoke about the imminent opening of the **Time Capsule**. He explained that the Time Capsule is located in Victory Park and is under a 3½ tonne lump of rock. The Time Capsule is a steel box within a vault made of a 1500 mm concrete pipe; all located under the rock.

Chris invited **Past President Glen Brand** to speak on the unearthing and subsequent reburial of the current time capsule. Glen said that the capsule was buried during his year as Club President, but, being 25 years ago, his recollection of details was scant. Glen had researched the references in the Traralgon Journal and Latrobe Valley Express. The original Capsule was planted in December 1975, when Leon Bartlett was Club President. It was lifted and opened on 1 October 2000 and reburied in December 2000. Items from the capsule were taken to Décor Manor, Wolf Becker's shop in Hotham St where the items were distributed to the respective recipients. The late Ron Skinner organized the raising and opening in October 2000. He organized the City Band to be in attendance and had a barbecue for those attending. Ron passed away in November 2000, so did not see the reburial of the capsule.

Glen recounted that the capsule included letters from parents to their children, locks of hair, letters from wives to husbands. There were also historical items of interest. He believed that some people put the items from 1975 back into the 2000 capsule.

**Norm Butler** recounted that he was recruited to help by Angus Pollock who needed guidance on barbecuing as he had never barbecued before. It was rainy on the day of the unearthing in 2000 and the barbecue was carried out under a tarpaulin.

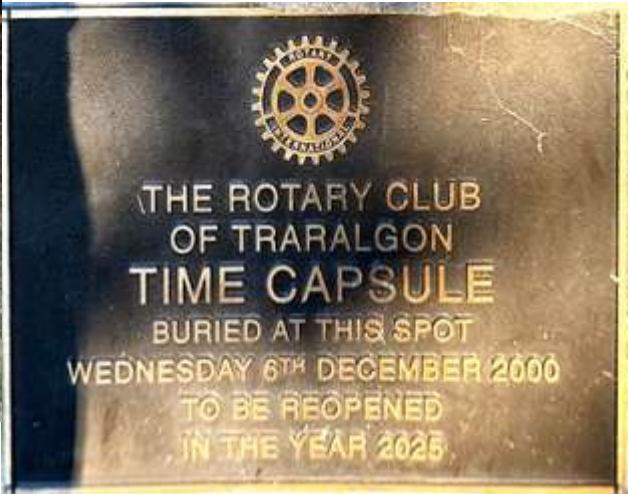
Chris O'Brien is arranging a committee to organize the unearthing and reburial of the Time Capsule. His intention is to make it a significant day.

**Fines Session.** **Sergeant Glenn Azlin** conducted a fines session at which car owner who had washed their cars before the rain, Collingwood supporters and Ron Elliott for the difficult quiz that he had set were among those whose pockets were lightened.

**Chair for the Evening Ron Elliott** thanked all for coming, particularly Glen and Rhonda and closed the meeting at 7.50pm



## Time Capsule



**Tee up for  
Mental Health  
Golf Day**

**FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**TRARALGON GOLF CLUB**

Hosted by Martin Cameron (MLA) Member for Morwell

The Rotary Golf Day takes hours of organisation and preparation. Ron Elliott looks after the practical organisation, receiving team entries and organising starting times and places. Treasurer Peter has been spending hours every day for the last 2 months, with financial matters, invoicing sponsors and liaising with them about their contribution and donations. The administrative work of ACSO (Australian Community Support Organisation) truly makes a huge difference. The day would not be possible without their support.

On the day, work starts early, around 7.30am setting up the BBQ and preparing for the Ball in the Boat and supervision of the 'hole in one' tee. The team of volunteers are there for hours, some for the whole day. After a brief introduction led by Ron Elliott and a couple of speakers, teams spread out all over the course to begin the competition. As the day draws to a close, afternoon tea is served in the club rooms, organised by ACSO, followed by an auction of some prizes, ably conducted by our own Gavan Hodgson. He was able to give a good promotion of the work of Rotary. The competition winners are then announced and the raffle draw conducted. It was after 6pm before the work was finished and volunteers were able to go home.



## Spectacular Spectacles

During September 2025, the Rotary Club of Traralgon are collecting spectacles and sunglasses to support an eye care program in Africa. Our "Spec-tember" appeal.

Still collecting this week at our meeting.

For further information: <https://www.eyesforafrica.org/>

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## Statistics for 16 September 2025

### Apologies:

Wolf Becker, Debby Butler, Russell Davidson, Gradwell Fredericks  
 Heather den Houting, Ann Moloney, Adele Nardino, Helen O'Brien,  
 Lorraine Paulet, Jan Riddle, Ray Scheffer, Glenn Setches, Janne  
 Speirs, Endel Vallak, Janet Wallis, Peter Wallis

**Leave of Absence:** Simon Hemming

### Visiting Rotarians:

**Partners:** Trish Elliott, Sandra O'Brien

**Guests:** Glen Brand, Rhonda Brand.

Statistics	
No of members	37
Member Apologies	16
LOA	1
Members Present	20
Visiting Rotarians	
Partners	2
Guests	2
Total	24

### Recent and upcoming Celebrations and Anniversaries :

INDUCTIONS	
BIRTHDAYS	3 October Jan Inglis
ANNIVERSARIES	

### ROTARY INVOCATION

For good food, good fellowship  
 and the opportunity to serve  
 through Rotary, we give thanks.

### THE 4 WAY TEST

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

1. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
2. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all

**This is our club's 3813th dinner meeting. We have hosted 129 Business Breakfasts**

**District Website:** Information relating to Clubs within our District may be found via the following address:  
<http://www.district9820.org>

**Club website:** [www.traralgonrotary.com](http://www.traralgonrotary.com)

**Facebook :** 'Traralgon Rotary', like us and request to become a friend.

	This Meeting 30 September 2025	Next Meeting 6 October 2025
<b>Programme</b>	<b>Social and Games Night</b>	<b>District Governor Visit</b>
<b>Speaker</b>		DG Peter Behm
<b>Speakers Chair</b>		P Janne Speirs
<b>Sergeant</b>	NA	Gavan Hodgson
<b>Cashiers</b>	Heather den Houting & Jan Inglis	Michael Rossiter & Glenn Setches
<b>Greeters</b>	Paul Gardiner & Ian Keith	Chris O'Brien & Alana Storey
<b>Bulletin</b>	Janet Wallis	Ron Elliott