



Rotary Club of Traralgon

Serving Through Rotary for 84 Years District 9815 Victoria

The Club meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th 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

7 October 2025

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President's Prattle

Well, what a week it's been since the Time Capsule was unearthed on Tuesday morning. Many thanks again to Chris O'Brien for organising everything with Council and again, to all those who came down to see the whole thing unfold.

That however was only the start!!!! Since then I have had a call from ABC Gippsland and did a few minutes at about 7.20 on Thursday morning, following which Rae Mackay received an email from a lady who was present when the 2000 Capsule opening took place and had items in the current capsule as well as some that had been returned to the capsule in 2000 from 1975 so we actually unearthed at least some material which dated back to the original Capsule!!!

Since Wednesday, Chris, Rae, Norm, Gavan and others have been sorting and alphabetising the envelopes ready for them to be collected. Norm has made up a spreadsheet as well as a Word document of the names, Chris has written a Press Release for the Express, which, with a couple of photos from Tuesday has been submitted for (hopefully) inclusion in next week's paper, Norm has created a cover letter which, on Club letterhead, will be given with each collected envelope and Chris is also looking at a venue where for a couple of weeks later this month we can have a space where people can easily pop in to claim their item/s.



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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.



decision is still being made on auctioning or raffling the wine which was in the Capsule and that will be decided soon. The stated purpose of gaining some funds for the wine was to assist in affraying the costs associated with our current undertaking.

Publicity regarding the availability of new envelopes – hopefully also to be available for collection in October – at the same cost as in 2000 – again only with the intention of underwriting the cost of this 2025 Capsule readiness, will also go into the Express as well on our facebook page and the website.

A huge amount of work has already been undertaken in a short amount of time and it is now a case of returning material to its rightful owners and creating the opportunity for individuals, school and businesses / industry to fill our 2025 Capsule.



We also have an event to plan for December 10th and so as mentioned on Tuesday evening, we will need assistance in ascertaining contacts for those who may have been involved in the 2000 event, as well as others who should be present.

Tonight we are pleased to welcome DG Peter Behm and PE Chris Hansen from Peter's home Club of Noble Park Dingley. Unfortunately Peter's wife Gail scored babysitting duties and we will miss seeing her, but it will be great to meet Chris.

Cheers

President Janne



Report of 30 September 2025

Glenn Azlin welcomed us to the meeting, particularly partners Li Azlin, Trish Elliott, Sandy Butler, Karen Mackay, Judy Setches, and Sandra O'Brien

Glen had prepared a most valuable powerpoint documenting the uplifting of the time capsule at Victory park, from the first sod, enthusiastically dug up by council workers, to the involvement of the heavy machinery it was an entertaining morning. Several Rotary members were there to witness the event. Those who had been there 25 years ago knew what to expect. Most were surprised by the size of the capsule. Norm and Sandy Butler, Brian Lythgow, Chris O'Brien were there 25 years ago, and Brian Lythgow had been there to witness the burial of the original time capsule 50 years ago.

Rod, one of the council workers, had also been present for the burial of the capsule in the year 2000.

On 10 December 2025 we will re-bury the capsule. It is still to be decided what will go in. Thought is being given to who will be invited to participate, including past Rotarians or their partners, friends of the club and people in the community. People in the community will also be invited to contribute as they were previously.

The contents of the capsule were available for perusal on the table – not all were unwrapped from the protective plastic. Obviously there were many letters from people in the community. These will be returned to the writers, or their immediate family as much as possible. They may be buried again, or family members may choose to keep them in their own family history.

We were given a summary of the Golf Day. The important news is that it was an extremely successful day with 60 teams, which means 180 players. Players were very good humoured, which was excellent given that play is slower with this many people involved. Many visited the BBQ and the team served 16 packets of sausages (that's over 400).

Peter gave brief run down of income from the Golf day

Sponsors \$21,534

Team Entries \$ 4,690

Fundraising \$9,421—Ball in the boat, raffle, auction, sales.

Members were then invited to join in a brilliant meal prepared by Gavan and his team, and then to enjoy a variety of games and puzzles. Michael Rossiter was the winner of the coin push with a massive 70 points. A fun relaxed night for all present.



Statistics for 30 September 2025

Apologies: Carol Crewe, Russell Davidson, Darryl Marks, Ann Moloney, Adele Nardino, Helen O'Brien, Lorraine Paulet, Jan Riddle, Wolf Becker, Gradwell Fredericks, Virginia Gissara

Leave Of Absence: Simon Hemming

Partners: Li Azlin, Sandy Butler, Trish Elliott, Karen Mackay, Sandra O'Brien, Judy Setches

Statistics	
No of members	36
Member Apologies	11
LOA	1
Members Present	24
Visiting Rotarians	
Partners	6
Guests	
Total	30

Recent and upcoming Celebrations and Anniversaries :

INDUCTIONS	
BIRTHDAYS	7 October Christine Marks; 9 October Ray Scheffer; 11 October Janne Speirs; 14 October Charlie Speirs; 17 October Li Azlin; 18 October Sandra O'Brien; 21 October Judy Setches & Peter Wallis
ANNIVERSARIES	10 October Darryl & Christine Marks

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 3814th 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

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

	This Meeting 7 October 2025	Next Meeting 21 October 2025
Programme	District Governor Visit	ARH lift the Lid / Polio fundraising night
Speaker	DG Peter Behm	Please wear a hat for Lift the Lid and something red for Polio
Speakers Chair	P Janne Speirs	 Heather den Houting 
Sergeant	Glenn Azlin	Gavan Hodgson
Cashiers	Michael Rossiter & Glenn Setches	Simon Trebilcock & Debby Butler
Greeters	Chris O'Brien & Alana Storey	Wolf Becker & Terry Carmichael
Bulletin	Ron Elliott	Norm Butler