

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

21 October 2025

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Hi all What a busy day we've had (Friday 17th October) with currently 17 items picked up and another to be posted to its owner on Monday!! We've even had a visit from Martin Cameron who popped in to see how things were going!! Our Facebook page and website have been operating at full speed in the last 24 hours as more and more people have been contacted and even Glenn S has received an email.



The two bottles of wine from the previous capsule are being raffled with the draw being made at the Burial Event on December 10th. Plenty of time to grab some tickets and sell them to family, friends etc!!!! Many, many thanks to Lorraine and Karen for all their work particularly yesterday in tagging posts and spreading the message of the time capsule through Facebook and the website. The press release appearing in the Express this week also helped I am sure!!



Also on Friday morning Janet, Peter, Charlie and I joined staff from ACSO at Lifeline Gippsland for a handover of the Tee up for Mental Health Day cheque which amounted to \$15000. Considering this was half the day's profit, with us receiving the other half, we raised a record \$30000! Brilliantly done everyone!!!!

In Simon's absence I will be starting on a roster for the Christmas wrapping as October comes to an end as we look forward to yet another fun time at the Plaza over December! The annual Christmas Eve Breakfast BBQ at the Plaza is also going ahead this year.

Speaking of Christmas don't forget that we will be at Narkoojee on Dec 16 - please put in your diaries and let's have a great end to a fantastic year, especially as we'll have just buried the time capsule on the 10th 'to great acclaim' we hope See you tonight for a great night of fun for Lift the Lid and Polio (a hat and some red on your person please)

Cheers

President Janne

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.

Community Service

The gardening team have been busy distributing tanbark at Traralgon Centre Plaza..

Great effort by all involved



Report of 7 October 2025

We were privileged to have a visit from District Governor Peter Behm.

The toast to Rotary international was proposed by Simon Trebilcock who mentioned the ongoing good work of Rotary over many years, including the world wide move to eradicate polio.

DG thanked Simon for the toast and the way in which it was received.



He congratulated Traralgon Rotary Club on achievements so far this year, noting our achievements to fit in with the District Governor's award. Under the leadership of Janne and Charlie Speirs, he could see that the future of the club is in safe hands. He noted the initiative to share leadership of meetings and widen the experience of various members.



He also congratulated those who have recently become members and joined the work of Rotary International to make a difference in the world through the many and varied projects we undertake.



Peter went on to mention matters important in all clubs including working to retain members once they have joined by making their experience in Rotary a positive one.

He reminded us of the importance of using approved branding in our work and advertising as this presented a united front to all who engage with Rotary.



DG Peter presented Janne with two certificates, one recognising that through club fundraising we make a donation to the Rotary Foundation on behalf of each member. We were also recognised for our generous donation to the Polio Plus fund.

DG Peter was thanked for his attendance and presented with a 'tree certificate'. The meeting concluded with a reminder to **Unite for Good.**



Board Meeting Notes

- As our square terminal is no longer being supported by square, it was resolved that a new square terminal be purchased for \$329
- The Mental Health Golf Day had a net surplus of \$30,093 , and it was resolved that \$15,000 be donated to Lifeline
- Funds of \$10,400 have been collected from Gippsland Rotary Clubs with a district grant which will be given to GRCH for the purchase of a ride on mower
- The Board resolved to assist Isobel McAlister to the amount of \$3,000 to enable her attend the Biology Summer School which will then select students to complete at the International Biology Olympiad in Lithuania in July 2026
- New Club Sign - Janne, Lorraine and Glenn A are looking at creating a new club sign at the entrance to Traralgon with the help of a District Grant
- Time Capsule - we have purchased two plaques for the 1975 and 2025 Time Capsule. However as the Rotary Symbol was not in the correct format , the Board resolved to order an additional Plaque at a cost \$1200
- St Pauls AGS will be holding a Wheely Day in November with the help of our club

Club Protection Presentation - Ken Mirams (District Club Protection Officer) will come to our club soon for a Presentation

ROTARY 9815 & 9830 DISTRICT CONFERENCE 13th-15th March 2026 Hobart Tasmania



Speakers Include

The MC's
Saroo Brierley
Emily Williamson & Voleak's
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Team BEAP - Parkmore Primary
School
Katy Cooper
Captain Sarah Parry
The Derwent Valley Marching
Band

Visit
[http://rotary9815.org.au/
sitePage/district-conference
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To register



MAHIR MOMAND
Chief Executive Officer RAWCS writes:

I'm delighted to share some wonderful news with you all.

The Governor-General of Australia has officially accepted our request to become the Patron of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS). This is a significant honour and a reflection of the impact and credibility of the work we do together across Australia and internationally.

Statistics for 7 October 2025

Apologies: Carol Crewe, Gradwell Fredericks, Virginia Gissara, Gavan Hodgson, Darryl Marks, Ann Moloney, Adele Nardino, Helen O'Brien, Lorraine Paulet, Jan Riddle, Andy Ringin, Michael Rossiter, Ray Scheffer, Janet Wallis, Peter Wallis.

Leave of Absence: Simon Hemming

Visiting Rotarians: DG Peter Behn RC of Noble Park-Dingley, Chris Hansen RC of Noble Park-Dingley. CL Bill Degnan RC of Traralgon Central, Judy Degnan RC of Traralgon Central

Partners: Li Azlin, Trish Elliott

Guest Speaker: District Governor Peter Behm

Statistics	
No of members	36
Member Apologies	15
LOA	1
Members Present	20
Visiting Rotarians	4
Partners	2
Guests	2
Total	28

Recent and upcoming Celebrations and Anniversaries :

INDUCTIONS	31 October 2000 Charlie Speirs
BIRTHDAYS	21 October Judy Setches & Peter Wallis; 25 October Michael Rossiter; 1 November Russell Davidson
ANNIVERSARIES	22 October Wolf & Ali Becker

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 3815th 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 21 October 2025	Next Meeting 18 November 2025
Programme	ARH lift the Lid / Polio fundraising night	Annual General Meeting
Speaker	Please wear a hat for Lift the Lid and something red for Polio	Social Night
Speakers Chair	Janne Speirs	Janne Speirs
Sergeant	Gavan Hodgson	Glenn Azlin
Cashiers	Simon Trebilcock & Debby Butler	Tom Corrigan & Carol Crewe
Greeters	Wolf Becker & Terry Carmichael	Russell Davidson & Heather den Houting
Bulletin	Norm Butler	Janet Wallis