



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

16 December 2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2025—2026

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President's Prattle

My goodness, how quickly the first half of the Rotary year has gone – so much happening, so many highlights, so much service achieved. Of course, the wrapping is still in full swing and getting busier by the day, the Christmas Eve BBQ at the Plaza is still to come and we have a final gardening session for the year at the Plaza on Tuesday 16th.



Thanks to all of you for the time and effort you have put into the Club, especially over the last two months or so with the Time Capsule.

We have a full and busy program coming up in 2026, starting with our now traditional Croquet night on the 20th January. If you haven't been before, please give it a try as it's a real hoot and a very enjoyable way to start the year!! (and a great way to give a friend a first glimpse of the Club)

As I close, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Charlie and myself to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a 2026 that is full of health, joy and opportunity and look forward to catching up with many of you at Narkoojee for our Christmas dinner.

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.

Report of 2 December 2025

Sergeant Gavan welcomed all including guests Li Azlin, Trish Elliott,

Chair Heather den Houting. Announced apologies from guest speaker Joy Martin who is unwell.

Thanks to those who contributed to the appeal for a leader of the community in Taba'a in the Solomons which we have supported for many years. The money has been sent on to him.

Congratulations to all involved in the parade. A great event with so many people enjoying this wonderful day.

Reminder Christmas break up is at Narkoojee on 16 December 6-6.30.

A club photo was take to be sealed in the time Capsule. In the end two were included.

President Janne

District Conference is in Hobart next year. Pleased let Janne know if you'd like to go.

Rae Makay has recently been recognized for his contribution to the Rotary Foundation over many years. Regular, affordable contributions have led to him being made a major donor.

Rae Mackay thanked those involved in the Christmas Parade. Rain threatened, but it cleared for the most important hour. He recognized the significant grant made by Latrobe Council.

The Christmas Banners were taken home and washed and have been installed around the CBD.

Terry Carmichael: Bunnings BBQ. Last one for the year raised \$1,100. Over the year BBQ's have contributed \$10,780,33 to our project account. Thanks to all of the volunteers.

Debbie Butler. Informed us that citizenship awards have been given out at Traralgon Secondary College and St Paul's Grammar School.

Ron Elliott Thanked all the volunteers for sandwich making during the year. It takes a little over an hour. Thank you for your support during the year. Made and delivered 8,613 sandwiches,

Peter Wallis Treasurers report. We have opened an account with Beyond Bank \$25,000. They provide interest on their account. We already have \$30,000 on fixed term deposit. We are building up a bit of corpus. Our funds, and the hard work of members gives us the capacity to make a difference in the community. The club raises \$40,000 in regular income for projects. A lot of the things we do in Traralgon is directed towards youth. Equine therapy will happen again next year.

Tom Corrigan mentioned his absence from Rotary events this weekend. He spent it in East Gippsland in another volunteer capacity doing the Alpine Rally of East Gippsland 2025. Through his interest in radios he has been involved in running the rally for several years . It was quite muddy this weekend.

Time Capsule. 10 December time capsule will be re-buried at 10.30am. Lorraine will be busy preparing things for the event with full list of what is to be buried. A full schedule has been prepared for the event to ensure smooth running. Chris O'Brien asked for help setting up on the day.

Janne President's report.

Monomeith Senior Citizens Clubhouse was built in November 1965 with help from Traralgon Rotary Club. Tea and coffee will be offered there.

Norm has found programme from 2000 burial. Simple and straightforward. The programme this time will be on our special programme cover.

\$25,000 US from Rotary disaster fund to support 21 farmers in East Gippsland was received for drought

relief. They got 80 ml of rain over the weekend.

RYPEN. It is hoped the Rotary Youth Programme for Enrichment, for years 8 & 9 will run next year.

Leighton Gibson, who was part of this club for several years died over the weekend.

Janne has been on the airways several times recently. Advertising work of Rotary including the time capsule.

Fine Session was conducted

The swindle was drawn, being won by a last minute purchaser before we were reminded to

Unite for Good



Photos from the reburial of the time capsule



The speech makers: President and Past District Governor Janne Speirs, the Mayor Sharon Gibson, District Governor Peter Bemm. Janne reminded us of many of the good things Traralgon Rotary has been involved in.



PP Glen Brand was president of Traralgon Rotary in 2000. PP Norm Butler and Sandra were part of the work then and attended this year's event.





Michelle Georgeson and other family members received a letters from her mother and Grandmother when the capsule was opened in 2000. Her family included letters in the reburial including to her two eldest children. She had two more children after 2000. The whole family gathered to read the letters written then along with handprints from the children. This year they have all written letters to be opened in 2050.

Lori Elena was there with her 1 yr old daughter who will receive a letter when the time capsule is opened again in 2050



Eat Up.

Thank you for your support in 2025

Presented to:

Rotary Club of Traralgon

Thanks to you, 8,065 sandwiches have been delivered to students

“Feeding hungry students so they can learn, grow and succeed”

Statistics for 2 December 2025

Apologies: Carol Crewe, Russell Davidson, Virginia Gissara, Brian Lythgo, Darryl Marks, Adele Nardino, Helen O'Brien, Jan Riddle, Andy Ringin,

Leave of Absence: Simon Hemming

Visiting Rotarians:

Partners: Li Azlin, Trish Elliott

Guests :

Guest Speaker:

Recent and upcoming Celebrations and Anniversaries :

Statistics	
No of members	36
Member Apologies	9
LOA	1
Members Present	26
Visiting Rotarians	
Partners	2
Guests	
Total	28

INDUCTIONS	20 December 2022 Jann Riddle, 12 Jan 1998 Gavan Hodgson, 17 Jan 2010 Lorraine Paulet
BIRTHDAYS	17 December Brian Lythgo & Karen Mackay, 2 December Gradwell Fredericks, 3 January Sandra Butler, 9 Jan Ali Becker, 14 Jan Helen O'Brien, 19 Jan Tania Fredericks
ANNIVERSARIES	8 Jan Peter & Janet Wallis; 11 Jan Ian & Kaye Keith; 16 Jan Glenn & Li Azlin

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?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all

This is our club's 3818th 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 16 December 2025	Next Meeting 20 January 2026
Programme	 <p>Club of Traralgon Christmas Dinner At Narkoojee 6.00pm for 6.30pm</p>	 <p>Social night Traralgon Croquet Club Have a go at a game of croquet, followed by a delicious tea.</p>
Speaker		
Speakers Chair		
Meeting Chair		
Sergeant	Glen Azlin	
Cashiers	Peter Wallis	TBA
Bulletin	Janet Wallis	TBA