



# 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

**3 February 2026**

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**President's Prattle**

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back – officially – to the second half of our Rotary year. We had a great turnout on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Croquet Club for a great evening of fun and fellowship – as always, thank you to Simon and all at the Croquet Club for their hospitality and advice and to Gavan and Paul for a fantastic meal.



Tonight we will receive an update from Melissa Bond (Mother of Alexander) on 'Life with a Fence'. For many of you, we have moved through the journey together, but for those of us who are newer to the Club, this was an unexpected project, brought to us by Alexander's Speech Therapist, on behalf of a family desperate to erect a fence to keep their Autistic, nonverbal three year old safe and give him somewhere safe to play outside. They live on a corner, opposite Traralgon Creek – he is fascinated by water and will run away if he has even the smallest possibility!! With assistance from a Rotary Australia World Community Service Compassionate Grant, we were able to finance the fence (which had to be of colourbond on both the inside and outside of the fence so there were no aids to him getting out. We also had enough money left to allow the family to purchase a 'swing set' especially designed for disabled children. This is a wonderful story and Melissa speaks well and with obvious passion.

*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.*

Our extremely busy December came to a successful end financially and also due to the opportunity to talk to many about the Rotary Club of Traralgon and what we do. Thank you to all those who assisted on the wrapping roster, with the Christmas eve BBQ and the Bunnings Pre-Christmas Evening. Of course, the excitement started with the Christmas Parade, for which the weather was kind from about 5 minutes in until the final floats were reaching the Kay St gardens again. As I am sure many of you have seen in Social Media in the last week, the Parade received the Council's 'Community Event of the Year' Award at the Australia Day ceremony – wonderful recognition to everyone involved and especially from our point of view to Rae, Lorraine, Ray and Adele – and I am going to add to that the incredible support given by Karen, John and Jackie. You and all involved deserve this recognition!!



Some of you may have already seen the transformation of the garden behind the bus shelter and also the former Community Garden – both in Franklin St – the tan bark on each looks stunning – thanks to all those involved. We have a small but growing group who have a real enjoyment of this particular project and are doing wonderful things. Thanks to Daniel, Josh and Adele at the Plaza for their support and encouragement of this area of our work and for the donation we receive from them, allowing us to do more service in the Community.

Enjoy tonight and welcome back!!

Cheers

**President Janne**



**Report of 16 December 2025—  
Christmas Party**

Members and friends gathered at the end of the year for a fine Christmas Dinner. Thankyou's and recognition of honorary members were followed by a few Christmas songs and greetings of Merry Christmas.



**Report from 20 January—  
Social Croquet Night**

Members gathered for Croquet on the third Tuesday in January. It was a night of fun and laughter, and learning the skills of croquet. Thanks to the Croquet Members who taught us so well. Thanks to Gavan and Paul for a scrumptious dinner.



**Statistics for 20 January 2026**

**Present:** Glenn Azlin, Wolf Becker, Debby Butler, Norm Butler, Tom Corrigan, Gradwell Fredericks, Paul Gardiner, Heather den Houting, Gavan Hodgson, Jan Inglis, Ian Keith, Rae Mackay, Ann Maloney, Andy Ringin, Glen Setches, Janne Speirs, Charlie Speirs, Simon Trebilcock, Janet Wallis

**Leave of Absence:** Simon Hemming

**Partners:** Sandy Butler, Helen Ringin, Judy Setches,

**Guests :** Ava L; Rosie (croquet club President), Lynette, Alison and Nick.

**Guest Speaker:**

Statistics	
No of members	31
Member Apologies	11
LOA	1
Members Present	19
Visiting Rotarians	
Partners	3
Guests	5
Total	27

**Recent and upcoming Celebrations and Anniversaries :**

<b>INDUCTIONS</b>	1 February 1969 Wolf Becker
<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	12 February Andy Rongin; 13 February Heather den Houting
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	4 February Glen & Judy Setches; 9 February Ray & Jackie Scheffer

**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 3820th 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.

	<b>This Meeting 3 February 2026</b>	<b>Next Meeting 17 February 2026</b>
<b>Programme</b>	Life with a fence	Club Assembly
<b>Speaker</b>	Melissa Bond	
<b>Speakers Chair</b>	Janne Speirs	
<b>Meeting Chair</b>	Ron Elliott	Heather den Houting
<b>Sergeant</b>	Gavin Hodgson	Glenn Azlin
<b>Greeters</b>	Wolf Becker & Tom Corrigan	Russell Davidson & Ann Maloney
<b>Cashiers</b>	Debby Butler & Paul Gardiner	Jan Inglis & Ian Keith
<b>Bulletin</b>	Norm Butler	Ron Elliott