



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

2 June 2026

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2025—2026

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President's Prattle

Hi all

Tonight we welcome Shaun Lennard as a speaker - he has a very interesting background and 'work life' with motor bikes and is in a situation where this has led him to many opportunities and roles - he will enlarge on that this evening.



Members of the current and incoming Boards have been gaining valuable knowledge over the last couple of weeks and this is really great, especially as we move into a new year with some new Board members. Its a real thrill to see new faces starting to populate our Club Board - this stands the Club in good stead moving forward. The final board meeting for the year will take place in person next Tuesday and will be a combined meeting of current and new members!! Exciting times.

Our Club Changeover is also rapidly approaching - July 7th is the date and DG Emma will be with us to induct incoming President Simon. Please put this important date in your diaries and remember it is a Partners' night.

The firewood raffle went brilliantly last weekend thanks to Rae and his committed team who brought a \$1000 profit to the morning, which will help the coffers of the Christmas Parade. It was also great to hear the other day that the Parade has received the maximum Latrobe City Council grant of \$8000 which is wonderful!! Congratulations!! The great work of Club members on the combined organisations Parade Committee continues unabated - Adele, Rae, Ray S and Lorraine do a power of work in our name and we thank them for that.

We have a couple of thoughts in regard to next year which we will be getting out to you in the near future - there are some really interesting possibilities out there which could present us with very positive membership potential!!

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.

For those who were looking to head to Moe Club for the special combined Club visit to celebrate the LV Express anniversary earlier this year, in chatting to Roger Taylor this morning he has commented that the new date is liable to be in September - we will get that date out as soon as we know it and there may be even more members who would like to be involved in that night.

Finally, have a wonderful evening tonight and I'll see you at the Golf Club.

Cheers

President Janne

Meeting Notes 19 May 2026

Sergeant **Lorraine Paulet** opened the meeting at 6.00pm and welcomed all, including Partner Trish Elliott.

Invocation by **Brian Lythgo**.

Chair for the evening was **Heather den Houting**. Heather said that the evening would be a Club Assembly Night with discussions after the meal.

President Janne Speirs spoke of a recent enquiry from a local university student who was writing a 2000 word essay on the Rotary Club of Traralgon. Janne provided her with Club Information and spoke to her by phone for some time. Janne will obtain a copy for Club Records.

Janne introduced a proposal to set up a **Friends of Rotary** group for our Club. A Friend would be someone who is involved, such as a volunteer, but is unable for some reason to commit to becoming a member. After discussion the proposal was agreed to, subject to the removal of both the requirement for a subscription and also for the Friend to have a mentor.

Treasurer Peter Wallis spoke of the donations that the Club had made to various organisations including Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, Operation Cleft, End Trachoma and Wheelchairs for Kids. In all, the Club has distributed \$95,915.40 (including a Rotary Foundation Grant) The Club has also donated \$3600 to Rotary Foundation. Peter also said that the Club has some very good Foundation Contributing members.

Terry Carmichael. Terry reminisced on a visit that he made some time ago to the Rotary Club of Rome. There were 250 people at the dinner, including 50 guests.

In regard to the recycling project, Terry thanked members for their contributions. The recycling includes soft plastics, blister packs (about 10 buckets full), coffee pods, bottles and cans.

Terry then reminded all that there is to be a Bunnings Barbecue on 6 June. He still required one more volunteer on the 11am to 2pm shift.

Glenn Setches said that the next Footy Gates are on Sat 30th May. He has a full roster – thankyou all. Glenn asked that everyone involved wear the Rotary High Vis Vests for their own safety when working in traffic.

Carol Crewe thanked all helpers at the Pride of Workmanship presentations last meeting. It was a very successful evening. Carol also mentioned the Fish Creek Tea Cosy festival at Fish Creek (16-24 May) and recommended it to all. Great restaurants in Meeniyah too!! Carol brought to the attention of all, the Traralgon Central Rotary project "Give a Can, Give a Damn" for members to donate if they can. Schools are helping collect cans as well.

President Janne spoke about the Zone 8 Conference to be held in Melbourne from 30 October to 1 November. Zone 8 covers Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. The conference will have good speakers including Past RI President Gordon MacInally. RI President Elect Larry Lunsford will also speak. Janne would like members of our Club to attend to see the bigger picture of Rotary and have the opportunity to meet Rotarians from other states and countries.

Website : Zone 8 Conference Melbourne – look it up

Theme: People, Planet, Peace. \$425 registration, including Saturday Night Dinner

Janne would also like to get a table together for the 60th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Moe, to be held at the Morwell Bowling Club on 20 June. Please get in touch with Glenn Setches. Dress is 60s theme\

The Swindle was drawn. The lucky winner was Glenn Setches.

Sergeant Lorraine then conducted an entertaining Fines Session, starting with fining Glenn Setches \$49.50 for winning the swindle (a joke or did he pay?). Football supporters of winning teams paid out of course, as did Gavan for Delta Goodram's Eurovision appearance. After extracting fines from as many as possible, Lorraine finished by explaining the use of potatoes to improve one's physique.

Chair Heather Thanked all for the contributions and closed the meeting at 8pm

Unite for Good

Rotary South Pacific Conference 2026

Friday, 30 October 2026 - Sunday, 1 November 2026

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)
(1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf, VIC 3006)

Rotary South Pacific 2026 is where regional leadership gathers, ideas ignite and momentum builds. Under the bold theme **People. Planet. Peace.**, this Conference brings together Rotary leaders, changemakers and members from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific to shape the future of our organisation.

Convened by **Rotary International Director Jennifer Scott AM** and chaired by **PDG Tony Monley OAM**, Melbourne 2026 will connect global vision with regional action. From international keynote addresses and leadership streams to fellowship, collaboration and community impact, this is more than a conference — it is a movement for regional impact.



Statistics for 19 May 2026

Apologies: Glenn Azlin, Wolf Becker, Russell Davidson, Gradwell Fredericks, Paul Gardiner, Helen O'Brien, Jan Riddle, Michael Rossiter, Simon Trebilcock, Janet Wallis.

Leave of Absence: Simon Hemming

Visiting Rotarians:

Partners: Trish Elliott,

Guests:

Statistics	
No of members	36
Member Apologies	10
LOA	1
Members Present	24
Visiting Rotarians	
Partners	1
Guests	0
Total	25

Upcoming Celebrations and Anniversaries :

INDUCTIONS	Ian Keith 4 June 1985; Heather den Houting 4 June 2024; Simon Hemming 7 June 2022; Chris O'Brien 16 June 1987
BIRTHDAYS	4 June Zac Crewe; 7 June Helen Ringin; 12 June Janet Wallis; 13 June Alana Storey.
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?

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

This is our club's 3829th 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 2 June 2026	Next Meeting 16 June 2026
Programme	Motor Bike Safety	Club Assembly
Speaker	Shaun Lennard	
Meeting Chair	Ron Elliott	Simon Trebilcock & Janne Speirs
Sergeant	Lorraine Paulet	Gavan Hodgson
Greeters	Ann Maloney & Darryl Marks	Andy Ringin & Alana Storey
Cashiers	Jan Inglis & Janet Wallis	Michael Rossiter & Peter Wallis
Bulletin	Janet Wallis	Ron Elliott