

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 June 2026

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President's Prattle

Hi all and welcome to our last 'official' meeting for the 2025-6 year. Tonight we will ratify the alterations to our Club rules with Secretary Glenn's support, there will be a few bits and pieces from me and then we will hear from incoming President Simon on some of his thoughts for the coming year. We've been chatting regularly and I think we're in for a great year!!



We do have a 5th Tuesday this month and I'm thinking of a social night. We'll get some discussion going around this during the meeting tonight.

Please remember that on the 7th July we will be welcoming the new District Governor of D9815, Emma Clark who will induct Simon as our new President. As always the Club Changeover is a Partner's night and we look forward to a fantastic evening together.

I had a look at the new Park Lane Community Garden at the Uniting Church today and it is stunning. While not yet finished it is already looking fantastic and is a result of a massive amount of hard work and community involvement and interest. It was also pleasing to see the tank and irrigation system which we were able to finance through this year's D9815 District Grant, in place and ready for operation. This is a wonderful Community facility and congratulations must go to all at the Uniting Church for their willingness to step out into this space and for taking their local Community with them!!!

Last Tuesday we had a combined Board meeting for the 2025-6 and 2026-7 Boards. You will have received the breakdown of those discussions with the notice of meeting for tonight. Thanks Glenn S for sending those out.

As mentioned in those notes, District has accepted the design for our new Club sign - updated wording on the sign near the Quality Inn Latrobe Convention Centre. NAK signs will do the work in the near future. Half the cost of the job will come back to us from District.

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.

Plans are also moving forward for an assessment trip to Taba'a Village in the Solomons early in the new Rotary year. Much has been happening in this area of our involvement and we look forward to hearing ongoing developments in coming weeks.

Looking forward to an informative and productive evening tonight

Cheers

President Janne



Meeting Notes 2 June 2026

Glenn Azlin called the meeting to order. He welcomed all present. Jan Inglis read the invocation.

Janne Speirs was a late apology. Charlie read her report.

Interact Club meeting. 10 students were there, 1 apology. 2-3 more are interested. They are planning a fundraiser – The Push Up Challenge, “time to push up for better mental health” will raise money for Lifeline. The club will contribute \$100. Members present were invited to make a contribution money bag was circulated.

Terry Carmichael. Reminded us Traralgon Village chemist can provide vaccinations. RSV is free for over 75years old. The roster for the BBQ on Saturday almost full.

Simon Trebilcock. Existing board and incoming board meeting in person at 7pm on 9 June. Venue to be advised.

International committee looking at a visit to the Solomon Islands to see how we can continue to help develop community of Taba.

Community Garden at the Uniting Church - tank and filter are installed. It is starting to look good, and should be completed soon. Feel free to come and take a look.

Sandwich making - 3 local politicians. Darren Chester, Melinda Bath and Martin Cameron will attend on the same day very shortly.

Our Guest speaker **Shaun Lennard** was introduced to present a global perspective on motorcycles and motorcycle safety.



Shaun Lennard gave an interesting talk, highlighting several of the jobs he has had and how that has led to influencing motorcycle road safety both in Australia and overseas.

He initiated a community for people subject to road trauma. Road safety trauma has probably impacted everyone in the community.

He has been involved with motorbikes for nearly 48 years. He started as a Marshall in Bathurst 1983 and later at Phillip Island.



When the Victorian government banned cigarette advertising in 1991 Motorcycling Australia moved the event to Sydney.

Early 2000's motorcycling safety was becoming more involved and political. The Victorian Govt charges a motorcycle levee. He has been involved with the international forum since 2008 and in 2001 UN declared a decade of Action and started a Road Safety Fund. He has spoken at many different events internationally.

In 2025 he was a speaker at the plenary session at the Australasian Road Safety Conference

15 years ago the government was asking questions about road safety including how to make walking safer. The usual line was "how do we discourage people from getting a motor cycle license." It avoided the real question.

He was an advisor to Ricky Muir of the Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party. He expected that job to last several years, but it didn't

Has worked with Melinda Bath (NATS Victorian Upper House) & Jeff Bourdain (Shooters, Fishers & Farmers Victorian Upper House)

Moved back to event safety form 2012 – 2015. He has conducted several Road Safety Audits and consulting including the Tasman Highway, Great Alpine Road, Omeo Highway. Guide to safe Motorcycle infrastructure,



Some Statistics: Motorcycle Trauma Victoria and Australia

Victoria – 5-6 deaths per week. 270 per annum

Australia 25 deaths a week – 1300 each year

Motorcycles – Victoria as >1 per week (60pa)

Motorcycles – Australia av >5 per week (270pa)

Global annual road toll is 1.2 million people.

There are over 1 billion powered two wheelers in the world, now nearly a million registered in Australia

Motorcycles are a legitimate mode of transport.

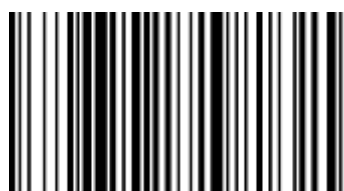
Gavan conducted the fine session and encouraged us to proceed to the week and

Unite for Good



Our Zone ID and Barcode are:

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CDS Vic East
Zone operator

Statistics for 2 June 2026

Apologies: Debby Butler, Russell Davidson, Paul Gardiner, Heather den Houting, Ian Keith, Brian Lythgo, Rae Mackay, Darryl Marks, Adele Nardino, Helen O'Brien, Lorraine Paulet, Jan Riddle, Ray Scheffer, Glenn Setches, Janne Speirs

Leave of Absence: Simon Hemming

Visiting Rotarians: Shaun Lennard, Claire Cochrane, Ted Mitchell (Maffra Rotary Club)

Partners: Trish Elliott, Li Azlin

Guests:

Statistics	
No of members	36
Member Apologies	15
LOA	1
Members Present	19
Visiting Rotarians	3
Partners	2
Guests	0
Total	24

Upcoming Celebrations and Anniversaries :

INDUCTIONS	16 June 1987 Chris O'Brien; 17 June 2014 Janet & Peter Wallis; 21 June 2011 Andy Ringin; 26 June 2024 Ann Maloney
BIRTHDAYS	20 June Claire Carmichael; 24 June Trish Elliott; 24 June Ann Maloney
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 3830th 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 June 2026	Next Meeting 29 June 2026
Programme	Club Assembly	Social Night
Speaker		Venue TBC
Meeting Chair	Simon Trebilcock & Janne Speirs	
Sergeant	Gavan Hodgson	
Greeters	Andy Ringin & Alana Storey	
Cashiers	Michael Rossiter & Peter Wallis	
Bulletin	Ron Elliott	Janet Wallis