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Rotary



CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Rotary Club of Traralgon Changeover 5 July 2026

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

7th July 2026

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Prattle for Changeover

Hi all

The year has really flown with lots of great work done by members, family and friends of the Club and I would like to thank you all for your support through our 2025-2026 year of Service with the Rotary Club of Traralgon

I am really excited to welcome Simon Trebilcock as our new President and I am sure that he will bring a fresh perspective to our Club, one which will really enhance what we do and how we do it.



I would like to reiterate, as I have before, that this is a very special Club and one which it has been my pleasure and privilege to lead. As we celebrate our 85th Anniversary in March next year, we will have a further opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the Club over the years, but more importantly to look at how we move forward into the future with a Club that is vital and 'irresistable' within our local and International community.

Thank you again

Cheers

President Janne

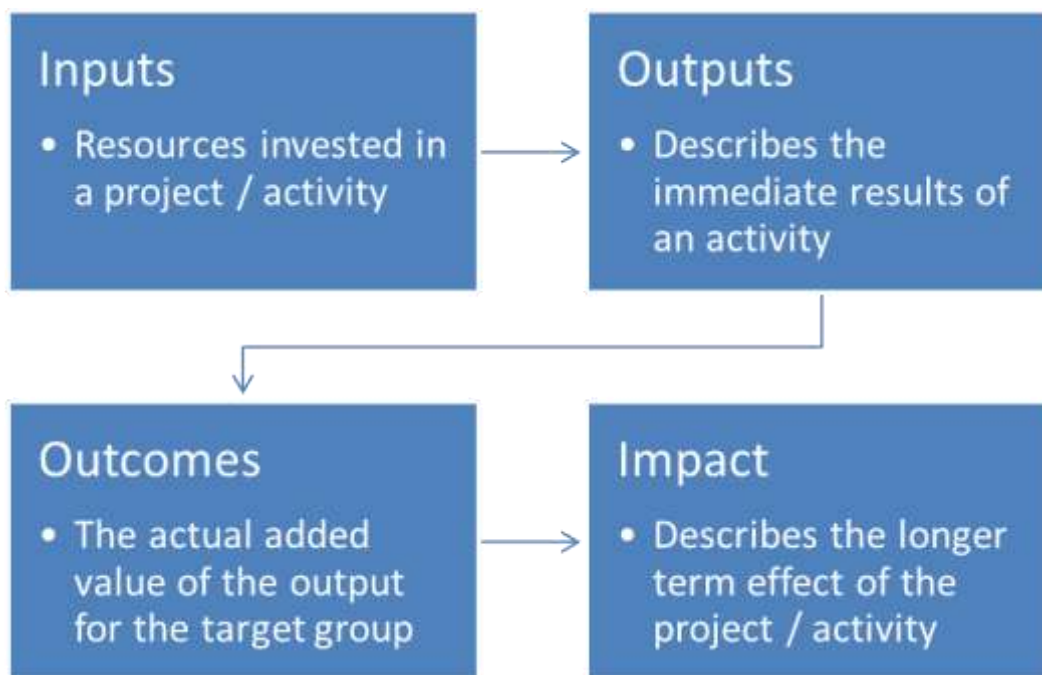


Traralgon Rotary Club meets on the traditional lands of the Brayakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past present and emerging and thank them for their long history of care for this land and its waterways.

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

These are the words of the 2026/2027 Rotary International President, Olayinka (Yinka) Babalola, as his theme for the coming year. As I have been preparing for the 2026/2027 year, I have reflected on the word “impact” and what “lasting impact” might look like.

The word “impact” is used a lot in Rotary language. One of the priorities of the Rotary Action Plan is “increase our impact” and comes with an objective to define, measure, track, and analyse data from our projects. Focussing on the impact of a project or activity is also fundamental to grant applications paperwork, which is where I came across the following guidance, and where each of these elements is considered.



Using the Eat Up sandwiches program we are involved in as an example: The inputs are the bread, butter, cheese, plastic wrap, people’s time, etc. The outputs are the sandwiches delivered to the schools. The outcomes are sustenance and nutrition to calm hunger and help students concentrate on their studies, and have better physical and mental wellbeing. The impact could be described as students being more enthusiastic about school and enjoying it more with the likelihood of improved educational outcomes and employment prospects, and long-term financial security.

In all that we are doing in our projects and other activities, we might not always be able to see or measure the impact due to the generational nature of some of these activities. However, it is helpful to retain a focus on the desired impact through what we do, the influence we have, and the stories we tell.

Turning now to “create lasting impact” - to me, this is impact that does not diminish over time and is somewhat self-sustaining. And if we do this really well, success can be measured by doing ourselves out of a job. I have thought about this in the context of our work in the Solomon Islands, and without passing this through the International Committee, would define lasting impact as something like: *A village that has ongoing, reliable access to quality education, health care, and nutritious food. A village where young people are valued and have meaningful work in their home region. A village where economic activity produces sufficient shared wealth to sustain its improved circumstances without the need for long-term international external support. A village which continues to build its own agency to retain its identity and values, and determine its own preferred future.* Perhaps we would all like to live in a village like that.

I look forward to 2026/2027 as we continue to work together to

Thank you.

President Simon.

Meeting Notes 16 June 2026

Sergeant Gavan:

Opened meeting No. 3380 Welcome to visitors, Virginia, Trish and Li.

1st Chair: Janne

Peace poles upcoming at Liddiard Rd PS, St Pauls Grammar and Traralgon GC.

LRPS have decided on two languages: Gunai Kurnai and Auslan.

TGC is just deciding on best position.

Interact Club is close at St Pauls: first meeting later this month.

Our next meeting (30 June) will be the week before changeover. We will organise dinner at a restaurant – details to come.

Changeover will be 7 July, with District Governor in attendance.

Secretary Glenn:

Opened a General Meeting of the Club to consider an update to our Club Rules.

Special resolution was moved, to accept the documented changes.

Moved: Glenn S Seconded: Glenn A

Motion was carried unanimously

General Meeting was closed.



Director Reports

Finance – Peter:

Total expenditure from the project Account, including Grants: \$101,934.30

A formal finance report will be tabled in November after the audit process.

International – Simon

Solomon Is project continues to progress in the background.

There is a concert at the Uniting Church hall next Saturday evening

Park Lane community garden continues its development.

BBQ – Gavan

6 June BBQ

Raised \$1188.61. Very busy period from 11am.

We need to be constantly aware of Bunnings rules for BBQ's – based on cleanliness.

Second Chair – Simon T

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION TO 2026/2027

- Different people bring different contributions to their roles within organisations:
 - I don't have all the answers, especially at the start of my term
 - I don't even think I have all the questions
- Part of the mechanisms of the broader Rotary International is a requirement to set goals for each year:
 - Updated in Rotary Club Central
 - Required for compliance when applying for District Grants, etc.
 - For us ... helpful in providing a focus of activities for the board and the club ... more than just doing it because Rotary International says so
 - Aligned with our purpose - refer Rules of Association (Article 3)



The board will agree the relevant goals for 2026/2027 at the next meeting and share these with the club
The board will revisit the goals during the year as we complete a number of activities and achieve these targets

To pursue the Object of Rotary:

"to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise"

Therefore: Acknowledge and celebrate our community service

Tell the stories about what we do, and why we do it

**Not all me or Relying on me ...
Will seek everyone's contributions**

Starting with the front page of the Bulletin. - No photograph of the club president

Board members and others are invited to provide words and pictures for the Bulletin - what you are up to for Rotary, why, successes, satisfaction gained from this "worthy enterprise"

Could be a particular focus on an Avenue of Service or an Area of Focus, a specific project or fund raising event

Strength-Based Approach - a useful framework

<i>Things that:</i>	<i>Energise us</i>	<i>Drain us</i>
<i>We do well</i>	STRENGTHS	TALENTS
<i>We do not so well or don't do naturally</i>	HOBBIES	CHORES

Provide the opportunity for people to exercise their strengths, which are different for different people
Directors for 2026/2027, committee chairs, others ...

President: Simon T

Vice P: Ron Elliot

Pres Elect: Vac

Pres Nom: Vac

Sec: Glenn Setches

Treas: Peter Wallis

Imm Past Pres: Janne Speirs

Youth: Alana Storey

Membership: Janne Speirs

Community: Carol Crewe

Foundation: Glenn Azlin

International: Charlie Speirs

Club Protection: Helen O'Brien

Assistant Treas: Helen O'Brien

Overall the aim to put a team in place and to have lots of members contributing to the Bulletin

Program for 2026/2027

Progressively developed over the last few months as events and potential speakers came into view. Some gaps where we will seek help in filling the program

Rotary South Pacific Zone Conference; 30 October to 1 November 2026; Melbourne

Reflection on leadership

"In a complex world, we're often better served by leaders with humility, a keen sense of their own limitations, an insatiable curiosity, and an orientation to learning and development."

Zafer Achi and Jennifer Garvey Berger, "Delighting in the possible," McKinsey Quarterly 2 (March 2015), 98.

"The role of leaders ... - operating accountably in a team context with others whose gifts and perspectives are different - is to empower rather than perform, develop processes to sustain the community, and equip those who really are on the front line."

Stuart Murray, Church after Christendom (Bletchley, Milton Keynes, UK: Paternoster Press, 2004), 191.

March 27 – 85 year anniversary of Club.

Peter W Budgets have been set for next year.

Charlie: Tee Up for Mental Health Golf day planning has commenced.. Date: Friday 25 September

Sergeant Gav Fines session

President Janne – Closed meeting at 7.55pm

Unite for Good

Traralgon Rotary Club has been busy

Selling tickets in the firewood raffle and turning sausages at Bunnings



Sharing a Meal at the Grand Junction Hotel



And check out the latest district video. Out going District Governor Peter Behm introduces incoming District Governor Emma Clark (welcome Emma) and District Governor Elect Murray Wilson Both described their vision for their time leading our district. **Watch the latest DG News here:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhxzAGVGQaA>



Save the Date

25 September 2026

We need lots of help to make this day a huge success.

Volunteers are invited to dinner and volunteer briefing at ACSO on September 17th in preparation for this opportunity for Club Service

Can you help?

Ball in the boat; Hole in one; Barbeque; selling raffle tickets; serving afternoon tea.

Statistics for 16 June 2026

Apologies: Norm Butler, Terry Carmichael, Gradwell Fredericks, Paul Gardiner, Simon Hemming, Ian Keith, Brian Lythgo, Darryl Marks, Adele Nardino, Helen O'Brien, Andy Ringin, Jan Riddle

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	11
LOA	1
Members Present	24
Visiting Rotarians	0
Partners	2
Guests	0
Total	26

Upcoming Celebrations and Anniversaries :

INDUCTIONS	15 July Tom Riddle; 17 July Wolf Becker; 18 July Chris Davidson
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 3832nd 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 7 July 2026	Next Meeting 21 July 2026
Programme	Club Changeover	
Speaker	DG Emma Clark	
Meeting Chair	Simon Trebilcock & Janne Speirs	
Sergeant	Lorraine Paulet	Glenn Azlin
Greeters	Janet Wallis & Wolf Becker	Terry Carmichael & Tom Corrigan
Cashiers	Michael Rossiter & Peter Wallis	Debby Butler & Norm Butler
Bulletin	Janet Wallis	Ann Maloney