



Serving Through Rotary for 85 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

4 August 2026

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; high ethical standards in business and professions; the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Club Project Update

From Past President Lorraine Paulet

The preparations for this year's Christmas Parade, Market and Grottos are building up a head of steam. The club's team of Rae, Ray, Lorraine, and Adele have been principally working on the Parade, getting sponsorships for the event and quotations for the different contributions needed to deliver a special occasion on Sunday 29

November. Three-weekly meetings start in earnest on the 4th August. The plan, as last year, is for the club to be the auspice club for the whole event while leaving Traralgon Lions in collaboration with the REH Cork Club to manage the market, Traralgon Central Rotary to help with signage and the sponsor's float and Traralgon Centre Plaza to deliver the Grotto in the Plaza. We will run the Parade and deliver the overall planning and risk management as well as the lost children's stall and command post in the market. Last year there was a Photo Booth in the market that was run by the Traralgon Community Development Association, but, sadly, they cannot reprise this again this year. We are keen to find another group to take this on or take it on ourselves if there is interest – hands up anyone? We have suggested this as an opportunity for our brand new interact club and await their thoughts.

We are in pretty good shape financially but a couple more grant applications that are in hand could help fill the coffers and allow Adele to cut loose on bringing in many more exciting characters into the parade.

Lorraine as always is doing a great job on publicity and we are looking forward to having Win TV and TRFM involved again. They have been brilliant every year we have run the Parade.

So please put the date in the diary, and come along and help as so many did last year to set up, to staff the club's float, the club's command post stall, and marshall the Parade. You never know we might get another Event of the Year award!

Cheers from the Christmas Parade Committee!



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.



Meeting Notes 21 July 2026

Gavin H opened the meeting welcoming Rotarians and visitors Lee and Trish, he then handed the meeting over to President Simon T.

Simon notified that this was a club assembly meeting (group names for 2026/2027 provided to meeting) and that members would meet and provide an update of their activities later in the evening.

Simon noted that the International Services Committee continues to support the work in the Solomon Islands. Support ongoing includes improving nurse availability, economic development, meaningful employment, best use of traditional land, and better nutrition. A Community Assessment trip is planned later this year.

To provide more information Rick Campbell from Food Plant Solutions attended this session via zoom. Rick is based in Tasmania and gave us an insight into his history with the Solomon Islands from as far back as the 1980's. His power point presentation included information on extensive endorsements, impact in the field, resources such as brief guides, posters and pictures, field guides, global reach, whenever food security is an issue. He noted that there is increased children's malnutrition in those regions but not



much information on such coming out from Solomon Islands. He stated they have a database available with some 35,000 edible plants which they can provide to us. All this information will be invaluable for our visit later in the year to the Solomon Islands.

Rick generously answered a few questions raised by our members. In answer to the question on the process of growing, harvesting and storing foods, Rick said they use materials that provide year-round product. Brian L spoke of his experience in the past in the Solomon Islands and asked how we could advise them on good nutrition such as protein etc. It was stated perhaps to change the way food is cooked.

At 7.00pm this session ended. Simon T thanked Rick for his time, presentation and knowledge.

Community Activity updates:



Community Services: Carol C encouraged us all to attend GPAC on 8 October at 11am for an entertaining program of 60's music. Ticket price \$10. Carol would be happy to hear from anyone interested.

Environment: Chris O'B on behalf of Terry C provided an update on our recycling endeavours and the containers which can be purchased if any member is interested.

Norm B: Norm spoke of the pictorial book which depicts the history of our club. He will have it at each meeting for everyone to enjoy but make sure it is returned to him before you leave the meeting so it can be returned to its safe place. (Wolf joked about his serious face in one of the pictures).

Bunning BBQ: Gavin H reported BBQs continue and rosters getting filled. If anyone would like to join the crew they would be very welcome. He reminded us of the Bunning's rules when working ensuring that only 4 people are behind the counter at a time, so be mindful of this at change over time. He also stated to remember to separate dirty items from clean when cleaning up and ensure we serve drinks to the public rather than persons helping themselves.

Traralgon Footy Gate: The upcoming roster is full which is good news. The footy club have asked us to manage parking on Grand Final day. All agreed this is a great opportunity for involvement. Lorraine P and Glenn S will organise a roster.

Lorraine P – Public Image: This is a reminder to take photos when out and about doing our community service activities (this of course where and when appropriate). Remember to send photos to Lorraine and Rae who will post them in our socials and website. She encouraged us to make sure there are some fun shots as these are the most likely ones that people will stop and look at. This helps builds our community profile.

Christmas event: Rae M reported that the Christmas event is progressing satisfactorily and that the group have accessed two grants and are looking to be successful with another one. This sponsorship will equal last year's ensuring a fun event for the community.

Club Assembly update:

Foundation update by Glenn A. This group is going to provide education to the general membership on what is Rotary Foundation. Glen presented an overview this evening.

The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that serves as the official charitable arm of Rotary International, the economic engine of Rotary International, supported entirely by voluntary contributions. It funds global and local humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs to advance world understanding and peace.

Core mission: It channels donations into sustainable service projects that fight disease, provide clean water, support education, protects the environment, and alleviate poverty. A major long-standing initiative is the global effort to eradicate polio.

Funding & Grants: Backed by decades of collective giving, it awards millions of dollars annually in grants. These include District Grants for local, short-term needs and Global Grants for large international initiatives.

Educational Programs: The foundation supports hundreds of scholars and peace fellows studying at universities globally each year.

As part of the presentation he provided an overview on Arch C Klumph who helped establish the Rotary Foundation.

Community Service – Carol C: All projects for the coming year to have two coordinators which makes the work easier and ensures no interruption to activities. A 'WhatsApp' group will be set up for easy communication between group members.

Youth – Alana S: Key programs will be around celebration of our youth, providing certificates and participation with schools etc.

Vocational – Glenn S: Currently looking to organise site visits and celebrate Pride of Workmanship again. If anyone has any ideas of suitable sites to visit, please speak with Glenn.

Peace – Janet W: To continue to work towards having more peace poles, specifically speak with schools who participate in the Eat Up Australian program. We have received approval from the Traralgon Golf Club and Liddiard Road Primary School to provide them with a pole. Work to be continued in these spaces. Activities such as this helps build good communities.

Environment – Tom: We are continuing with the safe plastics project. This group encourages us to keep up the good work to ensure our environment is better protected.

Membership – Janne S: The aim is to grow our membership. We need to look at the demographics of our community and encourage membership from all walks of life/communities. The group would like everyone to be proactive and approach someone you think would make a difference in our club which will aid the community in general. With regard to the "Pride of Workmanship" events we should look to reconnect with the businesses and awardees from the past with regard to their involvement in our club.

P Simon concluded the meeting with a reminder of this year's theme: **Create Lasting Impact**



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Statistics for 21 July 2026

Apologies: Terry Carmichael, Russell Davidson, Heather den Houting, Simon Hemming, Adele Nardino, Helen O'Brien, Jan Riddle, Andy Ringin, Michael Rossiter

Partners: Li Azlin, Trish Elliott.

Guests: :

Statistics

No of members	34	Member Apologies	9	LOA	0		
Members Present	25	Visiting Rotarians	0	Partners	2	Total	27

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2026-2027

President: Simon Trebilcock;

President Elect: Vacant;

Secretary: Glenn Setches;

Youth Services: Alana Storey

Rotary Foundation: Glenn Azlin;

Vocational Services: Vacant

Public Image: Lorraine Paulet;

Assistant Treasurer and Club Safety Officer: Helen O'Brien

Vice President: Ron Elliott;

Immediate Past President Janne Speirs

Treasurer: Peter Wallis;

International: Charlie Speirs;

Community Services: Carol Crewe;

Membership: Janne Speirs;

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 3834th 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 4 August 2026

Next Meeting 18 August 2026

Programme	Travel Destinations	Club Service Night
Speaker	Joy Martin	Charlotte Anderson ACSO re collaboration for Tee Up for Mental Health Golf Day
Host	Lorraine Paulet	Peter Wallis
Meeting Chair	Simon Trebilcock	Simon Trebilcock
Behind the Badge		Ron Elliott
Sergeant	Glenn Azlin	Lorraine Paulet
Greeters	Norm Butler & Terry Carmichael	Russell Davidson & Brian Lythgo
Cashiers	Debby Butler & Heather den Houting	Jan Inglis & Ian Keith
Bulletin	Ron Elliott	Norm Butler