



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

29 September 2026

Meeting Notes 15 September 2026

Sargeant Glenn Azlin opened the meeting welcoming guests Li Azlin and Kath Butler and congratulating Terry and Claire on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Carol Crewe led the invocation.

President Simon presented on the timeline for preparations for the AGM. After reading the constitution he found that there were required steps for nominations that we needed to complete.

15/9/26 – call for board nominations (forms were handed out at the meeting)

13/10/26 – board certifies annual financial report

26/10/26 – notice of AGM

10/11/26 – submission of board nominations close

17/11/26 – AGM

Simon emphasised that the club elects the members of the board not the President. The President in consultation with those nominated decides on the roles of those members.

Board consists of President, President Elect, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and seven ordinary members (Directors).

Prior to the AGM nominations open for all the positions not already confirmed. The term is for 1 year. All current directors are eligible for re-election.

At the AGM

If insufficient nominations, seek further nominations.

If the number of nominations is less than or equal to the roles then all persons are deemed to be elected.

If the nominations exceed the number required, then a ballot is to be held.

Simon introduced **Norm Butler for is Rotarian Behind the Badge** talk.

Norm did his last "Man" behind the Badge talk when he joined Rotary in 1986.

He was born in 1940 in Murrumbidgee and has 2 brothers and a sister. He had a typical childhood of the day, going to a Primary School with 1200 kids and there were about 60 in his class. Norm thought he would take after his dad who was a builder but in year 10 he decided being a Civil Engineer sounded good, even though he wasn't sure what that was. In 1959 he graduated as a Civil Engineer and though he had never been good at sport he started playing tennis at a local club. Happily, he met a new tennis player called Sandra and 2 years later they married and settled in Springvale. At that time, he worked for the Commonwealth doing a variety of work. Norm transferred to the Country Road Board as a Bridge Designer to get structural



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.

experience. Then needing construction expertise, he moved to Bairnsdale with Sandra and their 2 oldest children, Debbie and Peter. They would have two more children – Judy and Kath. The family then moved to Benalla in the 1970s where they enjoyed a variety of social activities. Promotions meant more relocations to Horsham, Ballarat and finally Traralgon where Norm finished as the Regional Manager for VIC Roads. He was then supervising all of Gippsland and had to oversee the downsizing of the departments which was very challenging. In 2000 he decided to retire and has enjoyed this new stage of life with his family, helping his children renovate houses. [Unfortunately, Sandy was in ICU on 15th. She is now on the road to recovery].

Janne Speirs spoke about membership for the club stating that we have had success in bringing in friends / colleagues to become members. Recommendations for encouraging new members included

Wearing our Rotary pins – they can start a conversation

More of what we do well (as above)

Talking to those we meet day to day – in shops, appointments etc.

Looking at gaps in our classifications

Not being afraid to ask – people are often just waiting for an invitation

Terry reported on the Bunnings BBQ last Saturday, we had a great day for it and raised about \$1300. The next BBQ is on Saturday 3/10/26 and Terry still needs 2 more volunteers for each of the early and middle shifts.

Glenn Setches reported that we have the supervision of the car parking at the football Saturday 19/9. At this stage the weather is looking good and he has a full roster.

Carol Crewe delivered 2 crochet blankets from her mum to Janne to go to Wheelchairs for Kids. She reminded members that wheelchairs for kids likes to send a blanket with every chair and so if anyone wants to assist by making a rug (about 1 metre square) it would be a great support for the program.

Gavan Hodgson reported that the GRCH fundraising group were holding a Rock'n'Roll night this Saturday at the Italian Australian Club. A flier was circulated to members.

Tee Up for Mental Health Golf Day (with photos taken on 25 September)

Gavan and Janet Wallis spoke about the preparations for the Tee Up for Mental Health Golf Day on Friday 25/9/26.

Weekly meetings have been held with ACSO for 6 months

They have obtained many sponsors for the holes.

150 golfers will be starting in a shotgun start.

1138 golf balls have been collected for the ball in the boat competition.

Paul has organised 2 great signs for the ball in the boat competition.

Volunteers are needed on the day for transporting equipment from / to the shed, set up and pack up, the BBQ, drinks, Ball in the Boat, hole in one, auction of prizes, presentations of awards, selling alcohol in golf carts.



It is agreed that it is important for us to be seen to be working with ACSO on the day.

ACSO are hosting a tea for volunteers and Janet was coordinating the numbers.

The Scheff's Swindle envelope was opened by Heather with President Simon winning the \$50

Glenn Azlin conducted the fines session.

The trip to the Solomon Islands is coming up and those going were wished all the best.

Janne reported that the new Traralgon Rotary sign has been installed on the highway east of the Golf Club. The club has been reimbursed for half the costs from the District.

Members were reminded that our next meeting for the 5th Tuesday in September and is a vocation visit to Source Foods in Franklin Street followed by tea in Traralgon.

Lorraine and Janne will be participating in a zoom meeting this week to discuss options for a global grant to support Ukraine.

President Simon closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and volunteering at our upcoming events.



"Create Lasting Change"



Statistics for 15 September 2026

Apologies: Wolf Becker, Debby Butler, Ron Elliott, Gradwell Fredericks, Brian Lythgo, Darryl Marks, Adele Nardino, Helen O'Brien, Alana Storey, Peter Wallis

Partners: Li Azlin.

Guests: : Virginia Gissara. Kath Butler

Speaker:

Statistics	
No of members	34
Member Apologies	12
Members Present	22
Partners	1
Guests	2
Total	25

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 3838th 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 29 September 2026

Next Meeting 6 October 2026

Programme	Vocational Visit	End Polio Now Wear red for polio month
Speaker	The Source Bulk Foods 5.30pm	DG Emma Clark
	135 Franklin St, Traralgon	
Meeting Chair	Dinner:	
Behind the Badge	Hotel Traralgon	
Sergeant	Dinner:	Gavan Hodgson
Greeters		Wolf Becker & Norm Butler
Cashiers		Debby Butler & Tom Corrigan
Bulletin	Janet Wallis	Ann Maloney