

# Rotary



16 July 2019

## Rotary Club of Traralgon

Serving Through Rotary for 78 Years District 9820 Victoria

The Club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month at the Traralgon Golf Club  
Business Breakfast 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - Café Aura, 19 Seymour St Traralgon 7.30am

Apologies to the Secretary on 0419 966 955 or terry@chsps.com.au by 7.00 pm on Monday please

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2019-2020

**President**

**Rae Mackay**

**Immediate Past**

**President**

**Don Crewe**

**President Elect/Club**

**Administration**

**TBA**

**Vice President**

**Chris O'Brien**

**Secretary**

**Terry Carmichael**

**Treasurer**

**Peter Wallis**

**Youth Services**

**Debby Butler**

**Rotary Foundation**

**Andy Ringin**

**Community Services**

**Rae Mackay**

**International Service**

**Wayne Ablitt**

**Vocational Services**

**Gavan Hodgson**

**Membership**

**Janne Speirs**

**Public Relations**

**Lorraine Paulet**

### President's Message

I think that Changeover was a great success. I certainly enjoyed it and thank all who attended for joining in the fun. We had a chance to celebrate the work of the previous year as well as to consider the scope for new activities in the coming year. I hope you all took home a copy of the Club Programme and read it with interest. I decided not to call it a Club Handbook for two reasons. First, it is incomplete and will develop over time as dates, times and actions are added to fill in the diary gaps. Let's call the current copy Edition 1. Second, it needs affirmation by our club members. We will need to work through everything in the coming months, focus our goals for the year and have fun along the way.



The three 'new' projects initiated this year are: Mental Health First Aid for young people in the Latrobe City community, and is linked to Russell Northe's Golf Day (thanks to Terry Carmichael, Ron Elliot and team); Traralgon Community Christmas Parade, Market and Grotto in association with Apex, Lions and the City Council (thanks to Ray Scheffer, Lorraine Paulet and team); and, Taba'a economic development in the Solomon's (thanks to Brian Lythgo and Ian Draper and team). These are all long term projects that can run over many years alongside our other activities.

This week is club assembly, but hopefully with a difference. Its purpose is to get everyone behind our new projects and build the teams that will deliver on the agendas that we have set. For that reason, we won't have the usual committee tables but will cluster around project tables. I really look forward to seeing if this works. Please get involved in any way that best suits you and the project needs. I want us to "break the chains" on assembly nights by removing the historical formalities and instead focussing on direct needs.

Sorry I can't be with you in person, but I am in spirit!

YIR

**President Rae Mackay**

## Report of the Meeting 2 July 2019 Club Changeover

Sergeant Gaven called the meeting to order.

PP Norm Butler was invited to propose a toast to Rotary International (RI). Norm mentioned Rotary International is the flagship of the 34558 Rotary Clubs worldwide. The Rotary Club of Traralgon was chartered on 19 November 1941. The presence of 3 Past District Governors (PDG) at our meeting tonight was an indication of the connections we have with RI. Rotary started with a small number of people but now transcends all borders, races and creeds. Of the 1,220,000 Rotarians, 28% are American, the next highest is India with 10% of members. Norm mentioned the 6 areas of focus.

PDG Charlie Speirs responded with thanks.

Guest speaker Deputy Mayor Darren Howe spoke about building Community within Latrobe City. He mentioned many programmes designed to help residents, including services and clubs such as one for mums of young babies to gain physical fitness. Another called the Good Old Days, for older men to meet and talk. Latrobe Shire endeavours to address matters which cause barriers to community, including addressing the needs of people with disabilities. This might mean ensuring suitable parking, or making writing on flyers a suitable size for people to read. Cr Darren thanked the Rotary Club of Traralgon for their support of the annual Christmas Parade, and for taking on the role of being the auspicing body.

President Don was asked to present his report for the past year.



President Don read his report from the annual reports booklet. He was thankful for the opportunity to serve as the 79<sup>th</sup> president of Traralgon Rotary Club. He mentioned some of the medical challenges he has faced during this year and went on to mention some of the highlights of the year. He said the year would not have been as successful as it was, were it not for the help and support of the Board. He specifically thanked many people individual, including his daughter-in-law Carol Crewe who enabled the Board to meet at Rotary Centenary House. He also asked Margot and her team to step out of the kitchen and thanked them for the wonderful work of providing our meals at each meeting.

PDG Janne Speirs was asked to make a special presentation. She called for Ray Scheffer to come forward and read a letter from Carol Crewe endorsing the nomination of Ray for a Paul Harris fellowship. Substantially for his hard work in the gardens at Centenary House. He contributes many hours to the maintenance of existing gardens. He was instrumental in establishing the arboretum and the new gardens in the stage 3 development.



Ray thanked everyone for their help and support in the work he does.

PDG Charlie Speirs called Margaret McColl forward. He mentioned that for over 50 years, she has

***This is our Club's 3650th meeting.***

**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](http://www.traralgonrotary.com)

**Facebook :** 'Traralgon Rotary', like us and request to become a friend.



supported Ron in his work for Rotary. She has been awarded a Paul Harris fellowship for her ongoing support.

Ron McColl conducted a Heads and Tails event, won by Kay Jones and Terry Carmichael.

Sergeant Gavan conducted a humorous fine session.

PDG Janne Speirs was invited to conduct the induction of the next president. Janne mentioned how much she had appreciated the hard work of Rae & Lorraine during her year as DG. "So it is a great pleasure to induct Rae as president of this awesome Rotary Club. When a person is invited to become a member it is a display of confidence in them. When the invitation is extended to become president it ensures the club works soundly. Traralgon Rotary club is fortunate have had 78 years of awesome history behind it" she said.

To the formal question "Are you willing to take on the role of President?" Rae answered "I am."



Janne thanked Don Crewe for stepping into the role for this last year and for all he had given to the club during the year. Janne mentioned how the collar worn by the president holds the names of all past presidents, many, including those on the one which hangs in the honour cupboard, are awesome people. Don handed over the collar and it was presented to Rae formally recognising him as the president for 2019-2020. She also presented him with the president's pin. And invited members to stand welcome our new president.

Rae thanked Don, on behalf of the club for his work during the past year and presented him with the Past President pin and certificate of service for the last year.

Rae went on to introduce the new board (names appear on the front page).

Then thanked them for being willing to serve the club this year and all members who form the team for our Rotary work.

The raffle was drawn 1<sup>st</sup> prize went to Claire Carmichael, second to Neville Penrose and the third to Angus Cassin.

Rae mentioned that money raised tonight would go to Polio Plus.

Sergeant Gaven said he had the pleasure of one more thing, to present a gift to Rae on behalf of his wife Karen. He then closed the meeting .



### **Business Breakfast**

Tuesday 23rd July 7.30am at Café Aura.

Guest Speaker: Christine Hopwood: Elder Rights Advocate. Christine is from the newly commissioned Latrobe Valley Office of "Elder Rights". Addressing Elder Rights in home based and residential aged care.



### **Mark the Date**

Central Gippsland Cluster Meeting, evening time tbd. At Duart, Maffra. Speakers: DG Adrian Froggart "Breaking the Chains" and Wendy Froggart "Partner's project—Polio Plus. Finger food. All Cluster Club members are encouraged to attend.

### 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 concerned

### ROTARY INVOCATION

For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.



2019-2020 District Governor's Partner's project is Polio Plus. Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years, and we've made incredible progress in the fight to rid the world of it forever.

### Statistics for 2 July 2019

#### Apologies:

Debbie Butler, Ian Draper, Brian Lythgo, Andy Ringin

#### LOA

Geraldine Jones, Gloria Platt, Michael Rossiter, Simon Schembri.

#### District Duties:

#### Guest Speaker :

#### Guests

Darren & Julie Howe, Dan Clancy, Russell Northe, Eric & Liz Smith, Peter & Susan Morrow, Sophie & Gareth Morell, Tineke, Helen O'Brien, Neville & Nola Penrose, Paul & Glenys Crozier, Len Jones & Kaye, Lyn Howe, Yvonne Burman, Angus Cassin.

#### Visiting Rotarians:

Tim & Jane Moore, Bill & Judy Degnan, Dianne & Reinhard Henning, Eric Greenaway,

#### Rotarian's Spouses:

Debra Abblitt, Li Azlin, Ali Becker, Lyndal Boulton, Sandi Butler, Claire Carmichael, Chris Davidson, Trish Elliott, Kay Keith, Margaret McColl, Sandra O'Brien, Michele, Rossiter, Judy Setches, Barb Vallak.

Members:	36
Apologies:	4
Late Apologies	
AWOL	
Leave of Absence	3
DG Duties	
Members Present:	29
Visiting Rotarians	7
Partners:	14
Guests	23
Total Present:	73
Booked meals;	71
Actual meals	73

### Celebrations and Anniversaries coming up:

<b>INDUCTIONS</b>	
<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	17 July wolf Becker, 18 July Chris Davidson
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	

	<b>This Meeting 16 July 2019</b>	<b>Next Meeting 30 July 2019</b>
<b>Programme</b>	Club Assembly	Lift the Lid Social Night Partner's Night. Wear a silly Hat!
<b>Speaker</b>		
<b>Chairman</b>	Chris O'Brien	Terry Carmichael
<b>Greeters</b>	Darryl Marks & John Paulet	Ray Scheffer & Andy Ringin
<b>Cashiers</b>	Wolf Becker & Steve Briggs	Norm Butler & John Caruana
<b>Bulletin</b>	Ron Elliott	Don Crewe
<b>Sergeant</b>	Glenn Azlin	Lorraine Paulet
<b>Meals on Wheels</b>		