



Rotary Club of Traralgon

Serving Through Rotary for 80 Years District 9820 Victoria

The Club meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday each month

Apologies to Secretary Charlie by 7.00 pm on Sundays please. Ph 0428 761 435

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2021—2022

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Peter Wallis

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Public Relations

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President's Announcements

Changeover nights are a regular feature of Rotary. It seems a little strange. In most organisations you are elected to a position and take on the role. Rotary however does this differently. It recognises the achievements of the past year and looks forward to the coming year. Recognising that Rotary exists for the benefit of others.



I really appreciated all those who attended. It had a great feel about, maybe it reinforces that we are a people who like being in community.

As mentioned on the night, I really appreciated Glenn's leadership during the past year of COVID 19. To lead a club in these circumstances is not easy and it is important to recognise his efforts. Well done Glenn!

Tonight I hope we can journey together as I outline some plans for the year ahead and seek your input and that together we do our very best to serve our communities.

I had my first Board meeting on 13th July 2021.

Just a couple of items for your diary:

DG Bill Degan will visit on 31 August 2021

A Golf Day is being planned for the 24 September 2021

This is in conjunction with Russell Northe and 50/50 proceeds to Lifeline and Traralgon Rotary.

Janet and I are planning a Melbourne Cup function at 2 Graduate Place on Cup Day.

Christmas Function is planned for 21 December, - but may change depending on venue availability.

Our Charter was presented on 13 March 1942.

We are planning 80th Traralgon Rotary Celebration for 19 March 2022 as a Jazz night—more to come.

It was agreed to merge Fundraising and Public Relations into one Committee.

President Peter Wallis

Rotary Meeting 6 July 2021

Sergeant Gavan Hodgson opened the meeting and thanked those who travelled to attend our Changeover dinner.

Reverend Janet Wallis read the invocation.

President Glenn welcomed all guest and special dignitaries . He wished P Veronica Dwyer, from Maffra a very happy birthday.

Secretary Norm: went through apologies, anniversaries, birthdays, next meeting 20th July.

PP Norm Butler proposed a toast to Rotary International.

Response – **District Governor Bill Degnan**, who quoted one of the sayings for this year, promoted by International President Shekhar Mehta (Pictured here with his wife Rashi)



“Each one bring one”to build our Rotary international membership worldwide.

Polio eradication – what a wonderful achievement

Serve to Change Lives: Rotary International Chair says that it nurtures the soul Shekhar suggests we set goals for our Clubs. The guiding mantra this year is “do more so that you an grow more or grow more that you can do more.”

DG Bill acknowledged our work with Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, MUNA, Footy Gates, Lift the Lid

President Glenn Azlin – 2020-2021 President’s Report

2020-21 was the most challenging year but we succeeded.

Each of our Directors achieved a lot this year – staying focused on the activities traditionally followed and adapting where we could.

Rotarians stepped up and resulted in a very different Club

We have become stronger through fellowship

Visitors comment on our inclusivity, understanding, actively participating in Rotary events

We did lose many Club members, but we also welcomed many

We participated in the District membership pilot which was terrific

We did get Zoomed out, but it made our face to face meetings so special

During the year, many members made significant contributions and participated in many events across the board

Glenn sincerely thanked all of the Club for their strength, support and guidance, He closed his report with a reminder of the theme for this past year: **Rotary Opens Opportunities**

Past District Governor (PDG) Charlie Speirs brought everyone’s attention to our Foundation centrepieces.

7 areas of focus – introducing The Environment as the 7th area of focus going forward.

Presented Don Crewe, Endel Vallak, Glenn Azlin with Paul Harris Fellow’s for their wonderful support of Foundation

Rae Mackay PP – presented Paul Harris Fellow awarded to Russell Northe for his contribution to our community, his service as the Member for Morwell and in his support of his community

Linda Humphries – DGN (District Governor Nominee, i.e. ‘23-24).

Represented Mount Eliza in acknowledging the Latrobe Valley Rotary Clubs contributions and delivered a petrol generator to the Traralgon Central Club. Celebrated the work we do together by wearing a hard hat and flouro vest. DG Bill Degnan responded with thanks and in particular for the support of the community that is recovering from the recent floods – Traralgon and Yinnar



Bill Degnan DG thanked Glenn Azlin for his year of service as President and welcomed the incoming President Peter Wallis
He inducted President Peter Wallis into the role to grand applause
Encouraged President Peter to embrace the theme “[Serve to Change Lives](#)”
Acknowledged 80 years since charter for the Traralgon Club
Formally handed over the badge and charter



President Peter Wallis

Began his Presidency by awarding Glenn a Past President badge and certificate.
After the District changeover he mentioned he went home and watched a movie about bucket lists. The movie actually spoke to him – what we have is not important, it’s the relationships with others. What we can do for others is paramount and how he resonates with this year’s theme of: [Serve to Change Lives](#) .
His desire for this year is that Traralgon might explore group projects with some neighbouring Clubs.. The Environment has been added to make the 7 areas of focus – let’s look at an Environment Cluster project based in East Gippsland.
We will continue with our Youth Mental Health First Aid project
Our Centenary House work is so important..
Whilst we haven’t been able to do a lot in the Solomon’s, we will look to do more as the world opens back up after COVID-19..
Let’s make this year’s theme a living reality in our community: [Serve to Change Lives](#)

Peter introduced this year’s Board (as recorded on the front of this bulletin).

Gavan Hodgson announced \$654 raised at last week’s Bunnings BBQ.

Lorraine ran a heads and tails game where Chris O’Brien won.

Peter Wallis closed the evening with a thanks to Immediate Past President Glenn Azlin, mentioning it has been a hard year as his family have been separated by huge distance on account of the COVID-19 pandemic.



He thanked the team who worked on this wonderful evening.

Thanked our community and service club partners who have attended.

Thanked the many Rotary visitors including DG, PDG’s and DGN.

Closed the evening with this years theme

[Serve to Change Lives](#)

Recent Changeovers

Changeover Traralgon Central was held at Café Aura on 5 July. Welcome to new president and congratulations to ‘the three Amigos’ who served as successive presidents during the past year.



Sandra Butler was inducted as President of Traralgon Inner Wheel on Thursday 15 July. Congratulations Sandy.



Statistics for 6 July 2021

Apologies:

Andy Ringin, Terry Carmichael, Mayor Sharon Gibson.
Philip Davis, Peter Kingsbury, Naomi Etheridge, Ray & Jackie Scheffer,

Leave of Absence:

Guest Speaker:

Visiting Rotarians:

DG Bill Degnan, PDG Mark Humphries, DGN Linda Humphries, AG Helen Lanigan, Lee Garwood, PP Glen Brand, Anthony Maher, P Veronica Dwyer, PDG Don Ripper, P Warren McPherson, Dave McInnes, Carol & Zac Crewe, P Di Harrison, Vale Baggeley, Eric Greenaway,

Partners:

Karen Mackay; **Innerwheel:** Sandy Butler, Sandra O'Brien, Barb Vallak, Chris Davidson, Trish Elliott

Visitors

Hon Russell Northe, Cr Darren Howe, Judy Degnan, Margaret Quinsee, Roger & Leonie Fitzgerald, Alag & Kiruba Alagaswami, John & Jo Inglis, Simon Trebilcock, Adele Nadino, T&R Eccles (Apex); John Paulet, Len Jones,

Statistics	
No of members	31
Member Apologies	1
LOA	0
Members Present	30
Guests	0
Visiting Rotarians	15
Partners	6
Visitors	16

Celebrations and Anniversaries coming up:

INDUCTIONS	30 July 2019 Helen O'Brien
BIRTHDAYS	1 August Michael Rossiter
ANNIVERSARIES	31 July Helen & Tim O'Brien; 2 August Rae & Karen Mackay

This is our club's 3704th dinner 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

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

	Next Meeting 20 July 2021	Next Meeting 3 August 2021
Programme	Exploring the next 12 months	
Speaker	Peter Wallis	
Meals on Wheels	4 August Ron & Trish Elliott	

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