

19 March 2024

Rotary Club of Traralgon

Serving Through Rotary for 82 Years District 9820 Victoria

The Club meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday each month, Traralgon Golf Club. 6.00pm
Attendance and apologies to Secretary Charlie by 7.00 pm on Sundays please. Ph 0428 761 435
Next Business Breakfast March 27th at Dock 19 at 7.30am. Contact Lorraine ph 0419 547 363

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President's Prattle

A special welcome tonight to all who are visiting us. We hope that you enjoy the evening and that you will take away with you some increased awareness of the service that we as a Club undertake locally and on a wider scale, in the name of Rotary International. If you have any further queries or would like to have a chat about becoming a member please feel free to chat to myself as President, Glenn Azlin our Membership Chair or any of the Club members.

Welcome also to our own members and partners. I would particularly like to thank Glenn as Membership Chair for all the work he has put into this evening.

Congratulations must go to Janet Wallis for her fantastic fundraising effort and ride on the D9810 Conference Ride in the Shepparton area last week and to Peter for being one of the support drivers. Funds will go towards the research work done by Australian Rotary Health.

As I mentioned in our last bulletin the first of the Equine Therapy sessions we are funding for at risk young people, through the Morwell Police and Headspace, was held recently and I was thrilled to get a wonderful report from our contact at Morwell, Kelly Hicks along with a couple of photo, one of which is included. The young people really enjoyed the experience and had a great time. I will be joining the group on the 11th April at one of the sessions and am really looking forward to that.



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.

Don't forget that our monthly breakfast will be held at Dock 19 (previously Café Aura) on Wednesday March 27. Lorraine will have some fliers with her tonight, especially if any of our visitors would like to join us. This is a very different meeting of the Club and all of you are welcome to meet with us on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

At our Board meeting last Tuesday we had a look at the draft information Simon H has put together for presentation to our 'sandwich schools' regarding installation of Peace Poles on their campuses, the draft brochure is just about ready, Pride of Workmanship information is ready to distribute and every member will be receiving an email with the letter and application forms as a number of people have already expressed an interest in nominating someone.

Our next meeting will be on the 2nd of April and we will have a presentation on Wheelchairs for Kids which will be really wonderful, seeing and hearing about the work being done in third world areas to get disabled children into wheelchairs that give them freedom to move around their villages rather than being restricted to home or being carried everywhere.

Enjoy tonight

Cheers

President Janne

Report of Meeting 5 March 2024

Sergeant Lorraine:

Toast to good weather.

President Janne:

Opened meeting and welcomed members, partners and guests.

Special welcome to Virginia Gissara who will be inducted as a member in April.

Welcome to guest speaker Josh Last.

BBQ Report: Gavan

2nd March – lots of helpers – Thanks – Raised \$809.55

Seven BBQs remaining for the year:

20 April

25 May

22 June

10 August

21 September

19 October

16 November

Membership Chair: Glen A

Next meeting – 19 March will be a membership night.

25/30 invitations have been sent out.

Suggestion to members that we wear our Rotary shirts and name badges.

Guests will not have to pay for their meal.

President Janne:

Introduction of guest speaker: Josh Last

Guests Speaker: Josh Last

Josh outlined an expansive and diverse working career.

Latrobe City as manager of facilities

Manager of Wilson's Prom caravan park (living at Yanakie and travelling home at weekends)

Manager of Lardner Park operations/events

Manager of Southern Alpine Resorts – (Mt Baw Baw and other resorts) – used \$1million of diesel through winter – 5000 people through winter and none through summer.

Manager Alpine Resorts Victoria



Current role is at TCP as Facilities and Operations Manager.
Responsible for security and safety and cleanliness
Exploring capital improvements
The centre was built in 1985 by Stockland and has not been well maintained
Recently purchased by the Fawkner Group
Lots of Community Involvement:
Gardening
Gift Wrapping
Employ locals
BBQ's – Lions and Rotary



President Janne:

Outlined process for seeking Council funding for an Emergency Management Grant
Our responsibility would be to provide access to this equipment when required in an emergency situation.
Equipment List
Large generator
Large Gazebo – double size
Wet/Dry vacuum cleaner
10 Plug charger

Cost \$5236

Summary:

The equipment is ours to use at any time
We would become part of any response after the emergency
We would be helping many rather than a few.
The gazebo would be set up as a gathering place for a cuppa and a chat.

MOTION to proceed was carried by the membership present.

Sergeant Lorraine

Conducted a fines session

Meeting Closed 8.10pm

Janne concluded the meeting reminding us to– **'Create Hope in the World'**.

Thank you very much for your support

The Rotary Ride for Medical Research
raised over \$26,000 this year.



Your support of the ride is a big part of that total. **Janet and Peter** were able to transfer \$1875 with donations from members of our local Rotary Club and members of the Anglican Parish of Traralgon.



Statistics for 5 March 2024

Apologies: Tony Boulton, Wolf Becker, Debby Butler, Norm Butler, Russell Davidson, Brian Lythgo, Rae Mackay, Adele Nardino, Helen O'Brien, Jan Riddle, Andy Ringin, Endel Vallak, Janet Wallis, Peter Wallis.

Visiting Rotarians:

Partners: Sandra O'Brien

Guests Speaker : Josh Last

Guests: Virginia Gassara

Statistics	
No of members	30
Member Apologies	14
AWOL	
LOA	
Members Present	16
Visiting Rotarians	
Partners	1
Guests	2
Total	19

Recent and upcoming Celebrations and Anniversaries :

INDUCTIONS	30 March Jan Inglis 2021; 1 April 2008 Ron Elliott; 1 April 2014 Endel Vallak
BIRTHDAYS	21 March Norm Butler
ANNIVERSARIES	Tony & Lyndal Boulton

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 3772nd dinner meeting. We have hosted about 125 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 19th March 2024	Next Meeting 2 April March 2024
Programme	Membership Evening	Wheelchairs for Kids
Speaker		Grant Klaaysen & Russell Hayes
Chairman	Glenn Azlin	
Sergeant	Lorraine Paulet	Glenn Azlin
Bulletin	Adele Nardino	Janet Wallis
Greeters	Janet Wallis & Wolf Becker	Russell Davidson & Simon Hemming
Cashiers	Peter Wallis & Debby Butler.	Gavan Hodgson & Jan Inglis