

Rotary Club of East Maitland Inc.

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**ROTARY CLUB OF
EAST MAITLAND
WEEKLY BULLETIN
26 MAY 2026**



May is Youth Services month



Rotary International President

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa

Sicily, Italy

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FOR
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**ROTARY CLUB OF
EAST MAITLAND**



RCEM Celebrate Maitland Sunrise's 30th Year



RCEM BOARD 2025-2026

President Christopher Morgan opened the meeting at 6:43. The Acknowledgement to Country was made by Geoff Hicks.

We welcomed as **Guests:** Ava Hassett, Charmane Doherty and Kathy Woodley, Alexis and George Hague and Flori Schroder.

Apologies were received from Eric and Cindy Modderman, Louise Shirvington, Brian and Carol Coffey, Dallas Horadam, Judy Hicks, Leaner Parker, Keith Bush, Sandy and Fine Vea, Sophie Holle, Vikki Talbot, Sandra Cleere and Kath Botterill.

Our **Rotarian of the Week** was Liz Holle.

President's Report: A big thank you to all who helped organise and those who attended last week's Heartprint dinner. We profits from the night were donated to Heartprint. There are still opportunities to help out with T-Shirts and period underwear available. Contact Sue Morgan to find out more. We had a very successful Saturday at the Pickers Canteen, better off being in the canteen than on the field in the rain. Thank you do all who helped out, especially Carol Coffey for coordinating. So many great helpers contributed to the parking marshalling at last week's Hunter Outdoor show in difficult conditions.



	2 nd June	9 th June	16 th June
ACTIVITY / SPEAKER	Kylie McPherson	Guest Speaker	Games Night
TOPIC	Behind the Badge	Every Daughter Matters	
INTRODUCE	Sue Morgan	Liz Holle	
THANKS	Geoff Hicks	Glenda Briggs	
FELLOWSHIP	Caol Coffey	Tori Smith	Eric Modderman
Thought for the Week	Michael Tams	Vicki Talbot	Sophie Holle
LOCATION	GEORGE TAVERN 6.00PM for 6.30PM	GEORGE TAVERN 6.00PM for 6.30PM	TBC 6.00PM for 6.30PM

There was rain a plenty on Saturday and one member was quoted as saying " it isn't a real event unless it involves your members getting muddy. Thank you to all who helped out. Membership fees are now due. Members received an invoice email from the club email address on 5th May. If you have not received yours, check your spam box or contact Louise Shirvington.

Thought for the Week
John Pace

The nicest thing about the future is
that it starts tomorrow.

FOR YOUR DIARY

(Website eastmaitlandrotary.org.au)

Wednesday Walking Group – [Schedule Here](#)

June 2026

6 - Pickers Canteen

7- Maitland River Run

13 – Pickers Canteen

19 – 21 Proposed Camping Weekend

27 – District Changeover - Tamworth

30 – RCEM Club Changeover

July 2026

1 – George Tavern Raffles

4 – Rford-Telarah's 50th Birthday Changeover

11 – Pickers Canteen

11 – Volunteers for Palliative Care Christmas



Members donned red at Cessnock Rotary Club's End Polio Now Trivia Night. We had a strong showing with one of our tables coming second in the 10-round quiz and the other

taking out best dressed for the night. No doubt thanks to Brian's long red hair.

Welfare: Nola reported that Leanne's hand is on the mend and Sandra has not been feeling well. Our thoughts are with you both.

Disbursements: We are very excited to announce our annual disbursements. This year, the Rotary Club of East Maitland raised and donated over \$64,000 to local, domestic and overseas charities and NGOs including Rotary's signature end polio now project. Of that, \$30,000 was donated to charities directly in the Maitland local area. All members can be especially proud of a great effort for our community.

Healthstays: Trevor updated us on the recent meeting with Professor Kelvin Kong and grant opportunities from the East Maitland Bowling Club.

Volunteers for Palliative Care Christmas in July is coming up on 11th July. [Click here for more information, including where to book.](#)

This week's **Guest Speaker** was introduced by Liz Holle. Our very own **Larissa Fonseca** from Brazil has just returned from safari. Larissa's trip took her to Uluru via Adelaide. She met many other exchange students from other districts including 9560, 9620, 9640 and 9830. Lari quickly gained the nickname Noodles because of her hair.

The group comprised 36 students in 2 x 20 seater busses and mostly, they slept in swags under the stars! Key stops along the way were Akaroo Rock in the Flinders Rangers, where there were lots of wild Emus and Kangaroos, the Oodnadatta track, Mutonia Sculpture Park, William Creek, Lake Eyre, Coober Pedy where they got to sleep in an underground cave and visit an opal mine, the NT border, Ularu, Kata Tjuta and Kings Canyon.



The worst part of the trip was the dust.... and the flies.

Some of the most amazing parts of the trip were sunset over Uluru and sunrise at Kings Canyon, the Field of Lights at Uluru and a Didgeridoo workshop. However, most of all, the absolute best part of the trip was meeting and spending time with all the amazing other students and making new life long friends.

Lari was thanked by Nikki Cousins.

