

**Rotary Club of East Maitland Inc.  
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**ROTARY DISTRICT 9660**

**District Governor**

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(RC East Maitland)



**ROTARY CLUB OF  
EAST MAITLAND  
WEEKLY BULLETIN  
28 APRIL 2026**



**Rotary International President**

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Sicily, Italy

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**ROTARY CLUB OF  
EAST MAITLAND**



RCEM wear red to end polio



RCEM BOARD 2025-2026

**President Christopher Morgan** opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement to Country.

**Guest speakers Libby Batchelor and Peter Hall, Harvey Pullen and Lari** were all welcomed as **Guests / Visitors**. **Apologies** were received from Nola and Tony Roser, Mike Goddard, Tess Bellia, Cindy and Eric Modderman, Kath Botterill and Michael Tams.

Rotarian of the Week: **Sophie Holle** will have \$100 credited to the Rotary Foundation, in her name, in the Foundation avenue of her choice.

**Walking Group** – This week's Walk commenced at the East Maitland Library, followed by chatter at the Honest Vine Café.

#### President's Announcements

**President Christopher** thanked members who had assisted with the Anzac Dinner as well as at the Dawn Service, including the making, packaging and distribution of 1,240 Anzac biscuits

**Trivia Night** – Friday 1 May, organised by Morisset Rotary and supporting Rotary Foundation.

**Maitland Sunrise Rotary Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner** – Friday 15 May.

**Heartprint Dinner** – 18 May – Telarah Bowling Club

**R C Rutherford-Telarah Changeover Dinner**

**New iPad and laptop** have been purchased for Club use, funded by a District Grant.

**Members** will be emailed to determine preferences for distribution of Club funds at the end of June.



Thought for the Week  
Vicki Cunningham



Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.

#### Youth Exchange Program

**Lari** attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service and a birthday celebration of a friend, staying up all night. She will soon participate in the Youth Exchange Central Australian trip.

**Liz Holle** reported that past YEP member, **Raissa (Ra) Moreira** is returning to Australia to complete an internship at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital as part of her Medicine degree.

#### Director's Reports

##### Foundation (Brian Morgan)

East Maitland is the leading Club in District for donations to the Rotary Foundation, including 13 members who are 'Centurions' (contributing A\$100 per year).

Brian also shared donation figures on a world-wide basis.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

(Website [eastmaitlandrotary.org.au](http://eastmaitlandrotary.org.au))

Walking Group every Wednesday

### May 2026

6 – George Raffles

8 – Mother's Day barbecue – Hinton Public School

15 – Maitland Sunrise Rotary's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday

18 – Heartprint Dinner – Telarah Bowling Club

19 – No RCEM meeting

22 - 24 - Caravan Show - marshalling

23 - Pickers Canteen

### June 2026

6 - Pickers Canteen

19 – 21 proposed Camping Weekend

30 - Club Changeover

### Service Director (Brian Coffey)

In a Report based on numbers, Brian informed

- RCEM is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in District and
- 7<sup>th</sup> largest in NSW.
- 16 members volunteered at the Anzac Day Dawn Service – very much appreciated by East Maitland RSL Sub-branch
- 5 members participated in the program at Aussie Ark
- 5 members assisted at the Pickers canteen, another sellout event.

### May Service

6 May - George Tavern raffles

8 May – Mother's Day barbecue at Hinton Public School's Mother's Day event

22 – 24 May – Caravan and Camping Expo, marshalling, sharing with Rotary Clubs of Cessnock, Kurri Kurri and Salamander Bay  
23 Pickers Canteen

Members' hours of service are being tallied. 85% of members have participated in Service activities – another sign of a strong club.

### Membership (Sue Morgan)

Following participation in a Maitland City Council sponsored event in Tenambit, Sue is proposing a District Grant Application to fund a monthly barbecue in the area, to be organised through Hume Housing. Volunteers interesting in the completing the Grant Application should contact Sue.

### Administration (Liz Holle)

Next week's program will include a Baby Photo Guessing Competition (in recognition of Mother's Day). Members are asked to supply a baby photo of themselves.

### Service (Stuart Holle)

Stuart reported on the Team who participated in weed eradication and painting at Aussie Ark, Barrington Tops last weekend. Previous accommodation arrangements will change with the current accommodation being placed on the private market.

### HealthStays (Trevor Lynch)

Trevor has presented at a meeting in Scone attended by members of Scone RC, Scone CWA and the President / Secretary of RC



Muswellbrook. Trevor and Dallas also met with Jenny Aitcheson MP, and Ryan Park, Minister for Health, informing them of the project and will address a meeting of local Council and Government civic awardees.

### Paul Harris Fellow presentation

District Governor Evan Burrell presented RCEM member Liz Holle with a District Paul Harris Fellow recognition, in recognition of Liz's extensive work on the District's Youth Exchange Program.

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

Liz Holle introduced Lindy Batchelor and Peter Hall, from Newcastle Art Gallery Society. Lindy has an education background, is an author of children's books and a former librarian. Her grandfather was a Rotary District Governor and hosted Paul Harris, founder of Rotary International, on his visit to Australia. Peter has an education background. Liz informed about the recently opened extensions to Newcastle Art Gallery, providing two and a half times more exhibition space. The Gallery has 7,000 works of art with an estimated value of \$145 million. Peter referred to other local galleries, including Maitland City and spoke of 3 levels of community engagement – professional, volunteering and activities.

Volunteering through the Art Gallery Society includes fund raising for future acquisitions as well as guiding visitors.

Visits to local establishments feature, such as the Soap Factory in Mayfield East, where artworks, furniture and jewellery are featured. Liz explained reasons for being a Gallery Guide, the role of a Guide, and the benefits of being a member of the Art Gallery Society. Visits to the Gallery are available Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm.

**Julie Dixon** thanked Lindy and Peter for their presentation, indicating that a book "Weaving Country" will be presented to a local school.



	5 <sup>th</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>ACTIVITY / SPEAKER</b>	Georgia Dulley	Club Assembly	Wendy O'Brien Pheap (Siem Reap)
<b>TOPIC</b>	RYLA Baby photos		Heartprint
<b>INTRODUCE</b>	Sue Morgan		
<b>THANKS</b>	Dallas Horadam		
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Sandra Cleere	Louise Shirvington	
<b>Thought for the Week</b>	John Pace	Vicki Talbot	
<b>LOCATION</b>	GEORGE TAVERN 6.00PM for 6.30PM	GEORGE TAVERN 6.00PM for 6.30PM	TELARAH BOWLING CLUB

