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**ROTARY CLUB OF  
EAST MAITLAND  
WEEKLY BULLETIN  
24 FEBRUARY 2026**



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**ROTARY CLUB OF  
EAST MAITLAND**



RCEM wear red to end polio... We're this close!



RCEM BOARD 2025-2026

This week's meeting was opened at 6:36 by Brain Morgan presenting an acknowledgement of Country. **We welcomed** Lari from Brazil and Flori from Germany. We acknowledged John Bennetts, who we have not seen for a while and Kim & John LePage returning from Egypt. **Apologies** were received from John Pace, Amanda Pauley, Narelle Jefferies, Michael Tams, Adi Ojah, Kath Botterill and Sandy & Fine Vea.

Special mention this week to Sandy and Fine. Fine is waiting on his foot operation before

they can get to work on his Knee, Sandy is missing us and we are all thinking of her.

This weeks Rotarian of the week was Leanne Paker. Leanne chose to have her \$100 donated to the End Polio Now Cause.

On behalf of the Rotary Foundation, Brian Morgan had the pleasure of presenting Stacey Jacobs with a Paul Harris Recognition



Sue Morgan filled us in on the events of last weekend's District training in Tamworth.

	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10 <sup>th</sup> March	17 <sup>th</sup> March
ACTIVITY / SPEAKER	Tori Smith		Club Assembly
TOPIC	Behind The Badge	Every Daughter Matters	
INTRODUCER	Narelle Jefferies	Sue Morgan	
THANKS	Carol Coffey	Sue Matynia	
FELLOWSHIP	Brian Morgan	Trevor Lynch	Stuart Holle
Thought for the Week	Nola Freeman	Liz Holle	Brian Coffey
LOCATION	GEORGE TAVERN 6:00 for 6:30 PM	GEORGE TAVERN 6:00 for 6:30 PM	GEORGE TAVERN 6:00 for 6:30 PM

With help from Leanne Parker

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

Walking Group every Wednesday

**February**

28 – An inspector calls – Maitland Repertory

28-1 Maitland Athletics

**March**

1 – Clean Up Australia Day

4, 11, 18 and 25 – George Tavern Raffles

10 Discover Rotary Night

15 Lit the Lid Walk – Maitland Park

16-20 Science and Engineering Challenge

20–21 District Conference – Newcastle

20-22 Antique Show – Maitland Showground

24 – Cambodia 2027 info night

The Combined Club's golf day is coming up. This important event invites members of the public and corporate teams to a round of 4 Ball Ambrose Golf. Prizes include Hole in one and nearest to the pin.

RCEM will be helping out again with the Drinks and we need help... Visit our event page for more information.

Our Cambodia trip will be on again this year, starting from late 2026 and into early 2027.

[Click here to see more information on our information night](#) on 24<sup>th</sup> March, after our regular meeting.

**Walking Group** – This week's walking group is doing the Chisholm Circuit, [check out the facebook](#) page for more details.

This weeks guest speaker was **Stacey Jacobs**, who gave us the low down on **Interact and Earlyact**.

Interact clubs are Rotary Youth Groups attached to High Schools. They give youth a healthy social outlet with a service club vibe. Earlyact is similar, aimed at the Primary School demographic. There is a very active Interact Group at Cessnock High School, see below link to their website to see more:

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/cessnockhighschoolinteractclub/home>

The club currently has 87 participants and are ran an incredible 44 projects last year, including raising money for a house through Heartprint Cambodia and entering flower displays and vegetables in the Cessnock Show.

At its heart, the club gives leadership opportunities to students who are not in years 10 or 12.

Service projects include collecting cans and food for the needy.

**HOUSE 137 COMPLETE**



**THANK YOU  
CESSNOCK HIGH INTERACT CLUB**

Interact is a great way to feed into Rotary's succession plan, From Earlyact to Interact to Rotaract and Rotary. This year, D9660 has sent out 3 students on exchange from Cessnock High, through the association with Interact. We have strong links with Francis Greenway, Maitland, Grosman and Rutherford High schools who would all support an interact club if we could make the connection from Rotary's end. Thank you Stacey for a very interesting and informative discussion. The talk was rounded out with support from Larisa Reis, who reminded us that she was the president of her Interact club in Brazil. What great talent comes from nurturing our youth!

**Science and Engineering Challenge.** We are looking for volunteers for the challenge, see the event page for more details.

<https://www.eastmaitlandrotary.org.au/science-engineering-challenge>

**Exchange Corner** – Lari went to the Heddon Greta Drive in this week and a Newcastle Jets game on Sunday evening. She has been recruited to the Maitland High Soccer team, just because Brazilians all know how to play soccer!

**District Conference.** A BREW and Gin fellowships function will be held from 8:00PM at the Clarendon Hotel, Newcastle on Friday 20th March, after the conference cocktail party. Interest is being gauged for a new fellowship to follow.... CREW (Cocktails Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide).

