

**Rotary Club of East Maitland Inc.**

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**ROTARY CLUB OF  
EAST MAITLAND  
WEEKLY BULLETIN  
25 FEBRUARY 2025**



**Rotary International President:**

**Stephanie Urchick**

( Rotary Club of McMurray,  
Pennsylvania, USA )



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EAST MAITLAND**

## ROTARY BOARD 2024-2025



**U Matter** After our support of the 12 hour walk on Friday Night, members had great pleasure in donating \$2,000 to U Matter. This vitally important community group aims to provide mental health support, prevent suicide and reduce the impacts on those effected.



Search U\_Matter\_Awareness on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=umatter%20awareness>

### Wednesday Walking Group

(Mike Goddard)

This week will be the East Maitland Circuit, meeting at the EM Library. Check out our [facebook feed](#) every Tuesday for updates on when and where to meet on our Wednesday walks.

**George Renovations** Kitchen renovations should be complete by next Friday, meaning

we should be back to normal next week.

Meeting time 6:00 for 6:30.

**GUESTS / VISITORS:** Lindsay Walker, Viki Mendyk, Rachael, Sean and Rohan Connolly.

**APOLOGIES:** Kath Botterill, Sophie Holle, Eric Modderman, Louise Shirvington. **WELFARE:** Kath Botterill is likely to be in Kurri Hospital until 5th March. She is feeding herself through her PEG tube and is able to welcome company. We are all thinking of you Kath.

**Trivia Night** This Saturday 1st March 2025 at the Uniting Church Hall East Maitland. \$25 includes finger food. Drinks available on the night, and don't forget to wear **RED!** You have to be there to have fun and outwit the 60 smarties who have bought tickets so far. There's still more room. [Visit TriBooking Here](#) for your tickets. Please bring your friends.

This week's raffle was taken out by **Kim LePage** who won a \$20 Stockland gift voucher. Next week, the prize will be a ticket in No-

### Heartprint Honey

Beautiful jars of local honey are available through President Sue for only \$10. All proceeds go to Heartprint Cambodia for another house for another family in need.



	4th March	11th March	18th March
ACTIVITY / SPEAKER	Peter Taylor	<b>Team Meetings</b>	Directors
TOPIC	Volcanology	Next 3 Months	Club Assembly
INTRODUCE	Trevor Lynch		
THANKS	Dallas Horadam		
FELLOWSHIP	Liz Holle	Julie Dixon	C Morgan
THOUGHT FOR WEEK	Michael Tams	Tony Roser	Stuart Holle
LOCATION	GEORGE TAVERN 6:00 for 6:30 PM	East Maitland Bowling Club 6:00	GEORGE TAVERN 6:00 for 6:30 PM

This week's Rotary Acronym is PHS. Geoff Hicks explained that the Paul Harris Society is named in honour of Rotary's Founder. To join, a person (does not have to be a Rotarian) has to commit to donating \$1,000 USD to a Rotary Foundation Fund of their choice. Donations can be made at the members own pace. Examples of Funds include End Polio Now, Supporting Education and Providing Clean Water.





**Noah Connolly** Presented to the club on his time in Nevada, USA. Noah had 2 host families that were diametric opposites. His second family introduced him to the new concept of having a sister, which took some getting used to. His favourite things were the little things, like time with friends and experiencing the different culture. He found admiration for Chick Fil-A, endless re-fills on soft drinks and Hoover Dam. He visited 90% of The Strip's 60 odd casinos, just to have a look. Noah entered a turkey trot and ate marshmallow on sweet potato on Thanksgiving Day. One of his favourite trips was an excursion to Tijuana, Mexico where he helped build a house for a family in need. The poverty in Mexico was an eye opener. He enjoyed a trip across the US by train and loved Austin, Texas. Noah thanked Rotary and RCEM for the opportunity to have the best year of his life. He absolutely has no regrets.

**Sachin Joshi** was drawn as this week's winner of the named donation. As Sachin was not at the meeting, the club thanked him for the \$100 donation made in the name of the club.



No one has ever  
become poor  
by giving.

- Anne Frank -



**Thought of  
the Week  
(Cindy  
Modderman)**

This week's **Walking Group** circuit will be at the foreshore at Newcastle. Meet at Victoria Street Station at 7:50 AM to catch the train. Next week, the group will meet at the usual 8:25 time at the Reader's Caffe in Maitland.

**Mike Goddard** proudly announced that the Rotaract Club of The Hunter inducted 5 new members on Monday Night. Is there no stopping this group?

#### CLUB ACTIVITIES

**Club Camping Weekend—16—18 May, Reflections, Forster.**

Fishing lessons (beach and river) conducted by Will "Well Played" Kleinschafer. Check out his You Tube Channel [Here](#).

#### Service Calendar

Clean up Australia Day will kick off on 2nd March behind East Maitland Library. 21st February, **Golf Day Planning** - requests for sourcing businesses as hole sponsors, prize donations and team entries. **Lift the Lid** walk on 6th April - Volunteer Marshalls required.

**FOR YOUR DIARY**  
(updates?: see the Website  
[eastmaitlandrotary.org.au](http://eastmaitlandrotary.org.au))

Walking Group every Wednesday  
(check Facebook page for locations)

#### February

#### March

- 1 - Trivia Night
- 2 - Clean Up Australia Day
- 7 - George Tavern Raffles
- 11-Teams Meeting EMBC Chinese
- 15 - Bimbagen Estate
- 23 - Golf Day

#### April

- 6 - Lift the Lid Walk
- 12 - Bollywood Night
- 29 - 30 Team Penning

#### YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORTS

**Taylor (Poland)** competed in his first half marathon this weekend at Huskisson **Lydia (Taiwan)** had a great time at Aussie Ark with Kierstin from Denmark. She made home made Pasta on Sunday Night.

**Noah (Rebound)** started his Duke of Edinburgh award journey this week. The award includes 1 hour of community service per week. You are in the right place for that Noah.!





U Mater



Walking Group



U Matter Cheque Presentation



Rebound Noah

Aussie Ark