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**ROTARY CLUB OF  
EAST MAITLAND  
WEEKLY BULLETIN  
28 JANUARY 2025**



**Rotary International President:  
Stephanie Urchick**

( Rotary Club of McMurray,  
Pennsylvania, USA )



**ROTARY CLUB OF  
EAST MAITLAND**

## ROTARY BOARD 2024-2025



**Minute's Silence**, led by PDG Brian Coffey, for Honorary Member Harold Bellamy, who made significant contributions to RCEM and Rotary during his time of membership.

**Australia Day Reflection** was led by John Le Page

**Australia Day Recognitions:** Stacy Jacobs was congratulated on her City of Maitland Service Award, as well as City of Cessnock Service Award for the Interact Club at Cessnock High School, led by Stacy.

**December / January Updates.** RCEM members presented brief (60 second maximum) reviews of the activities undertaken by members of a very active club, during this traditionally 'quiet' time, including:

**Francis Greenway High School breakfast** (13 December (Judy Hicks)

A very busy day, including support from the Police, students appreciated the foods, prepared by a 'clockwork' operation

**St Joseph's Community Carols**

(19 December (Brian Morgan)

Tremendous success, with improvements from previous year implemented, almost 30 RE+CEM members involved, with a booking for December 2025.

**GUESTS / VISITORS:** Victoria Smith, Noah Connolly (YEP- USA), Yuna (YEP from Japan), Laura Scrace, Lee Gardiner

**APOLOGIES:** Nola and Tony Roser, Alison Crane, Kath Botterill, Fine Vea, Glenda Briggs and Keith Bush, Eric Modderman, Sophie Holle, Glenda Searles, Michael Tams, Chris Vollmer, Kimberley Bristow

**WELFARE:**

Nola Roser, Kath Botterill

### Maitland Hospital Christmas

(18 December (Carol Coffey)

Team included some Community members of the Wednesday Walking Group, catering for 750 staff members, from 11m to 2pm, all diets catered for (including Gluten free, vegetarian and halal), many compliments from the staff. At the peak of catering 7 schnitzels / minute.

### Largs Santa visit

(18 December (John Pace)

A very rewarding time, seeing the smiles on the faces of the residents, including the visit from Dougal, the labradoodle.

### Mindaribba Christmas activity at Branxton

(2 December (Dallas Horadam)

Important for building relationships with Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council, who are interested in involvement with Maitland HealthStays



	4 FEBRUARY	11 FEBRUARY	18 FEBRUARY
ACTIVITY / SPEAKER	NOAH CONNOLLY	TBA	TBA
TOPIC	NEW MEMBER INDUCTION MY YEAR ON EXCHANGE		
INTRODUCE	Liz Holle		
THANKS	Dallas Horadam		
FELLOWSHIP	Kim Le Page	Trevor Lynch	Sandra Cleere
THOUGHT FOR WEEK	John Pace	Karina Jackson	Keith Bush
LOCATION	GEORGE TAVERN	GEORGE TAVERN	GEORGE TAVERN

### Survivors R Us Christmas Day

Five members attended, for a rewarding experience

### ACT Scouts going to a National Jamboree

(5 January (Louise Shirvington)

Served meals to over 300 scouts, with a profitable result

### George Tavern Raffles

(10 January (Trevor Lynch)

First raffles in a new format, well supported, now 18 prizes

### Stockton Social

(14 January (Kim Le Page)

Attended by representatives from multiple clubs and also included PDGs, YEP students and Rotaractors



## NSW Country Athletics Championships

(17– 19 January (Geoff Hicks)

Very wet and windy for first 2 days, attended by athletes from wide areas of NSW. Supplies had to be replenished several times. Favourable comments received.

## Bimbadgen Estate parking

(18 January)

Wet and windy conditions presented challenges, additional parking at Hope Estate.

## Croquet

(21 January (Stuart Holle)

Attended by 29 people and 5 friends of RCEM/ a most enjoyable time.

## Bimbadgen Estate parking

(25 January (Narelle Jeffries)

Hot conditions, representatives from 3 Rotary clubs, new parking donation signs were used, large increase in donations

## SIMS Cambodia

(January (Christopher Morgan)

16 were involved from various Rotary clubs and friends, visited previous villages as well as new centres. Four families now have safe accommodation in newly built homes.

## Wednesday Walking Group

(Wednesdays (Mike Goddard)

Walks have resumed, with 8 attending last week. Walks alternate from East Maitland Library and then an 'away' location

## Cans and bottles collecting

(Ongoing (Brian Morgan)

In 2024 approximately \$5,000 raised, funds used to maintain water projects and build in Cambodia

## Thought of the Week

(Carol Coffey)



**A successful man** is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him.

(David Brinkley)

## DIRECTORS REPORTS

### Membership (Carol C.)

Four enquiries received. New member induction next week.

### Foundation (Brian M.)

Rotary Awareness month. Polio epidemic is increasing in Paristan and Afghanistan.

Brian will be fund raising for EndPolio as part of his trip to Everest Base Camp with Ken Hutt in April. A Trivia Night is being planned.

### Administration (Liz H.)

Members are asked to forward suggestions for speakers for future meetings

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

### Club Camping Weekend

Next one will be at Forster, with fishing lessons (beach and river) conducted by Will Kleinschafer. Date to be decided.

### Goals Report (2024 - 2025)

Achievements evident in all areas

RCEM is well on track to achieving all goals, congratulations to all members

### Service Surplus Funds Report

Report indicated funds received from service activities, including some unplanned activities

**Service Calendar** has been prepared, listing opportunities for member participation for remainder of Rotary year

**Golf Day Planning** - requests for sourcing businesses as sponsors

## FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Walking Group every Wednesday  
(check Facebook page for locations)

### January 31 - February 2

Stockton Triathlon

### February

21 - U Matter Suicide Awareness Walk

21 - 23 Aussie Ark

### March

2 - Clean Up Australia Day

7 - George Tavern Raffles

15 - Bimbadgen Estate

22 - Golf Day

### April

5 - Bollywood Night

29 - 30 Team Penning

## YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORTS

### Taylor (Poland)

Attended Tamworth County Music Festival  
Has moved to Kim and John Le Page  
Visited the Blue Mountains and Gold Coast

### Lydia (Taiwan)

Has been staying with a family from Morisse  
and now with Stuart and Liz.

Attended Tamworth Music Festival  
Has been to Newcastle and Sydney

### Yuna (Japan)

visiting with Lydia  
Hosted by RC Singleton on Huner  
Enjoying her time in Australia.

Lydia and Yuna joined in the Wednesday Walk





VALE  
HAROLD BELLAMY  
(Honorary Member)  
(PHF recipient)

Harold was one of the club's characters, a professional tradesperson and dedicated to service in the Community, including the Rotary Club of East Maitland



New ventilation in  
Catering Van



Australia Day Awards



George Tavern Raffles



Stockton Picnic



Wednesday Walkers

Athletics Championships  
Catering



Bimbaden Parking



Croquet



YEP student Amy arrives in Brazil



SIM's Cambodia 2025