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



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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 with an acknowledgement of Country by Kylie McPherson. We **welcomed** Craig and Suzane Goodman, Amanda Pauley and Noah Connoly. **Apologies** were received from Kath Botterill, Leanne Parker, Sandy and Fine Veal, Dallas Horadam and Nikki Cousins.

Last week, Kim LePage nominated End Polio Now as the Foundation Charity to receive a \$100 donation in her name.

Our thoughts go out to Fine and Sandy again this week. Tony Roser has a diagnosis of

Emphysema, kidney and heart issues this week. All the best Tony as you learn to manage these new conditions.

President Christopher gave a summary of upcoming events including the Lantern Club Luncheon on 20th March to support Next Sense. Visit <https://www.nextsense.org.au/> to see what they do. Contact Christopher for more info on the lunch.

Wendy Obrien of Heartprint Cambodia will be presenting at a combined Maitland/Newcastle/Morriset Clubs meeting on 18th May.

We are still looking for raffle prizes for the golf day on 27th March. There are only 9 teams out of 36 possible starters left... That's right, 27 teams are signed up for the 27th. Don't forget the special showing of the Maitland Repertory's play "An inspector calls" planned for 8PM of 28th March. Please book your tickets through the Maitland Healthstays site <https://maitlandhealthstays.org.au/>. Scroll down at the home page to see the dialogue

	17 th February	24 th February	3 rd March
ACTIVITY / SPEAKER	Club Assembly	Stacey Jacobs	Tori Smith
TOPIC		Interact	Behind The Badge
INTRODUCE		Julie Dixon	Narelle Jefferies
THANKS		Geoff Hicks	Carol Coffey
FELLOWSHIP	Michael Tams	Kylie McPherson	Brian Morgan
Thought for the Week	Louise Shirvington	Leanne Parker	Nole Freeman
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

TO THE WORLD YOU MAY
BE ONE PERSON,
BUT TO ONE PERSON,
YOU MAY BE THE
WORLD.

Taylor Hnson with help from Brian Coffey with help from John Pace.

FOR YOUR DIARY

(Website eastmaitlandrotary.org.au)

Walking Group every Wednesday

February

13-15 Maitland Athletics Carnival

20- U-Matter Overnight Walk

28 – An inspector calls – Maitland Repertory

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

Other upcoming events include the Science and Engineering Challenge at the Forum and an information night for the 2027 trip to Cambodia on 24th March

Walking Group

This week's walking group will be doing a circuit of Throsby Creek starting from Hamilton Station and working around back to Wickham Interchange, stopping off that the Yacht Club for coffee.

Suzanne Morgan introduced this week's guest speaker... Craig Goodman

Craig spent the Winter of 2025 in Antarctica with the Australian Antarctic Division and is about to embark on a new 12 month trip back to Casey Station.

Craig was always an adventurous young man, finding a love of travel on a trip to Bali that grew into spending time working on the ski slopes of Canada, visiting Peru, Cambodia and Vietnam. Craig has helped build several houses through Heartprint Cambodia.

After completing year 10 at school and becoming a diesel mechanic, it was only natural that he would eventually apply for a role as a diesel mechanic with the Australian Antarctic Division.

At Casey, Craig works on the traverse team that goes out, sometimes for weeks at a time to remote locations to support various scientific expeditions. The application process takes around 8 months and includes psychometric and observational interview weekends. There are many preparation workshops in Hobart. The station has a compliment of around 150 people in summer, but only 33 in winter. Temperatures drop to -32 in winter and the days are very short. They are not able to easily get into and out of the station in winter, meaning they have to be completely self sufficient... for everything. It becomes one of the most isolated places on the planet. There are Doctors and staff can

take additional training to help out as medics as required.

There are cooks and 2 x cooked meals are provided each day.

Life as a Diesel mechanic means keeping the engines running. They use special non freezing fuel and pre heat the diesel engines prior to starting. All heat generated is re used for everything from water heating to central heating for the station.

Stacey Jacobs pointed out that Craig is the instigator of an amazing ripple effect, starting with Cambodia and Heartprint, through his basketball connections he met Stacey and on to Rotary where Brian and Sue Morgan were introduced to Heartprint,

See more of the AAD at.....

<https://www.antarctica.gov.au/>



Thank you Craig for an amazing presentation



Let's
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THE
LID
on
MENTAL
ILLNESS

Sunday, 15 March 2026 Walk
9:00 am Maitland Park • Maitland NSW
Early Bird Registration before 28 February 2026
Get a free T-shirt

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