

**Rotary Club of East Maitland Inc.  
OFFICE BEARERS (2025 - 2026)**

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**COMMITTEE DIRECTORS**

**Immediate Past President**

Sue Morgan (0401 421 322)

**Assistant Secretary**

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**Club Administration**

Liz Holle (0410 454 538)

**Membership**

Sue Morgan (0401 421 322)

**Public Image**

Stuart Holle (0402 457 028)

**Service**

Brian Coffey (0414 811 943)

**Foundation**

Brian Morgan (0418 411 206)

**Welfare**

Nola Roser (403 190 230)

**ROTARY DISTRICT 9660**

**District Governor**

Evan Burrell

(Kath Danvers)

(RC Greenhills Maitland)



**Community Leader**

Glenda Briggs

(RC East Maitland)



**ROTARY CLUB OF  
EAST MAITLAND  
WEEKLY BULLETIN  
17 MARCH 2026**



East Maitland  
Rotary – SIM's  
Cambodia

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Toilets in Popel,  
Kulen  
Mountains,  
Cambodia, built  
with a RAWCS  
Grant



**Rotary International President**

**Francesco Arezzo**

Rotary Club of Ragusa

Sicily, Italy



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

### Director's Reports

**Treasurer (Louise Shirvington)** – income January / February showed a big increase  
**Membership (Sue Morgan)** – new Member Application received

**Administration (Liz Holle)** – 31 March – Vocational visit to EZ Energy, followed by dinner at the Bradford Hotel

**Service (Brian Coffey)** – Antique Fair this weekend – more assistance required (Friday 10am – 4pm, Saturday – any role, Sunday 7am – 11am)

Science and Engineering Challenge – good assistance from RCEM members, including 5 members on the management Committee  
 Golf Day roster update

Francis Greenway High School – 27 March  
**Foundation (Brian Morgan)**

- a. Possibility of a Global Grant to fit out HealthStays project buildings
- b. Continuing great response to cans and bottle collections (sufficient to build half a house in Cambodia, to date)
- c. Polio – one case reported in Pakistan

**Aussie Ark** – Sue Morgan reported on changes to involvement by Rotarians, including the removal of accommodation opportunities

**Golf Day** - More raffle prizes are required

Pauley, Kylie McPherson, Chris Vollmer, Julie Dixon, Tess Bellia, Leanne Parker.  
 Special mention this week to Sandy and Fine

This week's **Rotarian of the Week** was Kylie McPherson, who will nominate an avenue of The Rotary Foundation to receive her \$100 donation, made in her name.

### President's Announcements

**President Christopher** reported on the recent Board Meeting, where the following matters were discussed:

- Donation to U\_Matter
- Insurance matters
- Website update
- RYLA
- ANZAC Day planning
- Global Grant opportunity (possibly combined Maitland Clubs)
- Repair Café
- HeartPrint evening 18 May (tickets link in Bulletin)
- Paul Harris nominations (email to members)
- YEP and Catholic Diocese involvement



RCEM BOARD 2025-2026

**President Christopher Morgan** welcomed all to the Club meeting, held at The George Tavern with lots of green for St Patrick's Day. He opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country

**We welcomed** Narelle Tilden (RC Maitland Sunrise), Lari from Brazil, Flori from Germany, Noah Connolly, Charmaine Doherty, Mackenzie and Zoe. **Apologies** were received from Sandra Cleere, Brian and Carol Coffey, Kath Botterill, John Le Page, Tori Smith, Nikki Cousins, Sandy & Fine Vea. Narelle Jeffries, Mike Goddard, John Bennetts, Amanda

## FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Walking Group every Wednesday

### March 2026

**16 – 20** Science and Engineering Challenge – Forum – University of Newcastle

**18** - George Tavern Raffles

**20** - Rotary Conference drinks

**21** - Rotary Conference - Newcastle Civic Theatre

**20 – 22** Antique Fair – Maitland Showground

**24** - SIM's Cambodia Information - 8-9pm

**25** - George Tavern Raffles

**27** - Rotary Golf Day

**27** – Francis Greenway High School breakfast

### April 2026

**11** – Pickers Canteen

**19** – Newcastle Marathon catering – 5am

**21** – ANZAC Meeting – Uniting Church Hall

**25** – ANZAC Day Dawn Service - catering

**26** - Pickers Canteen

### May 2026

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

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

**19** – No RCEM meeting

**21 - 23** - Caravan Show - marshalling

**22** - Pickers Canteen

### June 2026

**6** - Pickers Canteen

**19 – 21** proposed Camping Weekend

**30** – Club Changeover

## Thought for the Week

Stuart Holle



Ann Landers

### Heartprint (Cambodia) Information Night

Venue – Telarah Bowling Club

**18 May @ 6pm**

Details and booking

<https://www.trybooking.com/DKGQB>

### Walking Group –

This week's Walk was at Fletcher, tea / coffee at Heritage Gardens Café.

### Youth Exchange

**Lari** reported that she has enjoyed her Work Experience, and has participated in soccer, basketball and drama

**Sophie O'Sullivan** (in Germany) reports that, after some initial problems, she is now enjoying her Exchange

**Noah Connolly** has been instrumental in a change of Policy at the Catholic Diocese secondary schools regarding participation in the Youth Exchange Program which will lead to increased opportunities. Well done, Noah!



	24 <sup>th</sup> March	31 <sup>st</sup> March	7 April
<b>ACTIVITY / SPEAKER</b>	Sarah Dullely	Vocational Visit	Planning Teams
<b>TOPIC</b>	Cambodia 2026 Report	EZ Energy Shipley Drive	
<b>INTRODUCE</b>	Judy Hicks	Brian Coffey	
<b>THANKS</b>	Keith Bush	Tori Smith	
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Kim Le Page		
<b>Thought for the Week</b>	Vicki Talbot	John Pace	Tony Roser
<b>LOCATION</b>	GEORGE TAVERN 6:00 for 6:30 PM	BRADFORD HOTEL	INDIAN TOWN RESTAURANT 6:00 for 6:30 PM

### Guest Speaker

**Flori, YEP** student from Germany, hosted by Maitland Sunrise Rotary, was introduced by President Christopher.

Flori informed about the:  
Geography of Germany  
Her home town of Lemgo, in North Rhine, Westphalia, with a population of about 40,000 people

Highlights of her home town, including:  
Significant buildings  
Weather

Surrounding countryside – walks  
 Sunsets  
 Local church

German festivals and traditions, including:

Oktoberfest  
 Dancing, beer  
 Christmas markets (proper markets)  
 Karneval – pre-Lent, parades, costumes, celebrations

Sport in Germany

Football, handball, basketball, ice sports

Flori, and friends

Interests, pets, music

Her family

Australia so far

Places visited, experiences, interaction with other YEP students

Lori thanked Rotary, her host club and families for her great experiences. Lori would encourage other students to participate.

**Sue Morgan** thanked Lori for her presentation.

