

**Rotary**  
Club of East Maitland



*PEOPLE OF ACTION*

**Rotary Club of East Maitland Inc.**

**OFFICE BEARERS (2024 - 2025)**

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#### COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

##### Immediate Past President

Stuart Holle (0402 457 028)

##### Vice President

Christopher Morgan (0423 072 991)

##### Assistant Secretary

Kim Le Page (0434 432 077)

##### Club Administration

Liz Holle (0410 454 538)

##### Membership

Carol Coffey (0401 680 124)

##### Public Image

Christopher Morgan (0423 072 991)

##### Service

Alison Crane (0408 315 650)

Brian Coffey (Assist) (0414 811 943)

##### Foundation

Brian Morgan (0418 411 206)

##### Welfare

Nola Roser (0403 190 230)

## ROTARY DISTRICT 9660

### District Governor

Bruce George

(RC Inverell)

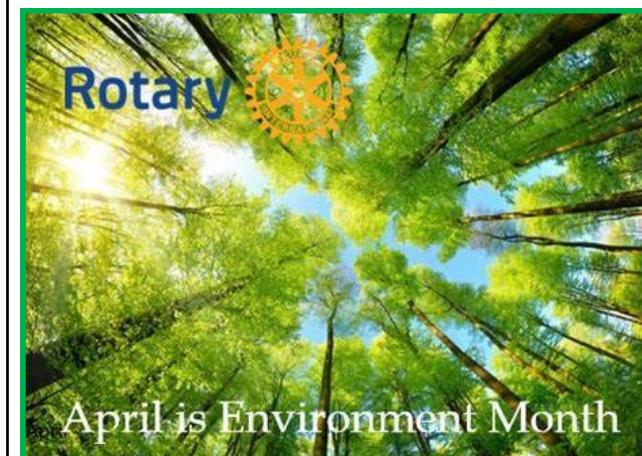


### Community Leader

Glenda Briggs

(RC East Maitland)

## ROTARY CLUB OF EAST MAITLAND WEEKLY BULLETIN 1 APRIL 2025



### Rotary International President: Stephanie Urchick

( Rotary Club of McMurray,  
Pennsylvania, USA )



## ROTARY CLUB OF EAST MAITLAND



ROTARY BOARD 2024-2025



### CLUB ACTIVITIES

Lift the Lid walk on 6th April - Volunteer Marshalls required, as well as walkers  
Tickets from Eventbrite

LIFT THE LID WALK for Mental Health - MAITLAND PARK 2025 Tickets, Sun, Apr 6, 2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite

**Indian Dinner Night**- 12 April at Indian Town Buffet

### Lift the Lid on Mental Health

Rotary Bollywood Dinner Tickets, The Indian Town Restaurant, Maitland | TryBooking Australia

**ANZAC dinner** (15 April), at East Maitland Uniting Church Hall.

\$25 ph.

Members of East Maitland RSL Sub-Branch will attend.

**Eric Modderman** has arranged for a representative from each of the Armed Forces to form a panel.

Members are asked to consider sponsoring one of the Service personnel, with a donation made through the Club account.

**RSVP (by SMS), to Liz Holle by 8 April, to assist with catering.**

**Club Camping Weekend** - 16 - 18 May, at Reflections, Forster

**GUESTS / VISITORS:** Tess Bellia, Laura Scrace

**APOLOGIES:** Sandy and Fine Vea, John Le Page

### WELFARE:



Members were **VERY** pleased to welcome **Kath Botterill** to her first meeting after her extended time in hospital. Kath expressed her thanks for support received from RCEM members.

Best wishes to **Fine Vea** for a successful outcome and a quick recovery from his surgery this week.

Members of **East Maitland Rotary** are very pleased to **WELCOME** their **50th member**.

Congratulations and Welcome to  
**Tess Bellia**



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ACTIVITY / SPEAKER	8 April Julie Dixon Sophie Holle	15 April TBA	22 April Club Assembly
TOPIC	Behind the Badge	ANZAC Meeting	
INTRODUCE	Dallas Horadam Kim Le Page	Eric Modderman	N/A
THANKS	Carol Coffey	Julie Dixon	N/A
FELLOWSHIP	Christopher Morgan	Glenda Briggs	Sandra Cleere
THOUGHT FOR WEEK	Taylor Zalecki	Lydia Tseng	Dallas Horadam
LOCATION	GEORGE TAVERN 6:00 for 6:30PM	EAST MAITLAND UNITING CHURCH 6:00 for 6:30PM HALL 6:00 for 6:30PM	GEORGE TAVERN

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK (Brian Coffey)

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.



Henry Ford

AZ QUOTES

### Weekly Member's Draw

**Alison Crane** will have \$100 credited to her name with The Rotary Foundation.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**Kim Broadhurst** (Hunter New England Health). Kim informed the meeting about the new Single Assessment System that has replaced the ACAT (Aged Care Assessment Team), to make it easier for older people to enter aged care and access different services as their needs change.

Prior to an assessment a client will be contacted to determine their type of assessment and care needs. Assessments can be completed with the assistance of; NSW Aged Care Assessment - Hunter, Aspire 4 Life, Community Options Australia, Catholic Healthcare or Access Care Network Australia (ACNA). Assessments can be carried out in a client or carer's home, in hospital, by telephone or Telehealth, or at Community Health Centre clinics (Kurri Kurri or Raymond Terrace). Non-clinical Assessment can be carried out for low-level assistance with activities for daily living, including shopping, transport, meals, medication, personal care, flexible respite and garden care.

New Single Assessment Service offers approvals for; Home Care Packages Program, Short Term Restorative Care Program, Transition Care Program, Residential Respite and Residential Aged Care. Criteria for Clinical Community Assessment were explained. Respite Care is available on a short-term basis for carers and care recipients.



Applications for Care should not be made prior to a need being present.

Laura Scrace thanked Kim for her presentation.

**YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM****Taylor:**

> Visited places in the Central West, including Grenfell, including Ben Hall's Cave, Royal Hotel at Caragabal and Dubbo Zoo, as well as an Elvis concert.

**Lydia:**

> Working on assessments  
> Arranging to sell hand-crocheted scarves at a local shop.  
> Will take orders for scarves from members

**ACRONYM OF THE WEEK**

**Carol Coffey**

**RDU - Rotary Down Under**

1. **Rotary Down Under** are the proud publishers of the magazine **Rotary Down Under** (RDU) which has been in publication since 1965, sharing the highlights and achievements of Rotarians serving communities throughout Australia, New Zealand and Oceania. It's 'Your guide to doing good'.

2. **Rotary Down Under Supplies** is a licenced Rotary Brand distributor, located in Norwest-Sydney, and supplying any Rotary items. from jackets, shirts, hats, stationery, jewellery, cups, keyrings and many more items.

NOTE: RI and RDU have separate identities and any changes to your address or email address must be done to the RDU Database,

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

Walking Group every Wednesday

**April**

4, 7 - 10 Science and Engineering Challenge - University of Newcastle

6 - Lift the Lid Walk

12 - Bollywood Night

15 - ANZAC Night

25 - ANZAC Day Dawn Service catering

26 - Pickers Canteen

26 - 27 Team Penning

28 - 30 Tocal site marking

30 - George Raffles

**May**

1 - 4 Tocal Field Days

9 - Graffiti removal

16 - 18 Club camping weekend - **June**

10 - Club Changeover

**July**

19 - Critters Ball - Club Macquarie (Environmental focus). Featuring the band "The Years". \$100 ph

**Science and Engineering Challenge**

7 RCEM members have volunteered to assist this program, from 4 - 10 April, at University of Newcastle

**Community Planting Day**

Thursday 17 April, 9.30am - 12pm

**Beryl Humble Oval, Metford Road, Tenambit**

This planting event will celebrate Youth Week and include art activities and a nature walk.

[Seedlings, trees and community planting | Maitland City Council](#)



This Wednesday, we celebrate 12 months of our successful and friendly community walking group. After our walk, we will mark the milestone with coffee and pastries at homebase - Readers Cafe in East Maitland Library - all welcome to join us!

Where we have ventured

East Maitland, Morpeth, Glenrock, Chisholm, Ash Island, Walcha Water Works, Maitland, Tocal, Newcastle, Stockton, Rutherford, Speers Point, Medowie



### Certificate of Appreciation

Thank you for your contribution

towards the  
2025  
"Memorial Walk"



### Wednesday Walkers Group

celebrated their 12 months Anniversary this week.

Thanks to Mike, Sue, Carol and Brian for organisation. During that time, we have walked nearly every Wednesday, attracting up to 14 people on some walks with about 30 people having a walk or 2 with us.

Community members join each week, with some also assisting with service projects.



## Rotary Club of East Maitland features in the latest edition of 'Rotary Down Under'

### A lesson in persistence

The Rotary Club of East Maitland's prolonged efforts to ensure its new catering van displayed the correct branding have paid off for both the club and the community.

**PDG Brian Coffey**  
Assistant Service Director  
Rotary Club of East Maitland, NSW

IN 2021, the Rotary Club of East Maitland, NSW, applied for a State Government grant to purchase a catering van to replace the club's ageing barbecue trailer. A commercial, Australian-built van was purchased in 2022, complete with fridge, freezer, Bain Marie, drinks fridge, deep fryer, grill, oven, cooktop and general equipment. The club has since added additional storage and equipment, including a chip warmer, a defibrillator and a professional coffee machine.

The first challenge we faced was to design graphics with correct Rotary branding, so the van stood out in the community as a shining example of Rotary service.

A draft concept was drawn up and a professional graphic designer was commissioned along with a local, reputable signage company. Once the proof was signed off the job got underway.

The signage company had previously done several designs for local Rotary clubs, and the staff initially

suggested we use the non-compliant graphics they had on hand. Despite telling them to stick to our requests, they decided to use their own initiative. When I arrived to collect the van, I walked straight into the office to let them know the club logo was incorrect. After comparing the van to the graphic designer's proofs, they agreed.

The

van has already appeared in two videos with drones, so our next graphic challenge will be the roof.

Since the van hit the road, it has proved extremely valuable as a fundraising venture and as a community asset. The graphics provide a very high community profile and exposure for the club.

Since its launch, the van has spent 72 days on the road. It is seen in the community as a professional catering van offering café coffee selections, cold drinks, lollies, schnitzels, steaks, bacon and eggs, hamburgers,

salad rolls, chips, vegie burgers and, naturally, sausage sandwiches.

A diverse range of organisations have put in requests for the van, including sporting groups, schools, RSL/ANZAC breakfasts, police, NSW Health, Indigenous groups, small business, mental health/suicide support groups and car shows. These opportunities have seen the Rotary Club of East Maitland favourably recognised by business, government, education and sporting bodies in the area.

To date, our biggest challenges have been catering

inside to assist members at events.

We are now looking at purchasing a refrigerated truck, which will provide another huge public image billboard capable of towing the van. Its capacity to safely store foodstuffs means we can participate in prolonged events like emergency and disaster support to feed disaster response personnel and victims.

The truck will have similar graphics to strengthen the public image of Rotary in the community.

for 1,000 hungry youth at the annual music festival Groovin the Moo, 700 staff at Maitland Hospital, 300 Scouts enroute to Jamboree, and 1,500 participants at 2025 NAIDOC Week – that is a great concentration of people who know it is Rotary feeding them!

The van is also a great source of pride and satisfaction for members, it may just be a coincidence, but our membership has increased since the van's inception, and several volunteers have stepped



### Over \$300 this week - a new record!

The Rotary Club of East Maitland's can and bottle recycling supports our Cambodian building projects and District Grant project mainte-



### GREAT NEWS STORY

Asif Sultani, a refugee from Afghanistan, who has spoken at RCEM twice, has been successful in having his mother and sisters arrive to the safety of Australia. RCEM assisted in his appeal.

### BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!

I recently called an old Engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days. He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment." I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.



**BELOW:** The Rotary Club of East Maitland members signed catering van at Maitland Hospital. Members cater twice a year for Christmas and Christmas in July, feeding the hospital 300 staff and covering every dietary requirement including vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free.

Inset: Rotary Club of East Maitland members Alison Crane, Dallas Horner, Cindy Maderman and Carol Coffey cooking up a storm at one of the Maitland Hospital Christmas events.