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ROTARY CLUB OF EAST MAITLAND WEEKLY BULLETIN 4 FEBRUARY 2025



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Stephanie Urchick
(Rotary Club of McMurray,
Pennsylvania, USA)



**ROTARY CLUB OF
EAST MAITLAND**



ROTARY BOARD 2024-2025



Stockton Triathlon Brian Coffey reported that we had 27 members and friends help out on Sunday. There were 700 Triathletes, many of whom would have literally either been run over if it weren't for our 20 marshals on the track, or starved if it weren't for our catering team in the van. The catering van was also up and running of Friday and Saturday in support of Hunter Events staff. Well done team!

Wednesday Walking Group (Mike Goddard)

This week will be the East Maitland Circuit. Meet at East Maitland Library 8:30 AM. Next week will be a river walk, meet at the Maitland Tourist Information Centre.

Can and bottle collections

Ongoing (Brian Morgan)

Another big week with the cans last week—\$189.40 collected. BM presented Brian Coffey with a best price, guaranteed no shrink XXL dress shirt from Siem Reap markets in recognition of the work done over the January period. Remember to drink responsibly people and keep those deposit laden containers for recycling!

GUESTS / VISITORS: Peter Hodges, Josie, Steve Crane, Noah Connolly, Laura Scrace, Helen Ryan, Michael.

APOLOGIES: Nola and Tony Roser, Kath Botterill, Sandra Cleere, **WELFARE:** Nola Roser is recovering from surgery. Kath Botterill is also recovering in John Hunter Hospital from surgery. She is putting on weight and is in good spirits. Our thoughts are with you both Nola and Kath.

Trivia Night

To support End Polio Now, Brian Morgan will be joining Kenn Hutt in a visit to Everest Base Camp (Napal). We will be holding a Trivia Nigh on 1st March at East Maitland Bowling Club to support Brian. Please bring your friends, relatives and casual acquaintances to help make this a great success.

Thanks to Kim LePage for organising

This weeks raffle was taken out by **John Bennetts**. Congratulations John. The prize this week was a contribution towards membership fees.



Rotary
Club of East Maitland



PEOPLE OF ACTION

| | 11 FEBRUARY | 18 FEBRUARY | 25th February |
|--------------------|--|---------------|---------------------|
| ACTIVITY / SPEAKER | Stuart Holle | Club Assembly | Noah Connolly |
| TOPIC | NEW MEMBER INDUCTION CAMBODIA PRESENTATION | | My year on exchange |
| INTRODUCE | Chris Morgan | | Liz Holle |
| THANKS | Brian Morgan | | Mike Goddard |
| FELLOWSHIP | Trevor Lynch | Sandra Cleere | Glenda Briggs |
| THOUGHT FOR WEEK | Karina Jackson | Keith Bush | Cindy Modderman |
| LOCATION | GEORGE TAVERN | GEORGE TAVERN | GEORGE TAVERN |

ROMAC

This week's Rotary Acronym is ROMAC. Judy Hicks informed us about the Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children project that sponsors children from developing countries in the Pacific who need life changing surgery. Charlie from Tonga was a beneficiary of the ROMAC program sponsored and aided by the Rotary Club of East Maitland for surgery on his club feet. ROMAC is supported by surgeons and other medical personal who give up their time and skills to help this vital program.



Brian Coffey introduced Peter Hodgson from Tour de Cure.

Peter is a local triathlete and fitness coach. He has competed in countless events and motivates local athletes, like our own John LePage to find their inner Ironman. He started as a child in Nippers, moving to Surf Life Saving and eventually Ironman competition in 1995. Somewhere along the way he found time to represent Maitland Rugby club in first grade. Recognising the sacrifices need in elite sport, he sought to give back to the community by using his talents to raise money by organising, and participating in sponsored rides. Including Tour de Cure.

The charity supports oncological research in the bold aim to find a cure for cancer. Its not a cheap goal. Tour de Cure asks cyclists to raise money in their signature rides. This year the ride will start on 29th May in Arlie Beach, Queensland, and finish in Port Douglas. That's almost 800 Km straight up the Bruce Highway. You can sponsor Peter at <https://signaturetour.tourdecure.com.au/>

Peter was thanked by Dallas Horadam.



**Thought of the Week
(John Pace)**

I have friends in overalls whose friendship I would not swap for the favor of the kings of the world.
Thomas A. Edison

DIRECTORS REPORTS

PI—(Chris M)

Please remember to send your photos to Christopher for inclusion in posts. Our public profile is high and is part of the reason for our success.

Foundation (Brian M.)

Polio is re emerging—98 cases last year and 1 already in 2025, after only 35 days. EPN is not going away.

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. Tentative date to be 16-18th May.

Service Calendar Clean up Australia Day will kick off on 2nd March behind East Maitland Library.

Graffiti removal has been identified for priority. Including our own mural at the Cinders Track. We will re apply anti graffiti coating again. Science and Engineering Challenge is looming again.

Golf Day Planning - requests for sourcing businesses as hole sponsors, prize donations and team entries.

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

Walking Group every Wednesday (check Facebook page for locations)

February

21 - U Matter Suicide Awareness Walk

21 - 23 Aussie Ark

23 - Aussie Ark Thank you BBQ

March

1 - Trivia Night

2 - Clean Up Australia Day

7 - George Tavern Raffles

11-Teams Meeting EMBC Chinese

15 - Bimbadgen Estate

22 - Golf Day

April

12 - Bollywood Night

YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORTS

Taylor (Poland) Helping Brian M prepare for Everest Base Camp, Moved from the LePage's to the Morgan's house.

Lydia (Taiwan) Went to Sydney with Yuna's host family, went to a Japanese store and had a swish lunch at The Rocks. Taught six other exchange student how to make dumplings for Chinese New Year.

Noah (Rebound) Going to Cambodia and Vietnam on a school immersion experience in July. Is currently fundraising for the experience. Tickets are available at noahconnolly@icloud.com



SIM's Cambodia 2025



Tuesday Meetings



Walking Group

Rotary Club of East Maitland

PEOPLE OF ACTION

Men & women, join our free low impact walks and social coffee every Wednesday at 8.30am during summer (or as per program)

Come for a walk or a coffee - enjoy safe friendship.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY PROGRAM

| DATE | MEET | WALK | COFFEE |
|--------|-----------------------|---|---------------------|
| 22 JAN | EAST MAITLAND LIBRARY | STREETS 4.2KM - FLAT, SEALED | READERS |
| 29 JAN | STOCKTON | CAR POOL FROM LIBRARY AT 8AM. | STOCKTON |
| 5 FEB | EAST MAITLAND LIBRARY | STREETS 4.2KM - FLAT, SEALED | READERS |
| 12 FEB | MAITLAND RIVER WALK | MEET AT TOURIST INFO CENTRE, 8.30AM DEPARTURE | TOURIST INFO CENTRE |
| 19 FEB | East Maitland Library | STREETS 4.2KM - FLAT, SEALED | READERS |
| 26 FEB | NEWCASTLE FORESHORE | TRAIN FROM VIC ST STATION, MEET 7.30AM | NEWCASTLE |

Walking Group Program



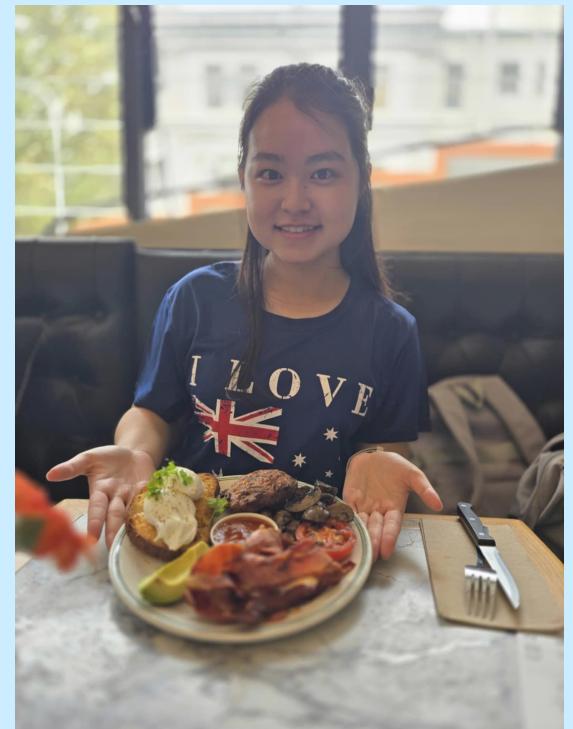
New tricks



House Repairs in Cambodia



Wednesday Walkers



Lydia V Ocean