

Rotary
Club of East Maitland



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Bruce George
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Glenda Briggs
(RC East Maitland)

ROTARY CLUB OF EAST MAITLAND WEEKLY BULLETIN 4 MARCH 2025



MARCH is Water, Sanitation
and Hygiene Month



Rotary International President: Stephanie Urchick

(Rotary Club of McMurray,
Pennsylvania, USA)



ROTARY CLUB OF EAST MAITLAND



The Magic of the Last Week

End Polio Now Trivia Night (Kim Le Page)
A very successful night, near capacity, with representatives from several clubs, a 3-way draw for the winning table (won by Stacy Jacob's table). Thanks to the organising Committee, as well as Tess for her work with on the 'bar'. Raffle sales will continue until 15 March, with 1st prize of luxury accommodation for 2 at Port Stephens. Brian Morgan congratulated those who attended, and Kim Le Page for her organisation. A very healthy profit, above expectations, will result.

Clean Up Australia Day (Sandra Cleere from Carol Coffey)
24 volunteers, including; 9 Community members, 9 RCEM members, 4 Friends of Rotary, 1 YEP and 1 RD Rutherford-Telarah, who collected numerous shopping trolleys, 23 tyres and general rubbish. Thanks to Chris Vollmer and Keith Bush for transporting the collections. Coffee at the Green Room followed.

Wednesday Walking Group (Mike Goddard)
Last week's walk involved a train trip to Newcastle Interchange, followed by a walk along the Foreshore and return. An extra walk this week, joining other Community members for a Seniors' Week Walk.

GUESTS / VISITORS: Paul Taylor, Noah Connolly, Tess Shirvington

APOLOGIES: Brian and Carol Coffey, Alison Crane, Narelle Jeffries, Kath Botterill, Nola and Terry Roser, Nikki Cousins, Christopher Morgan, Sandy and Fine Vea, Eric Modderman, Chris Vollmer, Kimberley Owen

WELFARE: Kath Botterill continues assessment and treatment in Kurri Kurri Hospital

District Leadership Training

3 members of RCEM attended the training session held at Kurri Kurri TAFE. Exceptional feedback was received for RCEM'S Model of Excellence, including programs being implemented and strategies used to achieve and implement a Vision Statement

Weekly Member's Draw

John Pace will have \$100 credited to his name with The Rotary Foundation

George Renovations

Normal meetings have resumed at The George Tavern, following recent renovations to the kitchen.

Heartprint Honey \$10, is still available, with proceeds supporting Heartprint, in Siem Reap, Cambodia



ACTIVITY / SPEAKER	11th March Team Meetings	18th March Directors	25 March Lydia (YEP student- Taiwan)
TOPIC	Next 3 Months	Club Assembly	Cooking Dumplings
INTRODUCE			Keith Bush
THANKS			Louise Shirvington
FELLOWSHIP	Julie Dixon	C Morgan	Judy Hicks
THOUGHT FOR WEEK	Tony Roser	Stuart Holle	Victoria Smith
LOCATION	EAST MAITLAND BOWLING CLUB 6:00 / 7.30PM	GEORGE TAVERN 6:00 for 6:30 PM	EAST MAITLAND UNITING CHURCH HALL 6:00 for 6:30 PM

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

RYDA

(John Pace)

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program began in 2001, targeting Year 11 students, with the theme of 'My life, my choice'. Locally, programs were held at Tocal College.

Program for the day included: Input from Police officers and levels of driving licence for participants; road rules and reasons for enforcement; reaction / breaking distances at different speeds of 40kph, 50kph, 60kph and 80kph; road conditions and scenarios; dilemmas for differing travel options; videos of effects on families of fatal accidents; Headspace - input of first-hand life experiences from accident victims. RYDA has not been conducted locally for several years.



GUEST SPEAKER: **Paul Taylor**, who grew up in East Maitland, and has had Rotary connections through local Interact and Rotaract clubs, being a charter member of East Maitland Rotaract, was introduced by Trevor Lynch.


"The Love Affair of a Volcanic Geologist"
 Paul's career interest at school was in the Navy, or as a geologist. He studied science at University, with time spent in the Navy reserves in subsequent years, as an NCS/MTO Officer, with two periods of full-time active service, retiring in 2024. Employment was obtained at Comm. Steel and the National Association of Testing Authorities, and at School of Earth Sciences at Macquarie University. Paul then worked as a consulting geologist looking at volcanoes in the South West Pacific in Tonga, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. He then worked full-time in Fiji as the Chief Geohazard Scientist, manager of a regional Disaster Management Program. Paul became interested in the volcanic landscape of Tonga, working in various islands from 1974. He also worked with schools, educating them on volcanic activity and their preferred strategies. With the use of diagrams, graphs and photographs, Paul detailed the volcanic structure of the area around Tonga, where there are at least 10 volcanic centres, mostly submarine and with much activity unreported. Dallas Horadam thanked Paul for his interesting and wide-ranging presentation.



I'm selfish, impatient and a little insecure. I make mistakes, I am out of control and at times hard to handle. But if you can't handle me at my worst, then you sure as hell don't deserve me at my best.
 ~Marilyn Monroe

Thought of the Week (Michael Tams)

CLUB ACTIVITIES
TEAM MEEINGS next week (11 March) 6pm dinner (Chinese), followed by Team Meetings upstairs at 7.30pm

Club Camping Weekend - 16 - 18 May, at Reflections, Forster. Fishing lessons (beach and river) conducted by Will "Well Played" Kleinschafer. Check out his You Tube Channel [Here](#).

Lift the Lid walk on 6th April - Volunteer Marshalls required.

Glenda Briggs demonstrated the "**Centurion**" Project of the Rotary Foundation, with coin-collection receptacles being available.

SERVICE REPORT (Brian Coffey)

> 83% of RCEM members have been actively involved in Club projects and activities.
 > Roster list has been produced
 > More assistance is required for the Antique Fair (14 - 16 March)
 > Friday raffles at the George Tavern have resumed
 > Bimbadgen traffic marshalling - 15 March
 (Note: this weekend is also District Conference at Narrabri, with several members who usually volunteer in attendance.)

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

Walking Group every Wednesday (check Facebook page for locations)

March

7 - George Tavern Raffles
 11-Teams Meeting EMBC Chinese
 14 - 16 District Conference - Narrabri
 15 - Bimbadgen Estate
 23 - Golf Day
 25 - Dumpling cooking with Lydia

April

6 - Lift the Lid Walk
 12 - Bollywood Night
 15 - ANZAC Night
 29 - 30 Team Penning

May

16 - 18 Club camping weekend - Forster

June

10 - Club Changeover

July

19 - Critters Ball - Club Macquarie

YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORTS

Taylor (Poland)

- swimming lessons with Brian Coffey
- Working out at the gym
- Trivia Night

Lydia (Taiwan)

- Newcastle Show
- Clean Up Australia Day



TRIVIA NIGHT - SUPPORTING END POLIO NOW

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

