

Rotary Club of East Maitland Inc.

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May is Youth Services month



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**ROTARY CLUB OF
EAST MAITLAND**



RCEM Celebrate Maitland Sunrise's 30th Year



RCEM BOARD 2025-2026

This special edition of the Rotary Club of East Maitland's Bulletin celebrates our fundraising dinner for Heartprint Cambodia. We would especially like to thank all people whom are not members of RCEM who came along on the night, and help make it such a great success. We were very proud to donate \$3500 on the night, \$3000 of which is to build a new house for a deserving family in Siem Reap, which is one of Heartprint's signature projects.

The evening was opened by District Governor Nominee Peter Comino with an acknowledgement of Country.

The dinner was held at the Telarah Bowling Club and was attended by over 90 people.

Special Guests Wendy and Pheap from Heartprint travelled all the way from Siem Reap to be with us on the evening.



There were stalls where patrons could purchase a range of wares brought over from Cambodia, including cookbooks, jewellery and handmade items from the Heartprint Hub.

	26 th May	2 nd June	9 th June
ACTIVITY / SPEAKER	Larissa Fonseca	Kylie McPherson	Games Night
TOPIC	Safari	Behind the Badge	
INTRODUCE	Liz Holle	Sue Morgan	Kim LePage
THANKS	Nikki Cousins	Geoff Hicks	John LePage
FELLOWSHIP	Judy Hicks	Caol Coffey	Tori Smith
Thought for the Week	Dallas Horadam	Michael Tams	Vicki Talbot
LOCATION	GEORGE TAVERN 6.00PM for 6.30PM	GEORGE TAVERN 6.00PM for 6.30PM	GEORGE TAVERN 6.00PM for 6.30PM

There were silent auctions including memorabilia from famous sports people and a photo booth where patrons could indulge in some dressing up for the camera.

The highlight of the night was a house building challenge, where tables were given a bag containing paddle pop sticks, decorations and glue (amongst other things) and were invited to construct their very own house. [Click here to see the gallery on our website for the results.](#)



FOR YOUR DIARY

(Website eastmaitlandrotary.org.au)

Walking Group every Wednesday

22 - 24 - Caravan Show - marshalling

23 - Pickers Canteen

23 – Cessnock Trivia Night

June 2026

6 - Pickers Canteen

13 – Pickers Canteen

19 – 21 Proposed Camping Weekend

27 – Rford-Telarah's 50th Birthday Changeover

30 – RCEM Club Changeover

July 2026

11 – Pickers Catering

August 2026

1 – Pickers Catering

A special acknowledgement goes out to the Interact Club of Cessnock High School. The school club, comprising mostly year 7 to 10 students raised another \$3,000 to fund another Heartprint house. We are so proud of the team, lead by the great work of Stacey Jacobs.

Our guest speakers for the evening were Wendy O'Brien and Pheap from Heartprint



Heartprint provides hope for families in the greater Siem Reap area by providing houses. They are not hand outs, they are hand ups. Families, sometimes affected by drug and alcohol addictions can leave children behind who may be cared for by the extended family. However, the extended family sometimes need a safe place to live and grow. Through amazing work, often supported by Volunteers, Heartprint can build a simple house, with a concrete slab underneath for just \$2000 USD.

They also have a wonderful community centre where children can come and learn English through playing. Everyone loved the financial literacy program that came up during question time. At the community centre, students have a simple bank account where they can keep their Heartprint currency, earned by taking lessons, and spend it on all sorts of essential items from motorcycle helmets to pencils.

Heartprint have just opened up the Haeartprint hub in the commercial / tourist centre in Siem Reap. The hub provides jobs for young women

and men in a cafe environment to further their exposure to a prosperous future. The second floor workshop also contains a hair and beauty salon and sewing workshop to take the opportunities event further.

[Click here to see more of what Heartprint do](#)

Want to get involved? Why not visit Siam Reap yourself next January in the annual trip? See Brian or Sue Morgan for details. Or just go to the Heartprint website where you can see opportunities from internships to ways to donate.

We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the stellar work of Wendy and Gary O'Brien, who as founders and executives of Heartprint, moving from Australia and living in Siem Reap, following their hearts and paying it forward, give so much hope to so many where sometimes, hope is hard to find.

