

Rotary Club of East Maitland Inc.

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Sue Morgan (0401 421 322)

Public Image

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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
 10 MARCH 2026**



East Maitland
 Rotary – SIM's
 Cambodia

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



Rotary International President

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa

Sicily, Italy



**ROTARY CLUB OF
 EAST MAITLAND**



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



RCEM BOARD 2025-2026

President Christopher Morgan welcomed all to the Club meeting, held at The George Tavern. Sophie Holle opening the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country
We welcomed David Dungavell, Lari from Brazil, Amanda Pauley, Vicky, Michael, Suzanne, Debbie, some as visitors to the Discover Rotary Night held prior to this week's meeting. **Apologies** were received from Kath Botterill, John & Kim Le Page, Louise Shirvington, Nikki Cousins, Sandy & Fine Vea. Trevor Lynch, Cindy Modderman, Chris Vollmer, Vicki Talbot, Julie Dixon, Tess Bellia, Leanne Parker.

Special mention this week to Nikki Cousins, Kath, Sandy and Fine, Trevor Lynch, Chris Vollmer

Keith Bush has been nominated as Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year. Cindy Modderman and Jamie Cleere celebrated this week.

This week's **Rotarian of the Week** was Mike Goddard. Mike has nominated Literacy as his Rotary Foundation project for his \$100 donation.

President's Announcements

President Christopher reminded Board members of this week's meeting. Sue Morgan is taking orders for new badges and Club shirts

Maitland Sunrise Rotary's 30th Birthday, Friday 15 May.

Director's Reports

Public Image (Stuart Holle) – reminded members to refer to the webpage for Club events. (eastmaitlandrotary.org.au)



Membership (Sue Morgan)

- Discover Rotary night was attended by 5 community members interested in Rotary
- Thanks to the Membership Team for organising the night and Eric Modderman, Christopher Morgan and Sophie Holle for their presentations.

Foundation (Brian Morgan)

- Brian has attended several meetings in his role as Foundation District Chair, including Zone 8 Polio and District Grants
- Surplus Grant monies has been transferred to EndPolioNow, totalling \$54,000, including Gates Foundation contributions
- Polio Symposium in Abu Dhabi realised \$1.9 million.

Service (Brian Coffey)

- Pickers Canteen volunteer rosters have been rationalised to give opportunities for service to members expressing an interest in the project
- RCEM Board has approved a donation of \$1,000 to Greater Hunter Rotaract, following their assistance at the recent Athletic Carnival
- Proposal that Bunnings barbecue in September, supporting the MHERV Van, be a combined Rotary Clubs' project.

FOR YOUR DIARY

(Website eastmaitlandrotary.org.au)

Walking Group every Wednesday

March 2026

15 - Lift the Lid Walk - Maitland Park

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

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 30th Birthday

18 – Heartprint Dinner – Telarah Bowling Club

19 – No RCEM meeting

21 - 23 - Caravan Show - marshalling

22 - Pickers Canteen

June 2026

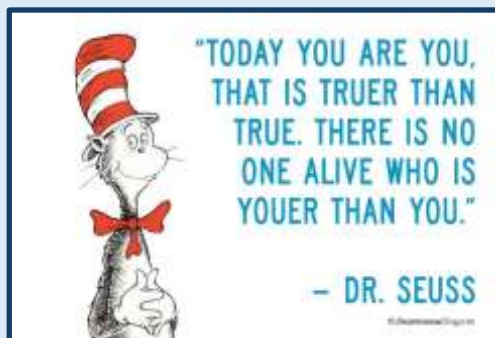
6 - Pickers Canteen

19 – 21 proposed Camping Weekend

30 – Club Changeover

Thought for the Week

Liz Holle



Rotary Golf Day 27 March

- Supporting Maitland HealthStays
- Additional prizes are being sourced, and extra volunteers would be welcome.
- Only 6 team places remain

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, in Seniors Week, set off from the Library, followed by coffee / tea at The Honest Vine Café. About 22 participated, with some new members. Next week's Walk will be at Fletcher, car pooling from East Maitland Library at 7.50am, or meeting at 8.20am. Tea / coffee at Heritage Gardens Café.

Proposed Camping Weekend (Sophie Holle)

Riverwood Downs – 19 – 21 June

**Remember to wear GREEN next week
St Patrick's Day**



	17 th March	24 th March	31 st March
ACTIVITY / SPEAKER	Club Assembly	Sarah Dulley	Vocational Visit
TOPIC	Wear green	Cambodia 2026 Report	EZ Energy Shipley Drive
INTRODUCE		Judy Hicks	Brian Coffey
THANKS		Keith Bush	Tori Smith
FELLOWSHIP	Stuart Holle	Kim Le Page	
Thought for the Week	Brian Coffey	Vicki Talbot	John Pace
LOCATION	GEORGE TAVERN 6:00 for 6:30 PM	GEORGE TAVERN 6:00 for 6:30 PM	BRADFORD HOTEL

Youth Exchange Report (Lari): Lari has
(a) moved host parents, to Glenda Briggs and Keith Bush
(b) had work experience at the Heritage Gardens Café

Guest Speaker

David Dungavell was introduced by **Sandra Cleere**.

David moved to Singleton, from Queensland, in 2002, then to Maitland in 2012. He decided to explore what he could do to meet people in the Community and, through Newcastle Park Run, met a person who encouraged him to establish a Park Run in Maitland, which he did in 2013. Since its inception, Maitland Park Run has had

Guest Speaker (Continued)

14,000 participants completing 150,000 walks out of Walka Water Works.

More recently, David has investigated establishing a Repair Café in Maitland, focussing on (a) people and (b) managing risk. It would operate once a month, for 2-3 hours, with a 6-month trial period.

He has visited Repair Cafes that operate in Newcastle, under Newcastle City Council. Repair Cafes principally work with household items, including clothing, that require minor repairs that can be accomplished in a short time (10 – 15 minutes). They do not focus on items requiring alterations, or that might take business away from local businesses. Furniture, toys and tools might be appropriate. David is exploring requirements for the repair of electrical items, as well as suitable local venues. Social connection would be a very important element. Potential customers would bring along an item requiring repair, and have it assessed for suitability. Where possible, the repair process would be demonstrated. A café offering simple drinks would be a component of the venture. David has been in touch with Maitland City Council, who have applied for a Grant, in conjunction with Newcastle City Council. MCC may provide a venue and promotion. Rotary's involvement might be sponsoring the project, underwriting the program and auspicing the activity. RCEM Board has already approached local utilities for grant assistance. David was thanked by **Sue Matynia**, who commended his project as well as made suggestions about a possible venue.

