

**Rotary Club of East Maitland Inc.
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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

(Keith Bush)

(RC East Maitland)



**ROTARY CLUB OF
EAST MAITLAND
WEEKLY BULLETIN
14 APRIL 2026**



Rotary International President

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa

Sicily, Italy

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**ROTARY CLUB OF
EAST MAITLAND**



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



RCEM BOARD 2025-2026

President Christopher welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened it with an Acknowledgement of Country.
PDG Ken Hall, DGE Di Hall, Kathy Woodley and Lari were welcomed as **Visitors**.
Apologies were received from Kath Botterill, Narelle Jeffries, John Pace, Sue Morgan, Brian and Carol Coffey, Kim and John Le Page, Sandy and Fine Vea and Sophie Holle.
Welfare – Nola reported on Sandy and Fine Vea, and Tony Roser.

Walking Group – This week's Walk commenced at East Maitland Library. The Program may be reviewed due to the current and ongoing fuel supply issues.

President Christopher reported that the structure of donations from the 2024/25 Rotary year will be reviewed.

ANZAC meeting

Eric Modderman reported on planning for next week's ANZAC meeting, with 19 veterans accepting the invitation. The veterans will be asked to report on their area of service. There is still opportunity for members to sponsor a Veteran for the dinner. An email, detailing arrangements, will be forwarded to members.
Judy Hicks requires assistance with cooking **ANZAC biscuits** for distribution at the Dawn Service. Contact Judy if you can assist.

HealthStays (Trevor Lynch)

Alison Penfold (MP for Lyne) will request financial support from the government. Following an update presentation to Maitland Rotary, surplus funds from this year's Maitland



Garden Ramble will support Maitland HealthStays. Radio interviews and presentations at Upper Scone Rotary have been organised. A meeting has also been organised with Ryan Park MP, Minister for Health.

Director Reports

Membership (Sue Morgan)

RCEM has inducted its 50th member, making it the largest club in the Hunter region and the 3rd largest in District 9660. Our Discover Rotary nights have been well-attended, with 5 Expressions of Interest in joining resulting. 40 members have contributed to service activities in the past year. 7 members undertake roles on District Committees and RAWCS committees, one at National level and one at an International Fellowship level. 17 members have participated in, or are considering participation in the Cambodian Immersion experience with SIM's Cambodia. Membership at RCEM is thriving and members are actively engaged.

Foundation (Brian Morgan)

Brian shared a video "Change the World", featuring Arch Klump, who developed the concept of the Rotary Foundation – 'the future is gold'. Figures concerning giving to the Rotary Foundation, from a District perspective, were

FOR YOUR DIARY

(Website eastmaitlandrotary.org.au)

Walking Group every Wednesday

April 2026

18 – Marathon Set up / cater for registrations –

8am – 2pm

19 – Newcastle Marathon catering – 5am –

12md

21 – ANZAC Meeting – Uniting Church Hall

24 – Francis Greenway High School Police

barbecue breakfast

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

shared, including their impact on Global grants.

PDG Ken and DGE Di Hall were presented with 'Centurion' badges and Certificates, in recognition of their financial contribution

Administration (Kylie McPherson)

Forward planning (July to December) was carried out at last week's Team meeting.

Further suggestions for meetings / speakers should be forwarded to Kylie / Liz Holle.

Public Image (Stuart Holle)

Time Zone on the Website's Calendar has been updated.

By connecting to the internet, Stuart was able to demonstrate different components of the website (eastmaitlandrotary.org.au) including; calendar, links to events (past and future) with event details and links for bookings, link to the Bulletin to review past meetings.

Any member preferring to have their name withheld from postings should advise Secretary Sandra Cleere.

Service (Tori Smith)

More assistance is required for this weekend's Newcastle Marathon. Please advise Brian Coffey (brian@coffey.net.au)

Thanks expressed to the teams at last weekend's Pickers catering for the Magic Round. All hot foods sold out.

Youth Exchange Report

Lari and Laly visited Canberra last week with Lari's host parents, Keith and Glenda, visiting Parliament House (Old and New), National War Memorial, Australian Institute of Sport, Cockington Green, and Tidbinbilla Reserve, where platypus and marsupials were seen. Lari also travelled to Sydney by train for the first time.



	21st April	28th April	5th May
ACTIVITY / SPEAKER	Sgt Shaun Connolly	Lindy Batchelor	
TOPIC	ANZAC Meeting	Maitland Regional Art Gallery	Mother's Day Baby photos
INTRODUCE	Eric Modderman	Liz Holle	
THANKS	Stuart Holle	Julie Dixon	
FELLOWSHIP	Glenda Briggs	Trevor Lynch	Sandra Cleere
Thought for the Week	Narelle Jeffries	Vicki Cunningham	John Pace
LOCATION	UNITING CHURCH HALL 6.00PM for 6.30PM	GEORGE TAVERN 6.00PM for 6.30PM	GEORGE TAVERN 6.00PM for 6.30PM

The book 'All About Antarctica', presented to Craig Goodman when he spoke about his work in Antarctica, has been signed by Craig's workmates in Antarctica and will now be presented to Craig's school, St Paul's Rutherford, for their Library.

Thought for the Week

Tony Roser



GUEST SPEAKER:



Glenda Briggs introduced **DGE Di Hall**, who will become District 9660 Governor on 1 July 2026. Di, wife of PDG Ken Hall, joined Rotary in Tamworth in 2009, and then joined the Rotary e-Club in 2019.

She has had a wide experience and involvement in District and International activities.

Di informed about her involvement in Youth Exchange programs, including overseas trips, as well as the benefits to Rotarians who participate in Friendship Exchanges, where members visit another country and are hosted by Rotarians in those countries.

Di introduced Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, who will become Rotary International's President for 2026-27. His term will begin on 1 July 2026. Olayinka (Yinka)'s theme is "Create Lasting Impact" – to create a more effective Rotary as well as a better world.

During her year as District Governor, Di's emphasis will be on:

- 1. No to Domestic Violence, and
- 2. Falls Prevention


Di also addressed the proposed restructuring of Rotary Districts. Regionalization, Redistricting, Rezoning will be implemented in July 2028. It was noted that District 9660 has the biggest growth in Zone 8. Di outlined a 'new direction' she will initiate concerning traditional annual conferences. District Showcases in key centres across the District (Armidale, Raymond Terrace, Sawtell, Tamworth and Dubbo) will be held during the year, to replace the one-centre Conference. Raymond Terrace Showcase will be held 22/23 August.

District Changeover will be held in the Diggers Ballroom, Kable Avenue, Tamworth on 27 June, 2026.

Stacy Jacobs thanked Di for her presentation, and "her enthusiasm in troubling times, when change is needed."

MEETING – 5 MAY
Mother's Day – Bring a friend / mother
Bring a baby photo of yourself for a guessing baby game






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**YOU'RE INVITED-
 INFORMATION
 SESSION**


**DISCOVER THE
 WORLD OF ROTARY**

New member information session.
New to Rotary?
 Find out more about Rotary.



We'll cover:

- International
- District
- Our Club
- The Rotary Foundation
- Opportunities



Where: 62 South Seas Drive, Ashtonfield
 Wednesday 22nd April at 6pm
 Dinner provided
 RSVP: eastmaitlandrotary@gmail.com
 website: www.eastmaitlandrotary.org.au



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Heartprint Dinner

WENDY O'BRIEN and SREY PHEAP ARE
 VISITING AUSTRALIA

DATE: Monday 18th May 2026 6pm
 WHERE: Telarah Bowling Club
 COST: \$40
 TICKETS ON QR CODE








**LET'S
 TALK**

A free community event with
CRAIG HAMILTON
 Mental health, Resilience & Hope

KURRI BOWLING CLUB
6TH MAY, 6.30PM

