

**Rotary**  
Club of East Maitland



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**Rotary Club of East Maitland Inc.**

**OFFICE BEARERS (2024 - 2025)**

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Club Chartered:

12 June 1961

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#### COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

##### Immediate Past President

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Brian Coffey (Assist) (0414 811 943)

##### Foundation

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##### Welfare

Nola Roser (0403 190 230)

## ROTARY DISTRICT 9660

### District Governor

Bruce George

(RC Inverell)

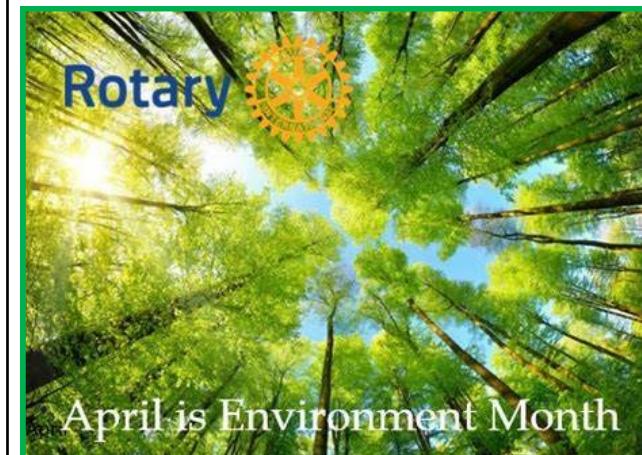


### Community Leader

Glenda Briggs

(RC East Maitland)

## ROTARY CLUB OF EAST MAITLAND WEEKLY BULLETIN 15 APRIL 2025



### Rotary International President: Stephanie Urchick

( Rotary Club of McMurray,  
Pennsylvania, USA )



## ROTARY CLUB OF EAST MAITLAND



ROTARY BOARD 2024-2025



### CLUB ACTIVITIES

A very big week for RCEM members.....

**1. Indian Dinner Night-** Indian Town Buffet  
Members of the Rotary Clubs of East Maitland, Maitland Sunrise and Greenhills-Maitland enjoyed a night of fellowship, food and fundraising, supporting **Australian Rotary Health and Lift the Lid on Mental Health**. "We are thrilled to share that all the money raised will go to Lift the Lid, supporting mental health initiatives in our community. The evening was filled with joy, laughter, and delicious food courtesy of our wonderful hosts at Indian Town Maitland. It was a true celebration of fellowship and friendship among such beautiful people. Together, we showcased the magic of Rotary, proving that when we unite, we can make a real difference!"

### 2. Celebrating Our Annual ANZAC Dinner

"A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated member, Colonel Eric Modderman, for organizing an unforgettable evening at our annual ANZAC dinner!

We were honoured to host incredible guest speakers from each branch of our defence forces:

Commander David Crane, RAN - Navy  
Warrant Officer Les Hart - Army  
Squadron Leader Rowan McBride - Air Force

### GUESTS / VISITORS:

Warrant Officer Class 1 Les Hart, Commander David Crane, RAN, Squadron Leader Rowan McBride, Members of East Maitland RSL Sub Branch, Steve Crane (RC Singleton Sunrise), Ann Horadam, Beverley Pace, Noah Connolly and family

**APOLOGIES:** Fine Vea, Tori Smith, Karina Jackson

Their informative, entertaining, and deeply inspiring stories left us all moved and grateful for their remarkable service to our nation. A very special thank you also goes to the ladies of the Uniting Church of East Maitland for their delicious catering! Your hard work made our evening even more memorable. Thank you to everyone who joined us in honouring our ANZACs. Together, we remember their sacrifices and celebrate their bravery."



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ACTIVITY / SPEAKER	22 April Club Assembly	29 April TEN PIN BOWLING	6 May TBA
TOPIC	N/A	N/A	Palliative Care
INTRODUCE	N/A	N/A	
THANKS	N/A	N/A	
FELLOWSHIP	Sandra Cleere	Liz Holle	
THOUGHT FOR WEEK	Dallas Horadam	Geoff Hicks	
LOCATION	GEORGE TAVERN 6:00 for 6:30PM	DULLBOYS 57 Shipley Dve Rutherford 6.00 PM	GEORGE TAVERN 6:00 for 6:30PM

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



### ANZAC DAY

Dawn Service at East Maitland Cenotaph, William Street. RCEM will offer tea, coffee, sausage sandwich and ANZAC biscuits from the catering van. To assist, contact Alison Crane ([alisonmarycrane@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmarycrane@gmail.com))

**FOR YOUR DIARY**  
**(Website [eastmaitlandrotary.org.au](http://eastmaitlandrotary.org.au))**

Walking Group every Wednesday

**April**

- 25 - ANZAC Day Dawn Service catering
- 26 - Pickers Canteen
- 26 - 27 Team Penning
- 28 - 30 Tocal site marking
- 30 - George Raffles

**May**

- 1 - 4 Tocal Field Days
- 9 - Graffiti removal

16 - 18 Club camping weekend -

**June**

10 - Club Changeover

**July**

19 - Critters Ball - Club Macquarie

A social 'Orientation Night' for our new members Tori Smith and Tess Bellia, expanding their knowledge of the 3 levels of Rotary (International, District and Club).



**Service (Alison Crane)**

**Assistance required for:**

Team Penning: 26 - 27 April  
 Tocal Field Days: 2 May (9am—5pm)

Contact Alison Crane  
[alisonmarycrane@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmarycrane@gmail.com)

**CESSNOCK HIGH SCHOOL  
 INTERACT CLUB**

Dinner - 17 June - \$5  
 RSVP Stacy Jacobs

[stacy.jacobs1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stacy.jacobs1@det.nsw.edu.au)

**CLUB CHANGEOVER - 10 JUNE**  
**East's Golf Club**

Nominations (Club and Community) are sought for **Paul Harris Fellows** and Pride of Work Awards, as well as suggestions for receipt of donations for the Board to consider from the Annual distribution of funds. Nominations /suggestions to be emailed to Secretary Sandra Cleere.

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**WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP**

9.30am start. This week's Walk was at East Maitland Library

**Club Camping Weekend - 16 - 18 May, at Reflections, Forster**

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Club Member, **Colonel Eric Modderman**, introduced the ANZAC Guest Speakers. Each speaker was asked to inform about aspects of their service, as well the meaning of ANZAC Day for them.

**Commander David Crane, RAN**

**HMAS Anzac (FFH 150)** was the leadship of the Anzac Class frigates in use with the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal New Zealand Navy. Entering Australian service in 1996, the frigate operated as part of the INTERFET peacekeeping taskforce in 1999. In 2003, she was involved in the battle of Al Faw, and became the first RAN ship to fire in anger since the Vietnam War.

David explained the operations and capabilities of HMAS Anzac, including an excerpt from the ship's log that included firing action.

**ANZAC DAY - 'duty and professionalism'**

**Warrant Officer Class 1 Les Hart - Army**

Les joined the Army in 1984, and retires on ANZAC Day. He has been a machine gunner and marksman. He emphasised the importance of family to him. Les had had 13 postings, 10 years in the Hunter Valley. He has enjoyed interacting with Service personnel from different countries.

Les has had 4 commanding teaching postings, during which time he has formed lasting, unbreakable friendship bonds and he connects with Army friends from over 40 years through Facebook.

**ANZAC DAY - 'mateship'**

**Julie Dixon** thanked Eric for his organisation and the speakers for their sharing of insights from the heart.

**Squadron Leader Rowan McBride - RAAF**

Rowan served in Middle East in 2012, returning there in 2017. He trained along with personnel from 16 other nations.

Rowan was Officer Commander of Joint Movement and particularly enjoyed organizing supplies and donations to Ukraine.

He is now a Joint Operational Training teacher, working towards outcomes, despite government policies.

**ANZAC Day - 'Importance of Service, being part of something that is bigger than yourself.'**

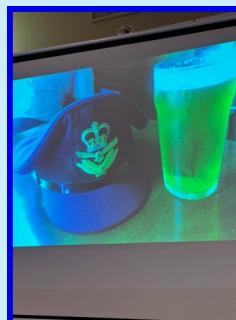
Each Guest signed a book that will be donated to local schools on behalf of RCEM.

**Doug Branscomb** (President of Maitland Rotary) led the Ode, Last Post, Minuet's Silence and Reveille

# INDIAN TOWN DINNER



## ANZAC NIGHT



# TREE PLANTING AT BERYL HUMBLE OVAL



Thanks to the  
Uniting Church  
ladies for their  
catering