



Bulletin



Monday 18 August 2025

AUGUST 2025 IS MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

"There is nothing impossible to him who will try".

Alexander the Great

THIS MEETING.

Interplast Australia & New Zealand sends teams of volunteer surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to developing countries in the Asia Pacific Region to provide free surgical treatment and health care training. We welcome PDG Di North as our guest speaker who will tell us all we need to know about the work that Interplast does.

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| International Toast: Sue. | Acknowledgement of Country: Jenny. |
| Club Host: . | Appeal: Bob. |

President's Report



Kerrie and I attended the Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Day Service at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Flagstaff Point on August 17.

Vietnam Veterans Day, the Battle of Long Tan and the Battle of Binh Ba is August 18.

I represented our club and also had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of the club.

We were also invited to be a part of the special incense ceremony organised by the Vietnamese Community in honour of the 523 Australian servicemen who died during the Vietnam conflict.

A plaque dedicated to Kevin 'Dasher' Wheatley VC was unveiled. Reverend Gordon Bradbery also dedicated three plaques in memory of veterans who have passed away.

The plaques have been placed on the Remembrance Walkway.

As reported in a previous President's Report, we were contacted by John Bosch from Divine Mercy School in Uganda who is a Cofounder of Divine Mercy School and a past President of the Rotary Club Kabayle in Uganda. He made enquires as to whether our club would be interested in supporting the school in some of their many projects.

At our last meeting it was decided to contact him and arrange for a Zoom meeting to be held on a club meeting night.

A High Tea is being arranged in support of Kairos Outside on October 11 at 2pm. I have contacted Sue from Kairos who expressed their thanks at the support from RCFM. A flyer is available, and bookings can be made via [TryBooking](#).

Kerrie and I will be attending the District Presidents' meeting on August 21 at Bankstown Sports Club.

Small Business Awards Presentation to be held on October 20. Four businesses have been identified and letters written congratulating and inviting a representative and guest from each business to attend the presentation evening. Thank you Kerrie for writing the letters.

Tonight, we welcome PDG Di North from the Rotary Club of West Wollongong as the guest speaker. Di will give a presentation on the works of Interplast.

President Jenny.

Attendance details last meeting (Monday 4 August 2025).

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| Apologies: | Claude, Julie, & Martha. |
| Leave of absence: | Nicolle. |
| Members Present: | 8 being 67%. |
| Guest Speaker(s): | |
| Club Guests: | |
| Friends of Rotary: | |
| Visiting Rotarians: | |
| Makeups: | |
| Joker jackpot raffle: | Still no winner, mind you there are still 30+ cards in the deck. |
| International Toast: | Rotary Club of Hong Kong Harbour, District 3450. Chartered 1987. |

NEXT MEETING:

Monday 1 September. T.B.A.

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| International Toast: Kerrie. | Acknowledgement of Country: Sharyn. |
| Club Host: . | Appeal: Kel. |

Rosters: Please arrange your own substitute if you are not able to attend meetings

ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (18/08/2025-01/09/2025)

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| Birthdays | Kerrie 23 August. Many happy returns Kerrie from all of us. | <i>Birthday Wishes</i> |
| Wedding Anniversaries | None this period. | 🙄 |
| Club Anniversaries | None this period. | 🙄 |

CLUB NEWS

Voting continues until Wednesday 27 August inclusive



As you know from an earlier bulletin, we are in the running to win \$2,000 first prize in the Greater Bank (Illawarra) August competition.

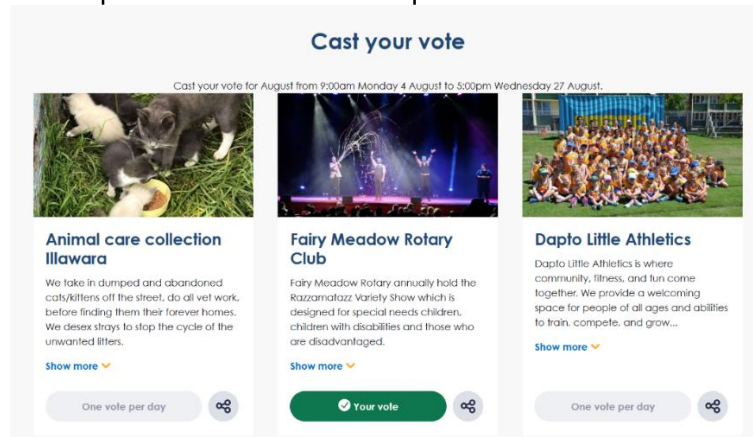
We are one of three finalists and have already won \$500 by coming second or third. Instead, if we come first (by having the most votes) we will win first prize of \$2,000.

It's up to you, we need your vote **every day** from today until Wednesday 27 August inclusive.

Get your relatives and friends to vote as well. [Share our Facebook post.](#)

[Go to this link](#), scroll past the 'How to vote section' (which is worth a read) to the heading "Cast your vote" where you will find details of three groups including RCFM and place your daily vote there.

Voting is limited to one vote per 24 hours per voter within Australia. This means that only one vote per household is permitted although one household member can vote at work (or at a club or similar) and the other at home. Any abuse of this rule could mean disqualification from the competition.



Cast your vote

Cast your vote for August from 9:00am Monday 4 August to 5:00pm Wednesday 27 August.

Animal care collection Illawarra
We take in dumped and abandoned cats/kittens off the street, do all vet work, before finding them their forever homes. We desex strays to stop the cycle of the unwanted litters.
[Show more](#)

Fairy Meadow Rotary Club
Fairy Meadow Rotary annually hold the Razzmatazz Variety Show which is designed for special needs children, children with disabilities and those who are disadvantaged.
[Show more](#)

Dapto Little Athletics
Dapto Little Athletics is where community, fitness, and fun come together. We provide a welcoming space for people of all ages and abilities to train, compete, and grow...
[Show more](#)

One vote per day Your vote One vote per day

Combine Illawarra Rotary Clubs' Race Day



Rotary
Clubs of the Illawarra



Illawarra
Race Day



The combined Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra Race Day at Kembla Grange is on again on Saturday 13 September. Proceeds from the event will support local PCYC clubs and Green Connect Farm. Tickets are \$110 per person [and you can book on-line here](#).

The organisers are looking for bottles of wine to go into the bar 'fridge which is a raffle prize on the day or any other suitable raffle prizes.

Update on Illawarra Women's Day of Dance and Culture, sponsorship and Interact

ILLAWARRA WOMEN'S DAY OF DANCE+CULTURE We are being acknowledged as the only gold sponsor and therefore will be acknowledged in the Healthy Cities Australia advertisement so will not be in the back of the book as previously planned. This will be an excellent promotion.

As a thank you we receive two complimentary tickets, so President Jenny and Sharyn are attending. I am attending a meeting this Tuesday at the Healthy Cities office. This will be the last meeting before the bump in on Thursday 4th September.

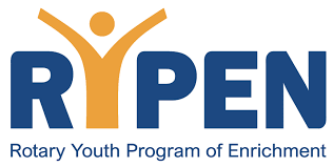
10 Interactors will be volunteers, and the new teacher/mentor Luisa from SMC will also attend. A thank you to Sharyn for attending the last Interact meeting as I was unable to attend.

[Additional tickets can be purchased here.](#)

Rotary Club of Corrimal's Trivia Night.

The annual RC of Corrimal's Trivia Night is on again on Saturday 30th August. See flyer below. If you intend on attending the event you can either [register through TryBooking](#), contact Beth by 'phone or e-mail (see details in the flyer below).

RYPEN



I interviewed William Ellis, a student from Corrimal High School. and have submitted his application to RYPEN.

I also met his parents, and they are very keen to attend the lunch and presentations on the Sunday.

Emma, a member of RC Corrimal is giving him a lift to the camp with the other students from Corrimal High. He understands he will attend a future meeting to present his experiences to us. I also spoke to his parents about attending that meeting as well. Kerrie.

KAIROS Outside High Tea fundraiser

Fairy Meadow
Rotary
Club



**Join Us for a
Delightful
High Tea
Fundraiser
at Corrimal
RSL on
Saturday 11
October at
2pm!**

Support KAIROS Outside while enjoying an elegant afternoon with friends and delicious treats.



As mentioned in President Jenny's report she and PP Sue have organised a High Tea fundraiser for KAIROS Outside to be held here at Corrimal RSL at 2 p.m. on Saturday 11 October.

[Seats are limited so book now.](#) Tickets are \$50 per person.

Do we have time between now and then to find some suitable raffle prizes?

In the next few days, I will add a donations function to the registration page for those who are unable to attend the High Tea.

Please let the secretary know if you would like some flyers for this or any other upcoming club event.

Monday 20 October Small Business Awards.



Again, as President Jenny mentioned, we have settled on Monday 20 October as the day to hold our Small Business Awards night.

More details from PP Kerrie tonight.

Please save the date as this is an excellent meeting night to showcase the club's activities.

More upcoming Illawarra club events

Rotary District 9675

INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN'S AWARDS

AUCTION OF RE-GIFTED PRESENTS

TICKETS \$10




TUE 19TH AUG 2025
6PM to 9PM
NATIVE ROSE HOTEL | ROZELLE

Join us for a fun purpose-packed evening as we breathe new life into unloved treasures.

Proceeds will fund a scholarship for a female graduate GP undertaking a rural placement and serving a regional community in need.

Bring your best bids, your generous spirit, and keep those giggles on standby. Let's turn forgotten gifts into fresh beginnings.

To donate auction items and for more information contact Rebecca Murray 0419 633 346 | rebecca.murray555@gmail.com

Illawarra Rotary Clubs

CHARITY RACE DAY

The Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra are organising our annual Race Day to be held on Saturday, 13 September 2025 at Kembla Grange Racecourse. This is our combined club's major fund-raising event for the year with all funds raised donated to local charities.



Your ticket includes

- ✓ A sumptuous three-course lunch
- ✓ Afternoon Tea
- ✓ Prizes for Best Dressed & Best Fascinator
- ✓ Reserved seating in the AJ Bert Lillye Lounge
- ✓ Race books
- ✓ Other fun filled activities

Please come and join us!

Across Australia Rotary Clubs raise awareness and funds to support and protect our youth, community and the environment through various projects and initiatives. This year our Race Day event will be raising funds for two excellent locally-based services:

- Green Connect and
- PCYC

13 September 12 midday for 12.30
 Tickets are \$110.00 per person or \$1,100.00 for a table of 10.
 Bookings at <https://www.trybooking.com/DAKTN>



GREEN CONNECT FARM
PCYC

IT'S ON AGAIN!

CORRIMAL ROTARY'S LEGENDARY Trivia

A night filled with fun & laughter, a game or two, bargains and prizes! So, come along, bring some friends for a great time!

Saturday 30th August 2025
6:15 for 7:00pm START

Woonona High School Hall
 Parking from Nicholson Rd or Austin St

Only \$20 pp
8-10 people per table
BYO food, drinks, glasses, etc



To book a table or places email Beth at beth_dally@yahoo.com or text/phone 0411 205 367

Pay with QR code or at door

Rotary Club of Corrimal

PROCEEDS TO IMAGINATION LIBRARY ILLAWARRA & ASPECT SCHOOL



ILLAWARRA WOMEN'S DAY OF DANCE + CULTURE

Join us for a wonderful afternoon of connection through conversation, dance, food and culture

Friday 5th September, 2025 | 10:30am-2:30pm

Wollongong Town Hall | Main Auditorium

Free women's health checks & information | 3 course lunch
 Non-alcoholic drinks provided | Cultural dance & entertainment.



Tickets & information:
 Adult - \$30 + booking fee
 Children U6 - Free

Enquiries:
 t. 4283 8111
events@healthycities.org.au

Funds raised will be re-invested for future Women (and Children's) Programs and Events facilitated by MCA in collaboration with our community partners. This event is open to women.

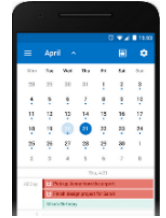


UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here to see details of up-coming club events and meetings.](#)

Why not bookmark all of these links now for future reference?

- i) [View the District calendar here.](#) ii) [View the Rotary International calendar here.](#)



Tuesday 19 August [RIWA Auction of Re-Gifted Gifts.](#)

Thursday 21 August Fit For Life breakfast at the Snake Pit.

Saturday 30 August Rotary Club of Corrimal Trivia Night supporting Imagination Library Illawarra.

Saturday 5 September Illawarra Day of Dance+Culture.

Friday 12 September Green Connect Fundraising Dinner & Auction.

Saturday 13 September Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra Race Day at Kembla Grange Racecourse.

Saturday 11 October High Tea fundraiser for KAIROS.

Monday 20 October Small Business Awards.

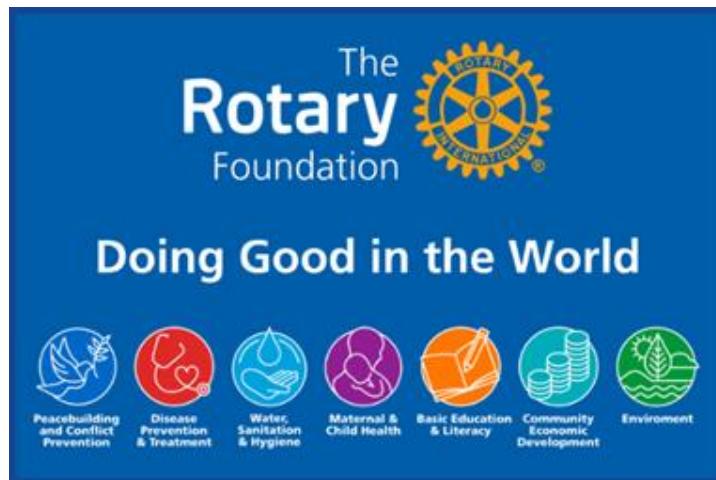
Monday 29 November Walk against Domestic Violence.

Saturday 14 March 2026 One day District Conference at Novotel Brighton-Le-Sands.

Agenda items for the board meetings should be sent to the secretary by the Saturday before the board meeting.

Items for the Bulletin should be sent to the Bulletin editor by the Sunday before the club meeting.

If you would like to nominate a Guest Speaker for a club meeting, please send the details to the club secretary or President Jenny.



Yours in Rotary,

David.



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100 Montague St, North Wollongong