



Bulletin



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SEPTEMBER 2025 IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

"Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier".

Colin Powell

THIS MEETING.

We have a board meeting and club meeting.

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

President's Report

Our club has received an awesome award, the Rotary International Club Excellence Award for 2024-2025. A congratulations to all of our hard-working members.

A big thank you to Sharyn and Sue assisting in the Fit For Life Breakfast on Thursday 21 in that terrible rain.

Kerrie and I attended the first District President's for 2025-26 meeting on Thursday evening the 21st.

The meeting was well attended and some of the areas discussed:

Introduction of Rotary Community Leaders, Kerrie and I had the opportunity to meet with our RCL, Chase Murray

Presentation by Binod Paudel on Membership, and some areas covered:

Welcoming and nurturing new member

Developing meaningful relationships

Looked into why members leave and strategies to retain members

Positive experience of belonging to Rotary

Why people are attracted to joining and remain a Rotarian

A presentation by Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Japan, Haru Taniwawaki who later came to all present and gave us all a small gift.

A Domestic Violence Update: which unfortunately gave recent statistics of DV

Multinational Campaign of Action

Discussed 9675 Walks, in the Illawarra it is November 29

Wearing DV tee shirts each Friday, this is an opportunity for our club members to wear the tee shirts at our upcoming BBQs in the next few months.

The Small Business Awards were mentioned in my last report. Kerrie and I are to visit with the four businesses on Monday afternoon. The four businesses are:

Harley and John's Seafood, The Sensory Studio, Jaffa at Corrimal RSL, & Bonanno's Menswear and Gifts

Our club has a very busy couple of months ahead, with opportunities to work with our loyal communities.

President Jenny

Attendance details last meeting (Monday 18 August 2025).

Apologies:	Sharyn, Claude, Julie, & Martha.
Leave of absence:	Nicolle.
Members Present:	7 being 58%.
Guest Speaker(s):	PDG Di North on Interplast
Club Guests:	
Friends of Rotary:	
Visiting Rotarians:	
Makeups:	
Joker jackpot raffle:	Kel won the raffle but still no joker.
International Toast:	Rotary Club of Kodiak, District 5010. (Alaska, USA) Chartered 1942.




NEXT MEETING:

Monday 15 September. We welcome William Ellis as our Guest Speaker. We sponsored William to RYPEN recently held at Teen Ranch, Cobbitty

International Toast: David.	Acknowledgement of Country: Sue.
Club Host: Kerrie.	Appeal: Jenny.

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

ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (01/09/2025-14/09/2025)

Birthdays	None this period.	
Wedding Anniversaries	None this period.	
Club Anniversaries	None this period.	

CLUB NEWS

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.

RYPEN



Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

Photos of RYPENians who were sponsored by this club and RC of Corrimal at Teen Ranch Cobbitty

William Ellis, the student we sponsored, and his parents will be at our next meeting and William will be our Guest Speaker when he will tell us about his experiences at RYPEN.



KAIROS Outside High Tea fundraiser



The KAIROS Outside fundraiser is on Saturday 11 October at Corrimal RSL at 2:00 p.m. There is a story on our [website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#) where you can purchase tickets and download a flyer.

Indulge in delicious treats, sip on fine tea, and enjoy wonderful company—all while supporting a great cause.

[KAIROS Outside](#) provides care and encouragement for women impacted by the incarceration of a loved one.

[Seat numbers are limited so book now](#)

Rotary's National EndTrachoma Project.



Harnessing the collective power of more than 40 partner organisations, Rotary in Australia continues the fight against Trachoma in our Indigenous communities.

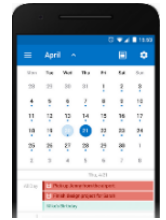
Commenced in 2016 by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Vic, the EndTrachoma project was created to be a national Indigenous project to celebrate the centenary of Rotary in Australia in 2021

At the time, the World Health Organisation (WHO) had set a goal to eliminate Trachoma globally by 2020. [Read more here.](#)

Source: Martin, R. (2025). Rotary's National EndTrachoma Project • Rotary Down Under. [online] Rotary Down Under. Available at: <https://rotarydownunder.org/rotarys-national-endtrachoma-project/> [Accessed 29 Aug. 2025].

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.](#)

Friday 5 September Illawarra Day of Dance+Culture.

Friday 5 September Father's Day BBQ at Fairy Meadow Dem School.

Friday 12 September Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

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

Saturday 17 September Run Against Violence.

Monday 29 September Fifth Monday of the month social.

Wednesday 8 October Healthy Cities Australia Let's Play @ Kanahooka.

Saturday 11 October High Tea fundraiser for KAIROS.

Friday 17 October Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

Monday 20 October Small Business Awards.

Friday 21 November Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

Monday 29 November Walk against Domestic Violence.

Friday 26 December Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

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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