

# Bulletin

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**Monday 15 September 2025**

**SEPTEMBER 2025 IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH**

*"Believe you can and you're halfway there".*

**Theodore Roosevelt**

## THIS MEETING.

We welcome William Ellis as our Guest Speaker. We sponsored William to the latest RYPEN at Teen Camp Cobbitty. Please make William and his parent welcomed at tonight's meeting.

<b>International Toast:</b> David.	<b>Acknowledgement of Country:</b> Sue.
<b>Club Host:</b> Kerrie.	<b>Appeal:</b> Jenny.

## President's Report

### International Project

As detailed in the President's Report on July 21 regarding being contacted by John Bosch Agaba [from Divine Mercy School in Uganda](#). He has asked if our club would be interested in assisting with projected school projects. I have written to him suggesting a Zoom meeting during a club business meeting.

I have been contacted back by John, and we will arrange a Zoom meeting to hear more of the school's projects and our club's involvement.

Kerrie (committee member), Sharyn, Sue and I attended the Illawarra Women's Day of Dance + Culture at the Wollongong Town Hall on Friday September 5.

What an amazing day. We were entertained by women from, the Cook Islands, Samoa, New Zealand, Tonga, and an inspiring speech from Rosemary Kariuki a multicultural liaison officer for Campbelltown police. The event is in its fourth year and celebrates women from numerous cultures in a day of dance, food and connections and allows women to come together, build friendships and connect with local services.

In the afternoon of Friday, David, Kerrie, Kel, Bob and I manned the BBQ at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School at this terms Father's Day event. The event brings the dads together with their children who attend the school, in a range of activities. A very busy but enjoyable afternoon.



This past Saturday, Kerrie, Sharyn, Sue and I attended the annual Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra Race Day at Kembla Grange Racecourse, the Rotary clubs of Dapto, Wollongong, West Wollongong and Fairy Meadow organised the event. It was a great day and many on our table enjoyed watching the races and their anticipated wins. Proceeds from the day went to [PCYC](#) and [Green Connect Farm](#).

President Jenny.

## Attendance details last meeting (Monday 1 September 2025).

Apologies:	Claude, & Martha.
Leave of absence:	Nicolle.
Members Present:	9 being 75%.
Guest Speaker(s):	
Club Guests:	
Friends of Rotary:	
Visiting Rotarians:	
Makeups:	
Joker jackpot raffle:	Still no winner..
International Toast:	<a href="#">Rotary Club of Taipei</a> , District 3481, chartered 9 October 1948.




### NEXT MEETING:

**Monday 13 October.** This will be a club meeting. ***There will be no meeting on Monday 6 October as it is Labour Day.***

<b>International Toast:</b> Jenny.	<b>Acknowledgement of Country:</b> Bob.
<b>Club Host:</b> .	<b>Appeal:</b> Julie-Ann.

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

### ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (15/09/2025-12/10/2025)

<b>Birthdays</b>	Claude today 15 September Martha Tuesday 23 September And Sharyn Sunday 5 October Many happy returns to all of you from all of us.	
<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>	None this period.	
<b>Club Anniversaries</b>	Julie-Ann joined 19 Sept 2022 Nicolle joined 20 Sept 2021 Congratulations to both of you for all your years of service.	

### CLUB NEWS

#### Welfare check: Treasurer Kel

Kel was in hospital for a few days recently and Sharyn reports that he is now in Bulli Hospital recuperating well. She requests that you do not visit him yet and she will let the club know when it is okay to visit.

We are thinking of you Kel and wishing you a speedy and complete recovery.

#### Greater Bank Illawarra August competition



I visited the Greater Bank Illawarra in Corrimal (two doors up from the IMB Corrimal) recently to find out the results of the August competition in which we were one of the finalists.

You will recall that there were three groups that got through to the final and during most of August an individual could vote on-line once every 24 hours for their chosen group.

In first place winning \$2000 was the [Animal Care Collection Illawarra Inc](#) with over 1000 votes, second place went to [Dapto Little Athletics](#) and we were in third place with 127 votes.

A big thank-you to all those who voted and in the fullness of time we will receive \$500 into our charity account.

## **2025 Illawarra Women's Day of Dance + Culture**

This year's theme "Take Me to the Islands" celebrated the rich traditions of the Pasifika Islands. IWDDC is a women-only event organised by Heathy Cities Australia. It provides a safe, welcoming space created by women for women to come together, build friendships, share stories and connect with local services. Generous sponsors, donors and volunteers support the event, and we as a Club were proud to be involved for the fourth year.



Congratulations to St Mary Star of the Sea Interactors and staff for their dedication and involvement. The following is a report written by Liz Davis (one of the Interact mentors) for the school's social media pages.

"The Interact girls & other helpers attended this event last Friday, Sept 5.

It was a wonderful community event that brought together women of many cultures & backgrounds, and they celebrated the achievements of women & encouraged future engagement, support and growth.

Our Interact girls, other volunteers, teacher Rachel Champion, Kerrie Guillaume (from Fairy Meadow Rotary) helped all day in serving meals to the hundreds of attendees, as well as cleaning up. They were all wonderful and everyone had a great day of singing, dancing, listening to outstanding women, eating lovely food and enjoying the company of others. We were very proud of our girls."

## **Fairy Meadow Demonstration School Father's Day BBQ**



As part of the "[fathering project](#)" project that we are sponsoring at FMDS [we ran a BBQ for them on Friday 5 September](#).

As President Jenny mentioned in her report five club members ran a BBQ which, as it turned out, was our busiest there to date and we were very nearly overwhelmed on one occasion.

As ever we provided the raw materials for the BBQ at no cost to the school, and we will donate the takings (nearly \$600) to them which will go towards paying for activities at the next fathering project event at the school.

## **Peace Pole Ceremony at Cringila Public School**



Last Thursday I had the privilege of attending Cringila Public School for their assembly to celebrate United Nations Day of peace. Our Rotary club has sponsored a peace pole at the school featuring 16 languages spoken at the school, with the message of peace. The students also took part in this section of the assembly with messages of peace.

I was also treated to 2 performances by student from K-2 and 3-6 with Islamic dance performances.

A very enjoyable afternoon for all who attended.

PP Sue.

## **Combine Illawarra Rotary Clubs' Race Day**



**Rotary**  
Clubs of the Illawarra



Illawarra  
Race Day



See President Jenny's report above.

## **BBQ Fundraising at Bunnings Kembla Grange**



We held our first club BBQ fundraiser at Bunning Kembla Grange last Friday which turned out to be a great success (for a non-weekend day). A big thank you to all those who were able to help.

The quantities of raw materials needed for a Friday at KG were a bit of an unknown. From 40 kgs of snags only 56 were left over, 9 kgs of sliced onion was not quite enough and an extra three loaves were needed.

Gross takings were just under \$2k and profit was just over \$1500.

KG will be on Friday 17 October.

Again, a big thank you to all who volunteered on the day. Our next BBQ at

## **Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service BBQ**



We have been asked to help out at a BBQ being put on by the Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service on Wednesday 1 October from 10am until 2pm at Dapto Showground.

All we have to do is turn up to cook and serve 3,000 snags. There will be 4 BBQ plates and 8 Bains Marie. I'm guessing that we will need 12 people all the time between 10am and 2 pm. Please help if you can. They will make a monetary donation to our club. Please let David know if you can attend.

## **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.

At the time of writing (11am Monday 15 Oct) there are only two tickets left.

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

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

## **Small Business Awards**

As part of Community Economic and Development Month (October) we are present our Small Business Awards at the meeting on Monday 20 October.

Please save the date.

## **End Polio Train Ride**



The Sydney Rotary clubs will be having their End Polio Train Ride on Friday 24 October and the Illawarra Train Ride will be on the day before Thursday 23 October.

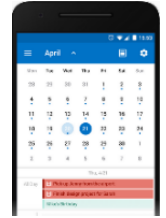
Nearer the time the timetable for the Illawarra Train Ride will be available.

This will show when and at which station DG Renga and Margaret Noonan plus Dave and Mark Anderson from D9685 will be.

If you haven't got your red End Polio Now T-shirt yet now is the time to buy it from [RDU](#).

## 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.](#)

**Saturday 17 September** Run Against Violence.

**Monday 29 September** Fifth Monday of the month social.

**Wednesday 1 October** BBQ at Dapto Showground for Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service.

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

**Thursday 9 October** End Polio Movie Night fundraiser The Travellers starring Byran Brown directed by Bruce Beresford. *Date to be confirmed.*

**Saturday 11 October** High Tea fundraiser for KAIROS.

**Friday 17 October** Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

**Monday 20 October** Small Business Awards.

**Thursday 23 October** Illawarra End Polio Now train ride.

**Thursday 30 October** PCYC Fit For Life breakfast.

**Friday 21 November** Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

**Monday 29 November** Walk against Domestic Violence.

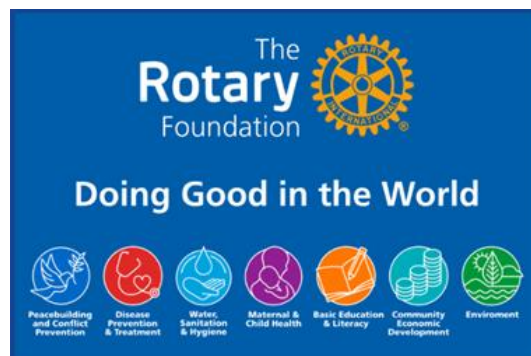
**Friday 26 December** Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

**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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