

# Bulletin

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**Monday 17 November 2025**

**NOVEMBER 2025 IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

*"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world."*  
**Howard Zinn.**

**THIS MEETING.**

Club Meeting when our Guest Speaker (via ZOOM) will be John Bosco Agaba, Past President of The Rotary Club of Kabale in Uganda and co-founder and co-director of [Divine Mercy School](#).

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

**President's Report**

At our last meeting November 3, our guest speaker was Monique Bolus, Senior Program Officer-National Anti-Trafficking Response Team. Monique spoke on Modern Slavery in Australia. A very interesting and enlightening presentation. Aspects covered were:

What is modern slavery?

Context of modern slavery in Australia

Indicators and what to look for

Impacts

What support is available and when to get help or advice

**Our club received a Silver Champion Award from ShelterBox for 2024-2025.**

We received this award for our ongoing support to ShelterBox Australia as we have donated the equivalent of 3 ShelterBox per year for three years. Well done team.



On Saturday November 15, District Governor Renga and Bharathi visited Wollongong on their Couple on a Mission Project. Renga and Bharathi plan to run 2,025 kms to raise \$2,025 for Rotary Foundation supporting disease prevention through the establishment of a Dialysis Centre. Kel, Sharyn and I and members of the Rotary clubs of Dapto, West Wollongong and Wollongong met with them at Northbeach Pavilion after their run. We also had the privilege of presenting cheques to PCYC Illawarra and Green Connect Farm, the proceeds from the Illawarra Rotary Clubs Charity Race Day, which was held on September 13. It was a great morning, and we learnt more about PCYC Illawarra and Green Connect Farm, and of course the progress of the Couple on a Mission Project.

Please remember to wear your Against Domestic Violence tee shirts at our BBQ at Kembla Grange on Friday 21.

Tonight, we welcome John Bosco Agaba, Cofounder of Divine Mercy School in Uganda, via Zoom, as guest speaker. John will be informing us of the numerous projects at the school & plans for the school's future projects.

**President Jenny**

## Attendance details last meeting (Monday 03 November 2025).

Apologies:	Claude, Bob, and Martha.
Leave of absence:	Nicolle.
Members Present:	8 being 67%.
Guest Speaker(s):	Monique Boulas.
Club Guests:	Claire Gerson, Eugenia Pyne.
Friends of Rotary:	Kathy Bowen.
Visiting Rotarians:	
Makeups:	
Joker jackpot raffle:	No raffle.
International Toast:	The well-known poem In Flanders Fields by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was recited.




### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Monday 1 December.** Club's Annual General Meeting when we vote for the club's management team for the Rotary Year 2026-27.

<b>International Toast:</b> T.B.A.	<b>Acknowledgement of Country:</b> T.B.A.
<b>Club Host:</b> T.B.A.	<b>Appeal:</b> T.B.A.

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

### **ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (17/11/2025-30/11/2025)**

<b><i>Birthdays</i></b>	None this period.	
<b><i>Wedding Anniversaries</i></b>	Kerrie and David 18 November. Congratulations from all of us at RCFM.	Happy Anniversary 
<b><i>Club Anniversaries</i></b>	None this period.	

### **CLUB NEWS**

#### **Fairy Meadow Demonstration School Peace Pole celebration**



Last Thursday [30 October], Stage 3 students commemorated the [International Day of Peace](#) with a Peace Pole Assembly.

Fairy Meadow Demonstration School proudly displays our Peace Pole, donated by the Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow, in our front garden near the school office.

This year we were reminded to cultivate a culture of peace and kindness - small acts of kindness can have a big impact on those around us.

We thank Kerrie from Rotary for attending the assembly and the ongoing support the Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow provides FMDS.

The Purpose of the International Day of Peace is to observe 24 hours of non-violence and a global ceasefire, and to promote peacebuilding through dialogue, cooperation, and non-violence.

## **First comprehensive world-wide Interact project**

Last week Kerrie attended the recent Worldwide Rotary Districts Quarterly meeting where they discussed a project being rolled out by the Interact District 5495 in Arizona called "[Interact Global Schistosomiasis Project](#)"

Schistosomiasis is a deadly parasitic disease affecting 80 million children, primarily in six African countries, with 200,000 dying from it every year. Until a year ago, there was no paediatric treatment for it; but in December last year the European Union approved for use a 5-pill effective treatment, which can kill the parasite worms and save a child's life. The manufacturer is willing to make those pill packets available at their \$2 cost to manufacture, package and ship them. As Rotary took the lead in Polio Eradication, Interact has now been asked to take the lead in Schistosomiasis treatment and eradication. More from Kerrie at the next Board Meeting.

## **Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow awarded Silver Champion status by ShelterBox**



Rotary District 9675 clubs honoured as global disaster relief champions.

Rotary District 9675 is celebrating a major achievement as 7 local Rotary Clubs have been honoured with 2025 ShelterBox Champion Awards, recognising their extraordinary efforts to deliver life-saving shelter to people devastated by disaster and conflict worldwide.

The ShelterBox Champion Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday October 23rd and spotlighted Rotary Clubs that go above and beyond in fundraising, advocacy, and awareness for ShelterBox - Rotary International's official project partner for disaster relief. These clubs are helping transform lives in some of the world's hardest-hit regions, ensuring people have emergency shelter, tools, and hope when they need it most.

ShelterBox Australia CEO Mike Greenslade congratulated the winners, saying "These clubs are true champions of humanitarian service. Their commitment to ShelterBox means families facing unimaginable loss receive not just shelter, but dignity and hope for the future."

ShelterBox has delivered aid to over 3 million people in over 100 countries and Rotary Clubs remain at the heart of this mission. The 2025 ShelterBox Champion Awards celebrate that partnership and inspire others to join the cause.

For more information about the ShelterBox Champion Awards and how Rotary Clubs can get involved, visit [www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au/shelterbox/champion-awards/](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au/shelterbox/champion-awards/)

## **End Polio proceeds from the Movie Night Thursday 2 October**

You will recall that the Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra staged a movie night fundraiser for the End Polio Now project on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at The Gala Cinema in Warrawong. The project raised \$850 for the End Polio Now project which was sent to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

Sue Clark from the RC of Corrimal very generously calculated how much each club raised for the project and our contribution came out at \$105 (which The Bill Gates Foundation will double making \$315) and Sue passed these details on to TRF.

TRF, in turn, has sent a receipt to the club which has been sent on to Treasurer Kel.

## **Club's Christmas Party**



The club's Christmas Party this year is being held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December starting at 12:30 p.m. at Figtree RSL Bowling Club, 120 The Avenue, Figtree.

The venue is not to be confused with Collegians Figtree which is across the road and is also a bowling club.

For booking purposes numbers please to the secretary by COB Thursday 11 December.

## **Razzamatazz is on again in 2026**

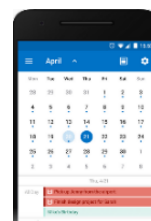
The club has received confirmation from [International Entertainment](#) that Razzamatazz will be on again in 2026 and that we will receive the contract before the end of the month. Telemarketing will be handled by a group on the Gold Coast. Now is the time to decide who should be our major recipients for the 2026 season.

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

**Sunday 23 November** BBQ on behalf of Mount Keira Demonstration School.

**Thursday 27 November** PCYC Fit For Life breakfast at The Snakepit.

**Saturday 29 November** Walk against Domestic Violence. 9.30am at Fairy Meadow Surf Club.

**Monday 1 December** Club's A.G.M.

**Thursday 4 December** Healthy Cities Pop Up and Play Bardsley Park, Shellharbour.

**Sunday 14 December** Club's Christmas Party 12:30 p.m. at Figtree RSL Bowling Club.

**Wednesday 17 December** Healthy Cities Pop Up and Play Howard Fowles Park, Warrawong.

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

**Saturday 14 March 2026** One day District Conference at Novotel Brighton-Le-Sands. [Register here](#)

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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