



Bulletin



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MARCH 2026 IS WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE MONTH

"If you fell down yesterday, stand up today."

H. G. Wells.

THIS MEETING.

Tonight, we have a Board Meeting followed by a Club Meeting.

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

President's Report

International Project Update

I have been in contact with John Bosco Agaba the Co-Founder of Divine Mercy School in Uganda and informed him that a presentation about the school, the needs and the priorities that have been identified as urgent, such as water, sanitation & hygiene and latrines for children and staff, was given by Kerrie at the District Presidents' meeting.

Flyers regarding this international project were distributed amongst the attendees, and it was pleasing to see most of the flyers were taken.

Kerrie and Jenny attended the District Presidents' meeting held on February 19 at Bankstown Sports Club. A very interesting and informative meeting.

Topics, Projects Presented:

- Redistributing
- ROMAC Update
- Lift The Lid Walk
- Camp Abilities, a camp for blind or visually impaired youth ([read about Lily Piccolo who is bringing Camp Abilities to Australia](#)) and read about RC of Dapto's involvement [here](#).
- RYLA 2026
- Interact Project
- International Project, Divine Mercy School
- RYPEN for 2026
- Australian Rotary Health Update

Kerrie and Jenny attended the Pre-President Elect Learning and Development, PELD, meeting via Zoom on February 26. The meeting was prerequisite and to give information on tasks required prior to the PELD Workshop, to be held on April 18, which Kerrie and Jenny are attending. The meeting was facilitated by Gayle Malcolm.

Speakers were:

- Renga Rajan DG
- Shane Burette DGE
- Gayle Malcolm

- Julie Collareda

Some aspects focused on:

- Next Rotary year 2026/27 and beyond
- Overview of PELD Workshop
- Need to review the club Strategic Plan
- Emphasis placed on Club Health Check, which needs to be completed prior to PELD training day and will assist in future planning.

President Jenny

Attendance details last meeting (Monday 16 February 2026).

Apologies:	Sue, Julie, Claude, & Martha
Leave of absence:	
Members Present:	6 being 54%. Albert unable to attend again due to ongoing wi-fi issues
Guest Speaker(s):	
Club Guests:	Michelle Shipley
Friends of Rotary:	
Visiting Rotarians:	
Makeups:	
Joker jackpot raffle:	No winner yet.
International Toast:	Eco Club of Milan D2041




NEXT MEETING:

Monday 16th March.

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

Rosters: Please arrange your own substitute if you cannot attend meetings.

ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (02/03/2026-15/03/2026)

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

CLUB NEWS

Vietnamese Lunar New Year celebrations.



President Jenny attended the Vietnamese Lunar New Year celebrations Year of the Horse, on February 28 at Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, Vietnamese Tet's Festival representing the RCFM.

It was a great evening and the program consisted of; musical performances; traditional dances and fashion parade by Vietnamese students, youth group and members of the Wollongong Vietnamese Community. The Tet's Festival is the most important cultural event in the annual Vietnamese calendar.

Schisto project fundraiser at St Mary's Interact Club



The message reads:
"You have just saved a life"



Great turnout to pack 380 lolly bags
for the Schisto project



Sales Day!

Eco Poles




The construction and placement of Eco Poles is a new initiative of the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney. [D9685]. These poles consist of a Bee Hotel for Australian native bees atop a wooden post bearing informative signs about the characteristics and importance of our native bees.

The aim is to have the poles placed in school gardens planted with bee-friendly flowers, where they can become a talking point, build on lesson plans and encourage students to learn more about our very important native bees.


Four Eco Poles have been erected to date, three in schools and one in the Coastal Environment Centre in Narrabeen. Read the full story about The Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney [here](#) starting on page 18.

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Shellharbour City 60th birthday luncheon



Shellharbour City
Rotary
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60th
Happy Anniversary

The Rotary Club of Shellharbour City is turning 60, and we would love you to celebrate with us.


Join us as we mark 60 years of friendship, service and community impact. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, share stories and celebrate the people and projects that have shaped our Club over the decades

Venue: Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club, Jason Avenue Barrack Heights NSW
Date & time: Sunday 22nd March, 1 p.m. start
Cost: \$50 per head

Come along for a memorable event filled with fellowship, reflection and celebration.

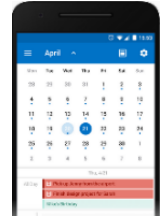
Bookings essential by 6th March please; go to TryBooking:
<https://www.trybooking.com/1533640>





UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Why not bookmark these links now for future reference?

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

Friday 6 March Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

Thursday 12 March PCYC Fit For Life at the Snake Pit.

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

Friday 10 April Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

Wednesday 15 April Razzamatazz shows at Woonona-Bulli RSL – 11am, 2pm & 5.30pm

Thursday 16 April Razzamatazz shows at Woonona-Bulli RSL – 11am and 2pm.

Saturday 3 May Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

Thursday 7 May PCYC Fit For Life at the Snake Pit.

Friday 15 May Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

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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