



Bulletin



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MAY 2026 IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

"I like to be nervous, as I push myself harder."
Evonne Goolagong Cawley.

THIS MEETING.

Tonight, in preparation for the end of the Rotary Year Treasurer Kel would like to finalise this year's club donations.

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

President's Report

International Project:

Contacted John Bosco Agaba from Divine Mercy School in Uganda with an update. Two members have attended the training on Global and District grants which is a prerequisite in applying for the grants. There is also an opportunity to financially sponsor children from the school.

Kerrie, David and Jenny attended the Rotary Club of Shellharbour City's meeting on Wednesday May 6, to hear a presentation from two members from Rotary Club of Botany. A RAWCS project, the Bukono Primary School Renovation and Construction Project in Namutumba District, Eastern Uganda.

A thank you to Sharyn and Sue for manning the PCYC Fit for Life breakfast at the Snake Pit on May 7. Apparently, all went well.

David, Bob, Jenny, Kel and Friend of Fairy Meadow Rotary Club, John, attended the Mother's Day BBQ at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School on Friday May 8. It was a very busy couple of hours with many Mum's and children purchasing sausage sandwiches. Apparently one of the biggest BBQ's the school has organised. Proceeds from the BBQ will be donated back to the school.

The BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange went well on May 15. Rotarians, Sue, Sharyn, David, Kerrie, Kel and Jenny attended. We were assisted by Friend of Rotary Margaret, Peter, Ron and Franca.

David, Kerrie, Kel and Jenny attended the District Assembly (Club Leadership Learning Seminar) on Saturday May 16. A great day with many inspiring presentations.

- Direction for district 9675 for Rotary year 2026/27.
- A most heartfelt presentation on the great works of ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children).
- Ideas in making club meetings more vibrant.
- New Generations.
- Governance, which involved role play from the presenters and group discussion.
- Rotary Foundation and information on applying for both District and Global Grants.

President Jenny

Attendance details last meeting (Monday 4 May 2026).

Apologies:	Claude, Albert, Julie & Martha.
Leave of absence:	
Members Present:	7 being 63%.
Guest Speaker(s):	
Club Guests:	
Friends of Rotary:	
Visiting Rotarians:	
Makeups:	
Joker jackpot raffle:	No winner yet and 26 cards still in the pack.
International Toast:	Rotary District Egypt D 2451. Albert's birth country.




NEXT MEETING:

Monday 1st June. A regular club meeting.

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (18/05/2026-31/05/2026)

<i>Birthdays</i>	None this period.	
<i>Wedding Anniversaries</i>	None this period.	
<i>Club Anniversaries</i>	None this period.	

CLUB NEWS

Welfare update - Albert

Albert is going as well as he can and wants us to know he misses our meetings and can't wait to get home. He was still in Bulli Hospital when I visited last Tuesday. Kerrie.

Friday's fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange

A much quieter day at last Friday's BBQ at Bunnings Kembla Grange (compared to the Sunday BBQ there earlier in the month) but still worth the effort to help fill the coffers before the end of the Rotary Year.

A week before we also ran a short sharp BBQ for a Mothers' Day event at **Fairy Meadow Dem School**. The school received over 270 acceptances for the event. With three people cooking beef, chicken and vegetarian sausages on the plate plus one runner supplying the school staff who were serving it was a frantic couple of hours, but the takings were over \$550 (at \$2 per snag) which will be donated to the school.

Our next BBQ at KG is on Friday 19th June.

St Mary Star of the Sea Interact Club update.



Presidents Sophie and Madeline running a very professional meeting last Tuesday. They are planning how to raise awareness for their [MND research fundraiser](#). A very vibrant meeting!

Assistance request from Michelle at Healthy Cities Australia.

Wondering if your team of amazing volunteers would be able to assist with two [Family Connection Days for Active In-Betweens](#) for BBQ and bike and blend smoothie bike. Smaller event than whole of community events - approx. 50-100 people.

Tuesday 23rd of June - start 3-4.30pm Bellambi Pools

Wednesday 24th June - start 3-4.30pm Bundaleer Community Centre [Warrawong]

ClubRunner webinars

ClubRunner Billed as the Changeover Webinar Series 2026 these webinars ran between May 4 – 14, 2026. Since some of them were during the night or early morning local time they are now all available to watch as videos on-line [at this link](#). A particularly useful module is "ClubRunner Mobile App" which everybody should have on their smart 'phone. Go to the above link and drill down to Thu, May 7 2026 and follow the "Watch Video" link from there.

There are plenty of other modules that you may find interesting especially the ClubRunner Nova modules as we are about to convert to the latest CR version.

Rotary International AI guidelines for members

Artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming a helpful tool for Rotary clubs and members - from drafting social media posts and generating fundraising ideas to summarizing meeting notes and analysing volunteer engagement trends.

AI can amplify our work, but it must be used with care.

To help members use AI ethically and responsibly, Rotary has produced two resources - [AI Guidelines for Members](#) and the [Member FAQ on AI Use](#) -which outline key best practices for using AI in Rotary:

- Protect sensitive information, like personal data, donor information, and confidential club or district records.
- Never use AI to generate Rotary logos or marks. Any manipulation of our logo or marks violates our brand guidelines.
- AI-generated content can be inaccurate or biased and should always be reviewed by people before being shared.
- Disclose when AI is used to build transparency and trust.

11-May-2026

Source: Rotary International (2026). *New AI guidelines for members*. [online] Rotary.org. Available at: <https://my.rotary.org/en/new-ai-guidelines-members> [Accessed 17 May 2026].

RI President-Elect Olayinka H. Babalola urges members of Rotary to Create Lasting Impact

Rotary International President-elect Olayinka H. Babalola called on members to Create Lasting Impact by making their clubs more welcoming, carrying out impactful projects, and allowing their Rotary experiences to transform them personally.

"Rotary has changed us. It has shaped who we are and made us better people," Babalola said at Rotary's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 12 January. "We often talk about changing the world. We talk about ending polio, about building peace. We do not think enough about how Rotary transforms us."

Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, described how joining a Rotaract club as a teenager enlarged his perspective beyond the limited, privileged outlook he'd once had. That change in awareness came from observing the lasting impact his club had in the community, particularly from teaching people to read and write.

See the whole of the 2026-27 Presidential message [here on YouTube](#).

Source: Lehoczky, E. (2026). Olayinka H. Babalola urges members of Rotary to Create Lasting Impact. [online] <https://www.rotary.org/>. Available at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/olayinka-h-babalola-urges-members-of-rotary-to-create-lasting-impact> [Accessed 17 May 2026].

UPCOMING EVENTS

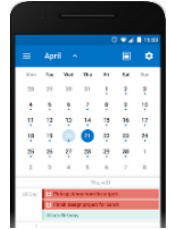
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[View details of our up-coming club events and meetings.](#)

[View the District calendar here.](#)

[View the Rotary International calendar here.](#)



Thursday 4 June PCYC Fit For Life at the Snake Pit.

Friday 19 June Bunnings BBQ at Kembla Grange.

Tuesday 23 June Healthy Cities Australia BBQ & Smoothie Bike assistance.

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Sunday 28 June [District Changeover](#) at Bankstown Sports Club 11:30 am for 12:00 pm

Saturday 4 July Celebration lunch at Towradgi Bowlo in lieu of a Changeover, midday.

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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