

Bulletin



Monday 6 July 2026

JULY 2026 IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

*"A little more persistence, a little more effort,
and what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious success."*

Elbert Hubbard.

THIS MEETING.

Tonight, we have our first meeting of the 2026-27 Rotary Year.

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

President's Report



Well, we have had a busy couple of weeks with meetings and assisting with events.

International Project, Update on Divine Mercy School in Uganda

Our club has committed to supporting 10 children with the Child Sponsorship Program within the school as an annual sponsorship. This is an exciting time for both the school and the club. This is an opportunity for these children to have an education and aspire for a greater future. An opportunity for our club to be involved in their future.

We were pleased to have as guest speakers on June 15, representatives from Helping Hands Inc, Moira, Nellie and Michelle (see Sharyn's report)

Our last Rotary BBQ at Kembla Grange was held on June 19. A thank you to Rotarians, Sue, David, Sharyn, Kel and Jenny. A big thank you to Friend of Rotary John, volunteers Peter, Franka and Ian and a special thank you to Nellie, Michelle and Charlotte from Helping Hands, we could not have done this without your help.

Kerrie and Jenny attended the District President's meeting via Zoom on June 18.

David, Kerrie, Julie and Jenny assisted at Healthy Cities Australia event at Bellambi Pool on June 23. It was a busy afternoon, with more children attending than originally planned. Kerrie and Julie manned the smoothies' bikes, David and Jenny manning the BBQ.

The following day, June 24, Kel and Jenny assisted at Bundaleer Community Centre, a smaller event with very interesting activities for the children. Kel manning the smoothies' bikes with help from volunteers, Jenny the BBQ.

Kerrie and Jenny attended the District Changeover on June 28. District Governor Renga 2025/26, spoke on his year, the achievements of the District, and the project that he and Bharathi inspired "Couple on a Mission" the aim was to raise \$20,025. They doubled their target and raised \$50,050+. A remarkable achievement.

Incoming District Governor Shane Burette 2026/27 shared the plans for the Rotary Year ahead:

1. Grow Our Fellowship, Deepen Our Impact
2. Create Belonging That Lasts
3. Lead with Excellence, Serve with Purpose
4. Let the World See What Rotary Stands For
5. Embrace Change, Strengthen Our Future

Our Rotary Club had a Presentation Day this year not a Changeover. [See the photo album here.](#)

It was an informal but very enjoyable afternoon. We were pleased to have District Governor Shane attending and he was given the honour of presenting to Secretary David a "Certificate of Appreciation" for David's dedication, leadership and support to district during 2025/26.

As President I had the great honour of presenting a Paul Harris Fellow Ruby Pin to Secretary David, a Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire Pin to Treasurer Kel, and a letter of 25 years of Service to Kerrie. All recipients were very worthy of their awards.

We sadly accepted member Sue's resignation from the club but welcomed her as a "Friend of Rotary" and presented her with a gift.

Kerrie also presented me with a gift as President 2025/26.

It has been a pleasure to be your President.

President Jenny

Attendance details last meeting (Monday 15 June 2026).

Apologies:	Sue, Claude, Julie & Martha.
Leave of absence:	
Members Present:	7 being 63%.
Guest Speaker(s):	Nellie Sheffield, Michelle Francis and Moira.
Club Guests:	Michelle Shipley.
Friends of Rotary:	
Visiting Rotarians:	
Makeups:	
Joker jackpot raffle:	No winner yet and 24 cards still in the pack.
International Toast:	Rotary Club of Kabale Central District 9214 in Uganda.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday 20th July. This will be a regular club meeting.

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES BEFORE NEXT MEETING (06/07/2026-19/07/2026)

<i>Birthdays</i>	None this period.	
<i>Wedding Anniversaries</i>	None this period.	
<i>Club Anniversaries</i>	Martha joined 19 July 2021. Wishing you many more happy years as a club member.	

CLUB NEWS

Helping Hands Illawarra



At our last meeting we were very pleased to welcome the heartbeat of local grass-roots charity [Illawarra Helping Hands Inc.](#) Moira, Nellie and Michelle.

The charity evolved in response to increasing homelessness and financial insecurity in the local area in 2023. Their main response is provision of food hampers, but their help is not restricted to this. They accept and distribute household items and other basic needs. The charity is operated via their [Facebook page](#) and not surprisingly they are finding increasing demand for their services. Their main fundraising is by donations and raffles. We were very happy to provide goods for the next set of hampers. *Sharyn.*

Family Connection Days for Active In-betweeners.



A big thank you to all club members and volunteers who were able to support Healthy Cities with their two [Family Connection Days for Active In-Betweeners](#) events at Bellambi Pools and Bundaleers Community Centre on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th June

Australia becomes the 30th country to eliminate trachoma as a public health problem



The World Health Organization (WHO) has validated Australia for eliminating trachoma as a public health problem, marking a significant milestone in the health of Indigenous peoples and in global efforts to combat neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). Trachoma, the world's leading infectious cause of blindness, no longer represents a public health problem in the country. [Read the whole World Health Organisation story here.](#)

The Illawarra Rotaractors and our club members have been involved with [Rotary's End Trachoma Project](#) since they chartered. Such a successful outcome.

[Read about Rotary's involvement with the project here.](#) (See pages 8 & 9).

Source: World (2026). *Australia becomes the 30th country to eliminate trachoma as a public health problem.* [online] Who.int. Available at: <https://www.who.int/news/item/29-04-2026-australia-becomes-the-30th-country-to-eliminate-trachoma-as-a-public-health-problem> / [Accessed 5 Jul. 2026].

Source: Epubs.media. (2026). *Rotary Down Under Jul-Aug 2026.* [online] Available at: <https://epubs.media/rotarydownunder/ezine/2026/690/> [Accessed 5 July 2026].

RYPEN (2) for 2026



The next D9675 RYPEN event is on 28-30 August at Teen Ranch 352 Cobbity Rd, Cobbity.

RYPEN, The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, is for young people aged 14 to 16 years and caters for teenagers who have shown qualities and application in everyday life which deserve further development.

RYPEN uses the common bonds of learning, co-operation, and friendship to design activities which facilitate trust and self-esteem. RYPEN seeks to broaden each participant's horizons culturally, socially, and academically, providing the inner foundations for a strong future.

If you know of suitable candidate(s), please let Kerrie know.

Rotary Club of Corrimal's legendary Trivia Night



A night filled with fun & laughter, a game or two, bargains and prizes! So, come along, bring some friends for a great time!

**Saturday 29th August 2026
6:15 for 7:00pm START**

Woonona High School Hall
Parking from Nicholson Rd or Austin St

Only \$20 pp
8-10 people per table
BYO food, drinks, glasses, etc



To book a table or places email
Beth at beth.dally@yahoo.com
or text/phone 0411 205 367
Pay with QR code or at door

Rotary Club of Corrimal

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It's on again. RC of Corrimal is holding its annual Trivia Night on Saturday 29th August at Woonona High School. Entry fee is \$20 pp with tables for 8 – 10 people. BYO food, drink and glasses etc.

Booking details on the left [or read more here](#)

All proceeds to Imagination Library Illawarra and youth support.

ShelterBox and the earthquakes in Venezuela



Follow the news about ShelterBox in Venezuela. Two powerful 7.2–7.5 magnitude earthquakes have hit Venezuela in the province of Yaracuy on Tuesday 24 June at 6:04pm local time. A state of emergency has been declared, and the international aid effort is underway.

A magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck near San Felipe, the capital of the state of Yaracuy. Just 39 seconds later a magnitude 7.5 tremor struck near the town of Yumare, within 5 to 10km from the first one. The US Geological Survey (USGS) refer to this as a "doublet". [Read the full story here.](#) [See a short video here.](#)

Source: ShelterBox. (2026). *Earthquakes in Venezuela - ShelterBox*. [online] Available at: <https://shelterbox.org/where-we-work/venezuela-earthquake/> [Accessed 5 Jul. 2026].

UPCOMING EVENTS

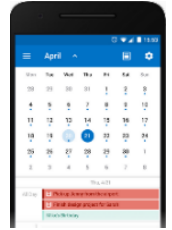
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[View details of our up-coming club events and meetings.](#)

[View the District calendar.](#)

[View the Rotary International calendar.](#)



Friday 24 July BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange.

Thursday 30 July PCYC Breakfast at the Snake Pit 7:00 a.m.

Thursday 27 August PCYC Breakfast at the Snake Pit 7:00 a.m.

Friday 28 August BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange.

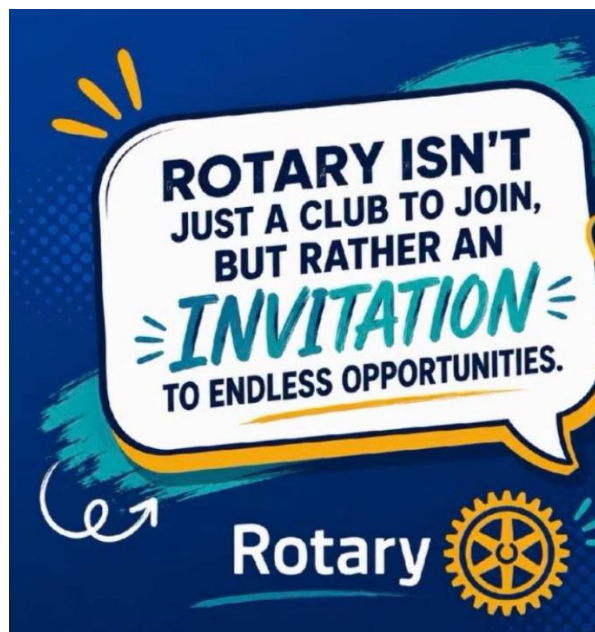
Friday 2 October BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings Kembla Grange.

Thursday 22 October PCYC Breakfast at the Snake Pit 7:00 a.m.

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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